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### Abstract

Today's embedded devices like wearables, smartphones, Internet of Things devices and sensors need a vast amount of computing power in a very constrained environment where only a limited amount of energy is available. By reducing the operating voltage of digital circuits to near-threshold values, the energy efficiency of those circuits can be improved. To recover the loss in speed, parallelization can be employed.

In our Parallel Ultra-Low power Processor (PULP), several OpenRISC based cores are organized in clusters to perform computations in parallel. To increase their energy efficiency at low voltages even further, the instruction set of those cores was extended by adding vectorial instructions, bit counting operations and improvements to the MAC unit. In previous work, extensions for hardware loops and auto-incrementing load and store instructions were added to the core on which the new instructions are built on. With those extensions, the cores are able to perform more computations per cycle and thus need to stay active for a shorter period of time. At the same time the core area has only increased by 25%, while the area of one PULP cluster has increased by 2% due to our additions. The critical path delay of the core was unaffected by the extensions.

Compared to the original OpenRISC instruction set, a performance gain of up to a factor of 5x was achieved. In terms of energy efficiency we were able to be 45% more energy efficient on average.

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## List of Acronyms

ALU . . . . . . . Arithmetic Logic Unit

 ${\bf ASIC} \quad \dots \quad . \quad . \quad . \\ {\bf Application\text{--}Specific Integrated Circuit}$ 

CPU . . . . . . . . Central Processing Unit

DMA . . . . . . . Direct Memory Access

EX . . . . . . . . Execute

FIR . . . . . . . . Finite Impulse Response

FSM . . . . . . . . Finite State Machine

GCC . . . . . . . . GNU Compiler Collection

GPR . . . . . . . . General-Purpose Register

ID . . . . . . . . Instruction Decode

IPC . . . . . . . . Instructions per Cycle

ISA . . . . . . . Instruction Set Architecture

JTAG . . . . . . Joint Test Action Group

LED . . . . . . . Light-Emitting Diode

LSB . . . . . . . Least Significant Bit

#### Acronyms

LSU . . . . . . Load-and-Store Unit

MAC . . . . . . Multiply-Accumulate

MSB . . . . . . . . Most Significant Bit

PULP . . . . . . . . Parallel Ultra-Low-Power Processing-Platform

RAM . . . . . . . Random-Access Memory

RISC . . . . . . Reduced Instruction Set Computer

ROM . . . . . . Read-Only Memory

SCM . . . . . . Standard-Cell Memory

SoC . . . . . . . System-on-a-Chip

SPI . . . . . . . Serial Peripheral Interface

SPR . . . . . . . Special-Purpose Register

SRAM . . . . . . Static Random-Access Memory

TCDM . . . . . Tightly-Coupled Data Memory

UART . . . . . . Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter

 $\operatorname{WB} \ \ldots \ldots$  . Write Back



## Introduction

Microprocessors for Internet of Things devices, wearables, smartphones, sensors and medical devices have to work in very energy constrained environments while at the same time providing a high amount of processing power. Energy efficiency is thus essential for those kind of devices. The energy needed for a certain application is the product of the power needed during its execution and the time required to execute it.

Power consumption can be reduced by operating the digital circuit at the most energy efficient operating point. This operating point lies near the threshold voltage of the technology at hand [1] as dynamic power scales quadratically with the supply voltage. Lowering the supply voltage to near-threshold values leads to an inevitable increase in leakage which eventually dominates the energy consumption of the circuit, see Figure 1.1 for an example on a 32nm technology [2]. One thus has to balance between dynamic energy and leakage. At this operating point the circuit will only achieve a low frequency compared to higher supply voltages, which means that the performance will decrease and thus the time that the circuit needs to be active gets longer. To reduce the active time while not increasing the power consumption overproportionally, multiple cores can be used that share the common infrastructure like instruction caches, scratchpad memory and peripherals. Since the performance of the core has a direct impact on the time our circuit needs to be active, increasing it can lead to a higher energy efficiency of the whole system.

#### 1. Introduction

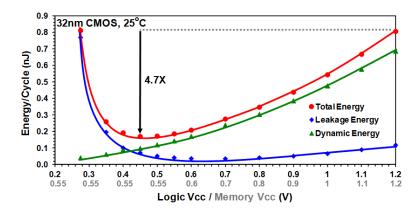


Figure 1.1.: Dynamic vs. leakage energy.

It is the goal of this thesis to increase the energy efficiency and performance of the OR10N core by adding specialized instructions. Those instructions allow to perform more computations per clock cycle and thus the core needs less time to process its workload. Our goal was to add instructions to the OpenRISC ISA that add little overhead in terms of area and pipeline stage delay and thus have little impact on the energy efficiency and performance when those new instructions are not used. Since we are working on a many-core cluster platform, it was important that our changes also work well in this cluster environment. Our focus lay on adding vectorial support to exploit sub-word parallelism and multiplier improvements to make the commonly used multiplication operations as fast as possible. Together with previous ISA extensions we achieved a speedup of up to 5x when using those extensions. Additionally we added bit counting instructions which can speed up some specific applications up to 35x.

Since this OpenRISC core is used in many projects that are produced as Application-Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs), we also wanted to add some features that are usually present in modern Central Processing Units (CPUs). For example we have added interrupt support and in-circuit debugging facilities.

This report is structured as follows. In Chapter 2 background about the platform which was used for this thesis is given. In Chapter 3 an overview over related work is presented. In Chapter 4 the changes to the ISA are explained and implementation details are given, while the encoding and semantics of the new instructions are available in Appendix B. In Chapter 5 the debug facilities that were added to the core are described. Chapter 6 highlights the microarchitectural changes that were performed. In Chapter 7 we compare our results of the improved OR10N core with the industry standard ARM Cortex M4 and the old OR1200 OpenRISC core. Finally Chapter 8 draws a conclusion over the changes that were done to the core during this thesis while Chapter 9 gives an outlook over future work.



### Background

# 2.1. PULP (Parallel Ultra-Low-Power Processing-Platform)

The Parallel Ultra-Low-Power Processing-Platform (PULP) is a combined effort of ETH Zurich and the University of Bologna with the help of Politechnico di Milano to create an efficient ultra-low-power many-core platform. The PULP project has been running for two years and during this time several tape outs have been done already, the most important include pulp1 and pulp2 which represent the state of the PULP system at that time.

PULP will finally consist of several clusters with independent clock and power domains. Within each cluster there are several simple Reduced Instruction Set Computer (RISC) cores that perform the computations.

Currently we concentrate on the cluster level which is why we only work with one cluster. In Figure 2.1, a typical PULP system with one cluster is shown. In the top level, outside the cluster, there is a big L2 Random-Access Memory (RAM) that contains the program code for the cores in the system. PULP can either work as an accelerator for a host or run in standalone mode where it boots from its internal Read-Only Memory (ROM) and loads an application from an external flash. The system also provides several peripherals like Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) and Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (UART) which can be used to communicate with the outside world.

Alongside the cores in the cluster, there is a multi-banked Tightly-Coupled Data Memory (TCDM) that uses word-level interleaving to minimize contentions between accesses from the different cores. If there is no contention, the cores can load or store a word in the TCDM in a single cycle. Typically the number of banks is twice the number of cores per cluster, so for a system with four cores as in Figure 2.1 eight TCDM banks are used.

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The TCDM inside the cluster is divided into Static Random-Access Memory (SRAM) and Standard-Cell Memory (SCM) based memories. The SCM memory is usually much smaller in storage capacity compared to the SRAM while being much bigger in terms of area. The big advantage of using an SCM is that the SCM is able to work with lower voltages where conventional SRAM does not work properly anymore. This allows us to lower the voltage of the whole cluster when the SRAM is not used.

For the 4-core PULP system the cores within each cluster share a common 4-way associative instruction cache which is connected to the L2 RAM. Sharing a common instruction cache between the cores is done to reduce energy, because it is often the case that all cores inside a cluster execute the same application and thus most of the cache entries can be shared between them. This scheme makes the whole cluster more efficient as a smaller instruction cache can be used compared to four independent caches. To reduce access contention in this shared setting, two methods are used. First a 128 bit wide L0 buffer is placed between the cache and the core which holds the most recently used cache line. This buffer holds four instructions and thus the cores do not need to access the instruction cache in every cycle. Furthermore the cache is divided into four banks of 1 KB each which can be accessed individually and thus contentions only arise when multiple cores need to access the same cache bank.

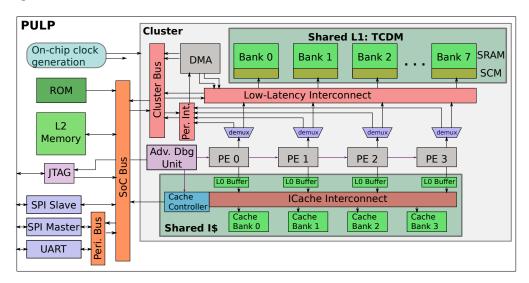


Figure 2.1.: PULP system overview.

Until the beginning of this thesis PULP was using a modified version of the OR1200 OpenRISC core [3] that was created by the OpenRISC community. During this thesis we switched the core to OR10N, the core that we developed solely for its use in PULP.

#### 2.2. OR10N Core

OR10N is the OpenRISC core that replaces the previously used OR1200. OR10N was originally developed by Matthias Baer and Renzo Andri during a semester thesis at ETHZ. It was already used in several chips, for example Sir10us [4] and OR10N that were produced in 180 nm UMC technology and successfully tested before we started integrating OR10N into the PULP environment.

Prior to this thesis, the instruction set of OR10N was enhanced with several features that are not part of the OpenRISC specifications, specifically support for hardware loops and auto-incrementing load and store operations, see Section 3.1 for more details on the extensions.

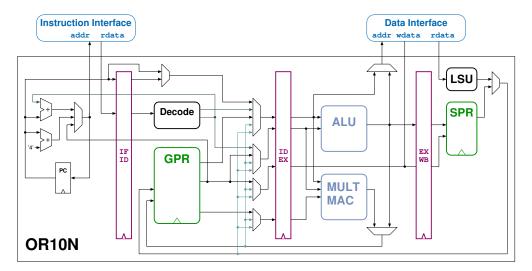


Figure 2.2.: Or 10N general overview.

OR10N is based on a simple in-order four stage pipeline. In terms of core energy efficiency an in-order single-issue processor design is the most efficient [5]. To achieve high Instructions per Cycle (IPC) values in such a core a shallow pipeline with a low number of pipeline stages is important as this reduces the number of possible data hazards. The four pipeline stages of our OR10N core are Instruction Fetch (IF), Instruction Decode (ID), Execute (EX) and Write Back (WB).

During the IF stage instructions get transferred from the instruction cache to the core and the program counter is updated with the next value. If the instruction cache can not immediately deliver the required instruction, the core is stalled for the required amount of cycles.

The ID stage takes care of decoding instructions, performing accesses to the register file and forwarding results to operands if they are needed in the next cycle. Also the main control Finite State Machines (FSMs) reside in this stage.

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The EX stage is the main computation stage in Or10N. ALU and multiplication operations are performed here and the results stored in the register file. The address for a memory access is computed during the EX stage and sent to the data memory interface. If the address belongs to the TCDM address space, data can be accessed in a single cycle. Otherwise a memory access will take multiple cycles and the core needs to be stalled until the request has been served and the required data has been delivered to the core.

During the WB stage, the received data is multiplexed with Special-Purpose Register (SPR) data and stored in the General-Purpose Register (GPR). The Load-and-Store Unit (LSU) that is responsible for managing memory accesses is part of the WB stage and takes care of sign-extending the received data and aligning it. The SPR that contains data that is important during the runtime of the CPU, is also part of the WB stage. For example the arithmetic carry and overflow flags are stored in the SPR and can be accessed with 1.mfspr instructions.

OR10N uses a five port general-purpose register file with two write ports and three read ports. One write port of the register file is used for ALU operations exclusively, while the second write port is shared between SPR and memory access. Two of the three read ports of the register file are used for normal Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU) operations and memory accesses. The third read port is only used for two special operations, namely the multiply-accumulate operation and register-register store operations.

The final OR10N core needs 44.5 kGE area and achieves a clock period of 2.23 ns clock period in a UMC 65 nm technology. The critical path in the core is balanced between data memory address generation, the Multiply-Accumulate (MAC) unit and instruction fetch from the shared instruction cache.

#### 2.3. Compiler Support

To write applications for the PULP platform we did not want to rely exclusively on assembler as this makes development cumbersome and error-prone, instead C is mainly used. Thus to perform the translation from C to OpenRISC machine code a compiler is needed. The OpenRISC community has already provided a port of GNU Compiler Collection (GCC) to OpenRISC which we reused for our system. But to get more performance and being able to use our additional instructions, some changes to the compiler were needed to actually emit those new instructions automatically. The researchers at Politechnico di Milano did a port of the LLVM compiler to OpenRISC and added support for our instruction set extensions to it. This means that one can write applications for PULP entirely in C and benefit from our ISA extensions automatically as there is full compiler support for it.

Writing parallel applications for a multi-core environment is difficult. To simplify the development such applications, we ported OpenMP to our platform and thus a programmer can take advantage of the constructs given by this framework.



### Related Work

#### 3.1. Hardware Loops & Auto-Incrementing Load/Stores

The PULP team has already extended the OpenRISC ISA prior to this thesis, i.e. zero-overhead hardware loops and extended addressing modes for load and store operations were added.

Hardware loops eliminate the need of explicitly stating branch instructions and decreasing the loop counter, instead this is done automatically by the hardware when encountering the end of a given loop. Hardware loops need to be set up beforehand with dedicated instructions. Those instructions specify the begin and end of the loop and how many times it shall be executed. During loop execution the core then takes care of jumping to the beginning of the loop when the end is encountered and the loop counter has not yet reached zero, while at the same time the loop counter is decremented. When no hardware loops are used for a loop, an overhead of at least three instructions is introduced, one instruction for decrementing the loop counter, one for a set flag operations to check for the exit condition, one for the branch instruction and maybe one instruction in the delay slot of the branch. All those instructions are eliminated with hardware loops and thus we gain on code size and execution speed.

As expected, this helps a lot when used on small loops, but less on bigger ones. The cost and benefits of multiple hardware loop levels was evaluated and it was decided that two levels of hardware loops are enough for almost all applications. For some few applications an additional speedup can be achieved by using even more levels, but this comes at a hardware cost which does not justify the benefits.

Extended memory addressing modes were added to the core by implementing autoincrementing load and store operations and register-register addressing. Auto-incrementing

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load and store instruction do not only perform a memory access, but also take care of increasing the address by the amount specified as offset and save it back to the register file. Two different modes of operations are supported, pre-increments and post-increments. Pre-increments first increase the address by the value specified in a register or immediate and use the incremented address to access the memory, while post-increment instructions address the memory directly with the base address and store the incremented value in the register file. Register-register addressing adds the possibility to specify a memory address as an addition of register operand A plus operand B and allows much more general memory access patterns than just register operand A plus an immediate. The operand A plus immediate addressing mode was the only addressing mode available in the OpenRISC base ISA.

Since for auto-incrementing load operations two register values need to be written at the same time, i.e. one for the modified address and one for the value from memory, two write ports on the register file are required. The typical register file of a RISC CPU includes two read ports and one write port which is not enough to perform two writes simultaneously. To solve this problem, an additional write port was added to the register file. Since a second port was already added when this thesis was started, we started using it more aggressively during this thesis, i.e. all ALU operations now use the second write port of the register file per default while the first one is only used for memory access and SPR accesses, i.e. operations that are not ready in the EX stage of the core.

To implement register-register store instructions, three register values need to be read at the same time, i.e. two for the address calculation and one to be stored in memory. To accomplish this a third read port was added to the RF which we then used during this thesis for new MAC instructions as well.

#### 3.2. Vectorial Instructions

Vectorial instructions aim to use the full potential of the 32 bit data path when we are computing on data that is only 8 or 16 bit wide. We can segment the data path into two or four parts and perform calculations on 2x 16 bits or 4x 8 bits in parallel. Those kind of operations are also known as sub-word parallelism [6, 7], packed-SIMD [8] or micro-SIMD [9] instructions.

It has been shown in [7] that vectorial instructions can cut down the number of cycles by a factor of four when operating on data that has 1/4th of the width of the data path.

Also [6] has implemented a set of vectorial instructions and show that the overhead of partitioning the data path does not have a significant impact on the area, timing or design time of a CPU.

Most of the parallelism is available in addition, subtraction, averaging, shifting, maximum, minimum, absolute number calculation and comparisons. Those operations are

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frequent on 8 and 16 bit data types in multimedia applications [9] and thus one can expect a large speedup for this kind of applications.

The OpenRISC specifications [10] already contain a proposal for vectorial instructions for their 64 bit ISA, but they were never implemented. Since our core is based on 32 bits, it was not possible to directly build on those specifications. Similarly we wanted to add additional features that were not present in the original specifications done by the OpenRISC community.

As a reference to our own vectorial instruction set, we checked what ARM offers on their Cortex M4 CPUs [11]. For example they implement vectorial addition, subtraction and averaging. ARM also added extensions to the multiplier, e.g. they support sub-word selection. Sub-word selection multiplication instructions take two 32 bit operands A and B. For each of those 32 bit input operands the upper or lower 16 bits are selected as input to the multiplier and thus a 16 bit times 16 bit multiplication with a 32 bit result is performed.

RISC-V [8], another open source instruction set similar to OpenRISC, also aims to provide vectorial instructions. To this date no definite set of instructions has been proposed, but they will add support for this kind of instructions eventually. They also highlight one important point, when sub-word parallel computation should be performed, it is desirable to have load and store memory operations that support non-word aligned access. The reason why it is desirable to support non-word aligned accesses is that if vectorial operations are performed on data that is not aligned, the data re-aligning for the vectorial instructions might eliminate the speedup. Also it makes life much easier for a compiler since no special cases for non-aligned memory accesses are necessary. That misaligned memory access have a high performance impact was also shown by [12] for the Altivec vector extensions.



This chapter describes the ISA extensions that were integrated during this thesis. Four sets of extensions were done, the first being a vectorial extension to the ALU which is detailed in Section 4.1. Section 4.2 explains the improvements to the MAC unit of the core. This includes adding vectorial support to the multiplier, sub-word selection and more general multiply-accumulate instructions. In Section 4.3 the misaligned memory access implementation is explained. Finally Section 4.4 explains the added bit counting instructions.

An overview over the encoding, mnemonics and semantic of the modified ISA is available in Appendix B.

#### 4.1. Vectorial Unit

Our vectorial instructions extend the ALU operations of the original OpenRISC ISA. In general every ALU operation has two input operands and one result that is stored in the general-purpose register file. There are certain exceptions where an operation only has one input operand, e.g. for example absolute number calculation which only needs one input operand.

For all instructions that take two operands, we have added six instruction forms:

Mnemonic Width Note 16 bit lv.inst.h scalar replication of operand B register lv.inst.h.sc 16 bit lv.inst.h.sci 16 bit scalar replication of operand B immediate lv.inst.b 8 bit lv.inst.b.sc 8 bit scalar replication of operand B register scalar replication of operand B immediate lv.inst.b.sci 8 bit

Table 4.1.: Vectorial instruction forms.

Scalar replication modifies the second operand of the instructions by replicating the lower half word two times for the 16 bit case and the lowest byte four times for the 8 bit case, i.e. it performs the following:

```
opB[31:0] = \{rB[15:0], rB[15:0]\}\; 16 Bit case opB[31:0] = \{rB[7:0], rB[7:0], rB[7:0], rB[7:0]\}\; 8 Bit case
```

Instead of replicating the register, the .sci form replicates the immediate encoded in the instruction. We have used an 8 bit wide immediate for our vectorial instructions. For the 8 bit case the immediate is used directly, while for the 16 bit case the immediate is sign-extended.

In the following sections an overview of the different ALU operations is given with details on how they were implemented.

#### 4.1.1. Addition / Subtraction / Average

Addition and subtraction are the most basic features of an ALU and among the most used operations on 8 and 16 bit data types. Another common operation is the average of two numbers, so we added support for this operation in our data path as well. Averages were not supported in the original OpenRISC specifications.

Figure 4.1 shows the implementation of the vectorial addition, subtraction and average. The same data path can be used for 8, 16 and 32 bit operations. The only overhead introduced by vectorial instructions four 1-bit wide multiplexers that are placed between the 8 bit adder slices and take care of handling the carry bit correctly between the different slices. On the right hand side of this figure the additional hardware that was needed to perform averages is shown. An average is computed by first adding the two operands

and then performing an arithmetic right shift by one bit. Note that the arithmetic right shift performs a division by 2 towards negative infinity.

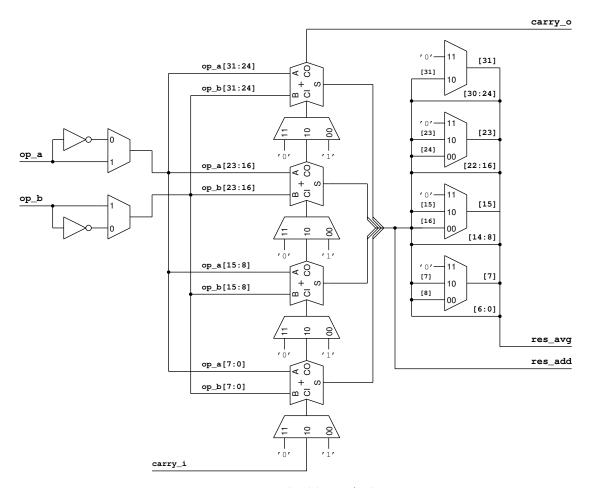


Figure 4.1.: Vectorial addition/subtraction.

#### 4.1.2. Minimum / Maximum / Absolute Value

Calculating minimum, maximum and absolute values is important for many applications. Using the standard OpenRISC instruction set those operations need a lot of instructions including branches. Our main interest lay on vectorial instructions, but since we wanted those instructions for the vectorial unit, we were able to also add them to the normal integer pipeline without any additional cost, thus we introduced the following instructions that were not part of the original OpenRISC instruction set: 1.min, 1.max and 1.abs.

Figure 4.2 shows a comparisons of assembler instructions necessary to perform a maximum computation. On the left an optimized maximum computation based on the original OpenRISC specifications can be found. Note that a compiler would usually use at least

five instructions to perform the same operation as it is not able to put the first addition into the delay slot. On the right hand side the same functionality is shown with our new max instruction. When we consider many maximum calculations on sub-word integers, the strength of having a dedicated maximum instruction gets even more pronounced because the vectorial version can be used.

```
l.sfgts rA, rB
l.bf 0xC
l.addi rD, rA, 0
l.addi rD, rB, 0
```

```
1.max rD, rA, rB
```

(a) Original max. computation.

(b) New max. instruction.

Figure 4.2.: Maximum operation in assembler.

Figure 4.3 shows the implementation of the min/max/abs circuit. Since this operation was not present in the OR10N core before this thesis has started, we had to add additional hardware. Mainly what was needed was a vectorial comparison unit (which was also needed for vectorial comparison operations) and a multiplexer on 32 bit.

If we consider only the maximum operation, the circuit works as follows. The two operands,  $op_a$  and  $op_b$ , are fed into a vectorial comparison unit that is configured based on the vectorial mode (8, 16 or 32 bit) and signed mode. The output of the vectorial comparator is then used to set the multiplexers to the correct setting and select the bigger of the two operands. This works almost exactly the same way for minimum, the only difference being that the output of the vectorial comparator is inverted and thus instead of the bigger of the two operands the smaller is chosen.

To perform an absolute value calculation, we reuse the subtraction of the vectorial adder that was described above. In this case  $op_a$  is the operand data, while  $op_b$  is set to 0. The adder then computes  $0 - op_a$  and supplies this result to  $res_sub$ . The vectorial comparator compares  $op_a$  and 0, and using this result we can select either  $op_a$  or  $-op_a$  with the multiplexers.

#### 4.1.3. Shifts

Similar to other implementations [7, 6] we wanted to support vectorial shift instructions because a considerable part of today's workloads involve shift operations on sub-word data. For those instructions shifts by immediates and shifts by values stored in registers should be supported which is a very good fit for our instruction format described in Table 4.1.

Vectorial shift operations with scalar replication of immediates shifts all sub-words by the same amount to the left or right. The same is true for scalar replication of registers.

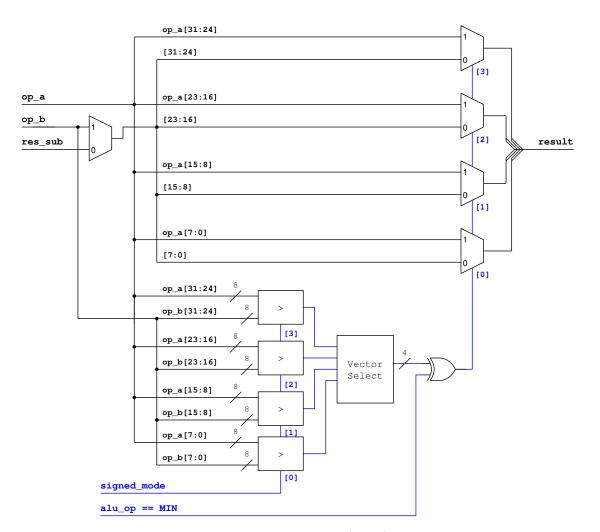


Figure 4.3.: Vectorial min/max/abs.

But if scalar replication is not used, it is possible to shift each sub-word of operand A by a different amount given by the sub-words in operand B. Allowing shifts by different amounts in a vectorial operation makes it more general and allows the use of the vectorial unit in more cases.

If shift operations would not be supported, it would sometimes be necessary to convert the vector data type to multiple scalar data values to perform those operations. In many cases this would ruin the performance gains that were achieved by using other vectorial instructions. In the end it would be better not to use vectorial instructions at all in those cases.

#### 4.1.4. Logical Operations

To support logical operations for vectorial workload nothing has to be added in hardware, since an AND on 8 or 16 bit is identical to an AND on 32 bit. The only difference being that our design for vectorial instructions allows scalar replication. Since this was already implemented for other vectorial operations, adding scalar replication for logical operations was entirely for free in hardware.

The following logical operations have been added without any hardware overhead except for the necessary decoding of the new instructions:

```
• lv.and{,.sc,.sci}
```

- lv.or{,.sc,.sci}
- lv.xor{,.sc,.sci}

#### 4.2. Multiplication

One of the most critical operations in a typical RISC pipeline is the multiplication, its operation is far more complex than an addition and it thus has a much higher delay, even when considering vectorial additions.

To keep the common case fast in the core, we decided to simplify the multiplication design and try to fit it into just one cycle. The original OR1200 core used three cycles to compute a multiplication [3], while the original OR10N core used two cycles because the full 64 bit result could not be computed in a single cycle without impacting the critical path.

For the applications we are targeting the 64 bit result of a multiplication is of minor importance, so we decided to move to a 32 bit result in order to simplify the hardware design. Multiplying a 32 bit number with a 32 bit number now yields the lower 32 bit of the product in our modified ISA instead of the full 64 bit wide product. While we loose precision and cannot incorporate the full 64 bit result, we gain performance as it is

simpler to calculate only a 32 bit product. The 64 bit result of a multiplication is seldom used and it is cumbersome to obtain in OpenRISC as it is not saved in a GPR but in a SPR. In order to use the result in the original OpenRISC specifications, one would have to first move it from the SPR to the GPR using two 1.mfspr instructions. As the SPR is part of the WB stage of the core, the two 1.mfspr instructions may take three cycles if the result should be used in the next cycle, this is due to a necessary pipeline stall in this case. So together with the two cycle execution of the multiplication we end up with a five cycle latency to compute a 64 bit result and use it for normal operations.

#### 4.2.1. (Vectorial) MAC

The MAC operation that is specified in OpenRISC [10] uses a 64 bit wide accumulator stage. Since a MAC operation needs three input operands to perform the operation  $d += a \cdot c$ , the accumulator is kept local in the SPR to hold the 64 bit wide operand d. To transfer data between the general-purpose and the special-purpose registers a significant overhead is required and many cycles are lost due to this, i.e. two cycles to initialize the SPR and two to three cycles to get the result back to the GPR. This is especially bad when only one MAC operation on 32 bits is required, in this case it is better to just perform a multiplication and a subsequent addition in two separate instructions instead of using the dedicated MAC instruction which would need a total of five cycles.

In order to get rid of this issue, we added another MAC instruction which uses the general-purpose register as the source of the accumulator. This fits very well with the 32 bit result of the multiplier, as the general-purpose registers are only 32 bit wide. By moving to this scheme and still perform one MAC operation per cycle, we needed a register file with three read ports, two for the operands A and B and one for the accumulator. Since a third read port was already introduced for the register-register store operations, this did not add any additional hardware overhead.

To get the full set of ALU operations also in the vectorial case, there needs to be support for performing 4x 8 bit and 2x 16 bit multiplications. The output range of those multiplications is limited to 8 bit, 16 bit respectively, but there are still applications that can benefit from such instructions. As we have already decided to have a MAC instruction that uses the general-purpose register to store the accumulator, we could also do this for the vectorial case.

Comparing the original OpenRISC specifications with our extension, we removed multiply-accumulate on 64 bit with the accumulator in SPR and use a general-purpose register file based accumulator instead. We add vectorial operations to the MAC unit and allow 4x 8 bit and 2x 16 bit multiplications in parallel.

#### 4.2.2. Sub-Word Selection

To support multiple precision multiplications, e.g. 32 bit number times 32 bit number with a 64 bit wide product, in an efficient manner, we needed some additional instructions. Getting a 64 bit result for a 32 bit x 32 bit multiplication was easy with the original OpenRISC specifications, but not so simple anymore when we have limited the output range of the multiplier to the lower 32 bit.

To mitigate this issue, sub-word selection for multiplications was introduced. With only a 32 bit multiplication result, full precision can only be achieved when 16 bit input operands are used. To calculate a 64 bit multiplication product, four partial products have to be computed and added in subsequent steps. Figure 4.4 shows the assembler instructions necessary to perform the 64 bit multiplication. Figure 4.4a shows the case when we follow the OpenRISC specifications which needs at least four cycles to execute, depending on pipeline stalls of the implementation. Figure 4.4b shows the case when we use only a 32 bit result of the multiplier. To compute the 64 bit product four 32 bit wide partial products are needed. Each partial product is computed by performing one 16 bit times 16 bit multiplication. The four partial products are then shifted accordingly and accumulated. Since the result spans two general-purpose registers, care must be taken to handle the carry between the two 32 bit registers correctly. This computation needs 16 instructions in total and thus 16 cycles are required.

Sub-word selection allows us to select the lower or upper 16 bits of both input operands of the multiplier before performing the multiplication or MAC operation. This means we can perform for example

$$rC[31:0] + (extZ(rA[15:0]) \cdot extS(rB[31:16]))$$

in one cycle. So if we reconsider the 64 bit multiplication from above and use subword selection and the general-purpose register MAC instruction, we can go down to 10 instructions and thus only 10 cycles to calculate a 64 bit product.

Sub-word selection is not only useful for a 32 bit times 32 bit multiplication, but also for much wider multiplications, i.e. multiple-precision multiplications.

```
1.andi t0, rA, 0xFFFF
                          l.andi t1, rB, OxFFFF
                                t2, rB, 16
                          1.sra
                          1.sra
                                 t3, rB, 16
                          1 . m111
                                 t4, t0, t3
                                 t5, t4, 16
                          1.s11
                                 t4, t4, 16
                                                    l.mul.sh.zl
                                                                 t0, rA, rB
                          1.sra
                          1.mul
                                 t6, t0, t1
                                                    1.sll
                                                                 r1, t0, 16
                          1.mul
                                 t7, t2, r3
                                                    1.srl
                                                                 r2, t0, 16
                          1.add
                                 t5,
                                     t5, t6
                                                    1.mac.zl.zl
                                                                 r1, rA, rB
                          1.addc t4,
                                                    1.macc.sh.sh r2,
                                     t4.
                                                                     rA, rB
                          1.mul
                                 t6,
                                     t1,
                                                    1.mul.sh.zl
                                                                 t0,
                                                                     rB, rA
                          l.sll
                                 t0, t6, 16
                                                    1.sll
                                                                  t1, t0, 16
1.muld rA, rB
                          1.sra
                                 t1, t6, 16
                                                    1.srl
                                                                  t0, t0, 16
1.mfspr rD, MACLO
                          l.add
                                 t4, t4, t0
                                                    1.add
                                                                 r1, r1, t1
1.mfspr rE, MACHI
                          1.addc t5, t5, t1
                                                    1.addc
                                                                 r2, r2, t0
```

- (a) Original.
- (b) w/o SPR.
- (c) with subword selection.

Figure 4.4.: 64 bit multiplication with different hardware support.

Sub-word selection can also be used for vectorial operations, e.g. we have input data arranged in two 16 bits inside one 32 bit word and we would like to calculate a 16 bit times 16 bit multiplication with a 32 bit result. Following the OpenRISC specifications we first have to shift the inputs by 16 bit to the right to get only the higher 16 bits or perform an AND operation to get only the lower 16 bits respectively. With our new feature, we can omit this pre-processing and perform the multiplication directly, thus making it more efficient.

#### 4.2.3. Implementation

For the implementation of the vectorial multiplier several alternatives were evaluated, namely using a vectorial booth multiplier [13], shared segmentation [14] and a pure behavioral specification in SystemVerilog.

#### Vectorial Booth Multiplier

The circuit shown in Figure 4.5 is able to perform vectorial multiplication and MAC operations, normal 32 bit multiplications and MAC calculations with 32 bit result. It uses four booth multipliers with different input and output widths. The width of the first operand of each booth multiplier is set to 8, 16, 24 and 32 bits respectively, while the second operand is always 8 bit wide. The output of those multipliers is a 8, 16, 24 or 32 bit number in carry save number format, i.e. two 32 bit signals are used to represent one 32 bit number. By feeding the results of the booth multipliers into 4:2

compressors and shifting them accordingly, we can get the normal 32 bit result. By adjusting the multiplexers in front of the booth multipliers and the final multiplexer before the partitioned adder correctly, we can get the 4x 8 bit and 2x 16 bit results as well. The partitioned adder then finally takes care of performing the addition of the carry save number and transforming it into a normal integer that can be saved into the register file later on. The partitioned adder takes care of suppressing carries between 8 bit and 16 bit boundaries if the 4x 8 bit or 2x 16 bit vectorial modes are used.

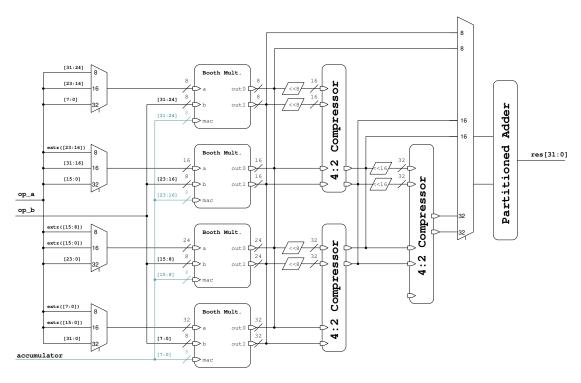


Figure 4.5.: Vectorial booth multiplier.

The booth multiplier and 4:2 compressors were implemented by using DesignWare components available from Synopsys [15], specifically DW02\_multp for the booth multiplier and DW02\_tree for the compressors. We also tried to implement the booth multiplier and 4:2 compressors directly but the results of using DesignWare components were a few percent better in terms of area and delay.

#### **Shared Segmentation**

Shared segmentation is another possibility to implement a fast vectorial multiplier. It is based on the idea to generate the partial products in the right bit positions from the start, also in the vectorial case. For the booth multiplier mentioned above, multiplexers and shifts are needed to align the partial products correctly. Shared segmentation takes

care of those issues at the beginning of the calculation by emitting them in the correct bit positions of the partial product already. This allows a simplification of the reduction step, where the 32 partial products are reduced to the final integer. The reduction step in shared segmentation only needs Wallace tree adders with the option to suppress carries between 8 and 16 bit boundaries for the vectorial modes.

More details about this method can be found in [14].

#### **Behavioral**

Instead of writing complex multiplier implementations in SystemVerilog, we also tried to do a very simple implementation by specifying the vectorial multiplier in one always\_comb block in SystemVerilog. By packing the complete functionality in just one block, we leave the synthesis tool the freedom to choose the most suitable multiplier architecture. When we started with the comparison of the different multiplier implementations, it was not yet clear which one would be the best. We expected a purely behavioral implementation to be worse, but instead the results were surprisingly good.

#### Results & Conclusion

The different implementations were synthesized for the 28 nm FDSOI process of STMicroeletronics that will be used for the pulp3 chip. The slow corner on 0.6 Volts was used for the timing analysis, see Table 4.2 for the results. Baseline is the implementation that was present before we started modifying the MAC unit, i.e. a two-cycle MAC with 64 bit result that writes its result into the special-purpose registers.

It can be seen that sub-word selection adds  $\sim 0.06$  ns delay to the design, which is in the order of only one gate delay. So we decided to accept this loss in speed for having more features. Surprisingly the behavioral implementation seems to be the fastest and when comparing the areas of the different implementations it is also very competitive. This is the reason why we decided to go with the behavioral implementation, as it has a very simple SystemVerilog implementation and it is the fastest available.

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Design	Features	Area Or10n [kGE]	Area Mult. [kGE]	Timing
Baseline	OR1k spec.	41.1	12.2	7.57 ns
Vec. Booth Mult.	MAC	38.5	10.7	$7.83~\mathrm{ns}$
Vec. Booth Mult.	MAC, subword	38.5	11.1	$7.83~\mathrm{ns}$
Shared Segmentation	MAC	39.8	13.6	$7.77~\mathrm{ns}$
Shared Segmentation	MAC, subword	38.5	10.5	$7.84~\mathrm{ns}$
Behavioral	MAC	38.6	8.6	$7.58~\mathrm{ns}$
Behavioral	MAC, subword	38.6	8.8	$7.64~\mathrm{ns}$

Table 4.2.: Vectorial multiplier synthesis results.

#### 4.3. Misaligned Memory Access

Misaligned memory access represents the case when a memory load or store operation is performed that is not aligned on a natural word address. Since our whole memory subsystem is word-organized, this case is difficult to handle. This is the reason that the OpenRISC specifications do not allow non-word aligned memory access, or misaligned accesses as we will call them from now on. But there are certain benefits to add support for this kind of memory transaction, especially vectorial operations can gain a lot of performance, since it is very probable that we compute on 8 or 16 bit data that is not aligned on a word address. Figure 4.6 shows a use case of misaligned memory access where we want to put a filter on a 2D image. The unaligned word on the right hand side needs two load words, two shifts and one OR instruction if no misaligned accesses are supported. So in the end it might happen that more cycles are needed to prepare the data than what we can gain with our vectorial operations, so it might be better to stick to conventional operations.

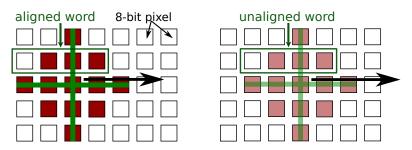


Figure 4.6.: 2D filter with misaligned words.

Figure 4.7 shows a comparison of assembler instructions necessary for performing a misaligned access when it is supported by the hardware and when it is not supported. The effect on code density is immediately visible and it is obvious that with hardware support the load can be performed much faster.

```
1.1wz rD, 0(rA)

1.1wz t0, 4(rA)

1.srli rD, rD, 0x1

1.slli t0, t0, 0x1

1.or rD, rD, t0

1.1wz rD, 1(rA)
```

(a) w/o support.

Figure 4.7.: Misaligned access.

(b) with support.

PULP uses a word-aligned memory subsystem, therefor if we want to add support for this kind of memory access, we have to do it in the core itself or modify the memory subsystem. Preliminary trials on modifying the memory subsystem resulted in an increase of about 10% of our target clock period which is not justifiable as it is only a corner case. Supporting misaligned memory accesses in the LSU of the core on the other hand does not impact the timing.

Supporting misaligned memory access in the core means that two load operations need to be performed to get the two words from the memory that contain our misaligned word. In OR10N we added support for misaligned accesses by handling them directly in the load-and-store unit. This unit stalls the core when it detects a misaligned load, performs the first memory access, saves the result in a register, then performs the second load and finally assembles the complete word from the two words. During this time the rest of the core is stalled, so loading a misaligned word is slower than loading an aligned word, but since everything is performed in hardware, we are only getting the delay of loading two words and not the additional overhead of the shifts and OR operations that are needed when there is no support in hardware. This means that in the best case a misaligned access can be performed in just two cycles, compared to the five cycles that were needed previously. Of course the implementation for storing a misaligned word in memory is very similar and also only takes two cycles in the best case.

There are not so many use cases for misaligned memory accesses in conventional code, since the compiler always tries to align the data to natural word boundaries. But in the case of vectorial operations, the compiler gets much more freedom. So this is why a performance improvement can be seen by having support for misaligned accesses when using vectorial operations.

### 4.4. Bit Counting Instructions

Bit counting instructions are instructions that work on the bit level of a single word, e.g. counting the number of bits set to 1 or 0 in a word, finding the first bit set to 1 starting from the Least Significant Bit (LSB) and so on. OpenRISC [10] already specifies

the instructions 1.ff1 and 1.ff1, but those instructions were not yet implemented in OR10N.

During this thesis we added support for a couple of those kind of instructions. Specifically we added the following instructions:

- 1.ff1: Find first bit set to 1 in a word starting from LSB.
- 1.f11: Find first bit set to 1 in a word starting from Most Significant Bit (MSB).
- 1.cnt: Count the number of bits set to 1 in a word.
- 1.clb: Count leading bits, the number of bits set to the same value as the sign bit.

It is obvious that those instructions are far more efficient than performing those operations in the normal way using loops and branches. For example the 1.cnt instruction would need more than 100 cycles to execute without hardware support.

Table 4.3 shows the area cost of the different implementations compared to the baseline which does not include any of those instructions. For this comparison the 28nm FDSOI technology from STMicroeletronics was used. The baseline already includes the vectorial instructions that were introduced above. In total less than 15% of the area of the ALU is needed for all bit counting instructions while the ALU only occupies about 15% of the area of the core, so the area impact on the core is only about 2% for all bit counting instructions together. Similarly the bit counting instructions have no impact on the timing properties of the core.

Table 4.3.: Bit counting implementation

Design	Area ALU [GE]	ALU Percentage of Core Area
Baseline	6530	13.3%
FF1, FL1	6870	14.0%
FF1, FL1, CLB	6920	14.1%
FF1, FL1, CLB, CNT	7480	15.3%

Considering a PULP cluster with four cores, the area impact of bit counting instructions becomes completely negligible. Such a cluster needs an area of around 1500 kGE, while all bit counting instructions together require only 1 kGE, meaning that they have an impact of less than 0.07% on the cluster area.



### Debug Support

Being able to attach an external debugger to a CPU is a crucial feature in a modern System-on-a-Chip (SoC). It is much more convenient to have access to internal registers of the target, being able to add breakpoints and so on instead of resorting to debug with printf and Light-Emitting Diode (LED) flashing. At the beginning of this thesis Or10N lacked even basic debugging features, so one of our goals was to add support for them.

There are many features one can support in a debug unit inside a CPU. Among them are single-stepping, hardware breakpoints on instruction addresses, watchpoints and breaks on specific memory accesses. The OpenRISC specifications [10] contain proposals for all of them, but adding support for all those features would increase the complexity and area of our core significantly and would make timing closure more difficult. For most of our use cases we don't need such sophisticated features. Especially breakpoints on memory accesses add a lot of complexity in hardware as the core needs to stall (and flush) the entire pipeline as soon as a specific address is encountered. The exact memory access address is only available in the EX stage when the request is sent towards the memory, so if such a request should be inhibited due to the breakpoint, the delay for each access will definitely be increased. In order to keep the complexity at a reasonable level and avoid inflating the critical path, we decided to not add support for memory breakpoints.

Watchpoints are an advanced feature of the debug unit which allow complex breaking conditions. For example it is possible to break the program flow and trap to the debugger when the program counter has a value between 0x1C023000 and 0x1C02F000, the program counter has hit the address 0x1C02E028 exactly 5 times and the core currently tries to access memory address 0x10004304. Supporting such sophisticated watchpoints adds on area and power consumption of the core. Since this kind of functionality is seldom used, it is better to not support it and save on area and power.

#### 5.1. Software Breakpoints

We also did not add support for hardware breakpoints, i.e. breakpoints on instruction addresses, instead we decided to rely solely on software based breakpoints. Software breakpoints are specific instructions inserted into the instruction stream which cause a trap to the debugger. Those trap instructions (1.trap) replace a normal instruction in the instruction stream and thus after the breakpoint has been handled and execution continues, the original instruction has to be reinserted into the instruction stream and executed by the core. Figure 5.1 shows this procedure. The arrow marks the position of the program counter in the machine code after each step. In step 1 the software breakpoint is inserted and program execution continues until it hits the trap instruction. Now control is handled over to the debug unit which can access the complete state of the core. After we are done with debugging at this breakpoint, we continue execution and go to step 2. In this step the trap instruction is replaced with the original instruction and the program counter is set to point to it, so that it can be executed as if there was no software breakpoint. To be able to set the software trap again, we set the core into single-stepping mode, i.e. after each executed instruction we trap to the debugger. After control is handled over to the core again, it starts executing the original instruction and traps to the debugger immediately after this instruction because of the single-stepping mode. In step 3 the debugger then reinserts the trap instruction and unstalls the core so that program execution can continue.

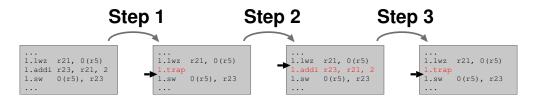


Figure 5.1.: Software breakpoints.

Having to replace instructions means a performance penalty during debugging compared to hardware breakpoints, but on the other hand we add a lot of flexibility. One can only have a very limited number of hardware breakpoints, e.g. four, while we can have an unlimited number of software breakpoints. Since one does not care much about performance when debugging software, flexibility is far more important. Also hardware breakpoints involve a significant hardware overhead for the registers that hold the breakpoint values and the arithmetic that is needed to perform the actual instruction address comparisons.

There are several things to note about software breakpoints. Since instructions are being replaced and our platform uses an instruction cache, we have to flush this cache every time we make modifications in the code. Also we do not support trap instructions in branch delay slots, so the debugger has to avoid placing trap instructions there.

#### 5.2. OR10N Register Access

Accessing general-purpose and special-purpose registers inside OR10N is done through existing read and write ports of the respective register files, see Figure 5.2. The changes required for debug support are highlighted in red.

Since we multiplex those ports with signals that are in active use by the core, we first have to put the core into a special mode before we are allowed to access the registers. We do this by stalling it through the debug unit inside OR10N. Once the core is stalled, it is possible for the debugger to read and write values.

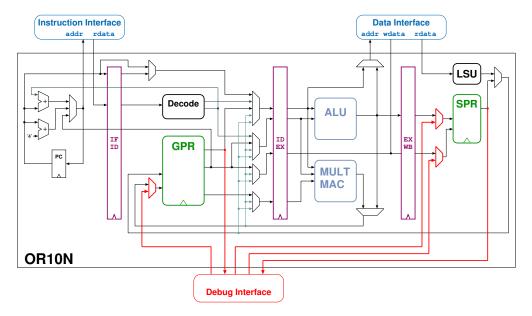


Figure 5.2.: OR10N debug overview.

#### 5.3. External Connection

Attaching a debugger to the system involves several parts of the SoC, i.e. one needs a protocol to communicate with the ASIC, a way to signal commands to the individual cores of the system and way to access the cores separately. For the first part, communication with the SoC, we rely on the Joint Test Action Group (JTAG) protocol. Via JTAG the debugging system communicates with the advanced debugging unit which takes care of high-level commands like determining if the CPU is stalled or if it is running. Finally the advanced debug unit communicates with the OR10N core to get access to general-purpose and special-purpose registers and setting the program counter. Figure 5.3 shows an overview over the complete system.

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It is possible to debug the cores independently from each other, or halt executing of all cores at the same time by setting up specific rules inside the advanced debug unit. The advanced debug unit also takes care of communication with the memories of the SoC and is able to flush the instruction cache via memory mapped registers after it has replaced instructions for software breakpoints. In the final PULP system with multiple clusters there will be one advanced debug unit in each cluster which is responsible for debugging of the cores within that cluster.

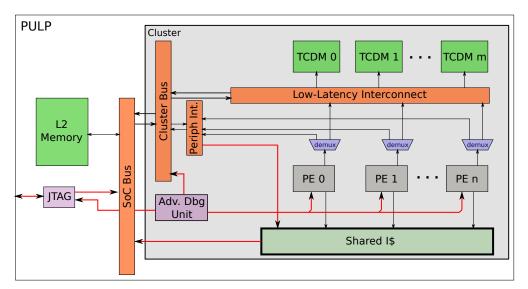


Figure 5.3.: PULP debug overview.



# Microarchitectural Changes

## 6.1. Interrupts and Exceptions

At the beginning of this thesis PULP was in the process of being switched from the OR1200 core to OR10N, thus at this point the new OR10N core was 100% backward compatible with the OpenRISC specifications [10]. During this thesis we started to deviate from those specifications, for example we replaced the multiplier through a completely different implementation with more features, that is not 100% compatible with the original specifications anymore.

In PULP we focus on energy efficiency and thus we need to be able to shutdown the core when it is not in use, e.g. when it is waiting for the Direct Memory Access (DMA) to finish its job. For this purpose we are using events, a mechanism that puts the core to sleep and wakes it up as soon as the event has happened, e.g. the DMA has finished.

We implemented this by having a separate event unit outside of the core that takes care of clock gating of the core when it is asleep and waking it up again. Since we already have this event unit outside the core which has access to all event/interrupt sources, we did not want to duplicate this functionality again in the core for an interrupt controller. Instead we decided to move the interrupt unit out of the core into the event unit which contradicts with the OpenRISC specifications that specify a programmable interrupt controller with direct access to the special-purpose registers and is thus more tightly coupled to the core than our implementation.

Interrupts are less important than events for a core that mostly performs computations and seldom has to communicate with peripherals, thus we settled on a very simple scheme to handle interrupts in OR10N. In many big commercial CPUs one can find nested vector interrupt controllers, multiple register file banks to be able to handle interrupts in a very fast way, adjustable interrupt priorities and so on.

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We wanted none of that but only the most basic functionality for our interrupt system and we wanted to share most of this functionality also with exceptions to keep the area requirements of the combined interrupt/exception controller as low as possible. Prior to this thesis, there was no support for exceptions inside the OR10N core.

Outside the core, the external interrupt controller takes care of listening to interrupt sources. As soon as this unit detects an interrupt, it sets a signal to 1 that is connected to the core and informs it that there is a pending interrupt. The core reacts to this signal by saving the current program counter and supervision register to dedicated registers in the special-purpose register file and jumping to the interrupt handler address. The interrupt handler then takes care of saving the current context, i.e. all registers of the general-purpose register file and hardware loop register values, to the stack. After that the interrupt handler communicates with the interrupt controller to determine which interrupt source was triggered and calls the appropriate handler. After the handler has finished the saved register values get restored and the core jumps back to the program code where it was interrupted.

Handling exceptions follows the same pattern but instead of listening to a special interrupt signal from outside of the core, we listen to specific conditions inside the core. We only implemented a very basic set of exceptions, i.e. illegal instruction exceptions and trap exceptions.

#### 6.2. Events

Events are handled by the external event unit and there are only two signals between the core and the event unit that are related to events, namely the fetch\_enable and busy signals.

If the core should be put to sleep, it writes to a memory mapped register of the event unit which informs the event unit that the core wants to sleep. The event unit then sets the fetch\_enable to 0 and waits for the core to be properly shut down. Since you want an exact location in your code where the core goes to sleep, the 1.psync instruction was introduced. This instruction flushes the pipeline of the core and thus finishes all in-flight operations first. After executing the 1.psync instruction the core checks the fetch\_enable signal. If it is 0, it does not fetch any new instructions and waits for this signal to be set to 1 again. This means that at this point the core's clock can be safely stopped as there are no unfinished operations. For the event unit to know when the core is in this state, there is the busy signal. If this signal has a value of 0 and fetch\_enable is also 0, the event unit will stop the clock. If the fetch\_enable is 1 after an 1.psync instructions, the core will continue to fetch instructions and stay awake.

With this simple mechanism we can ensure that the core goes to sleep at an exact location in the code and that the clock is only stopped when the core really is in the idle state.



# Results

# 7.1. Mia Wallace<sup>1</sup>



Figure 7.1.: Mia Wallace final layout.

Mia Wallace is one of the chips that were developed in the PULP environment. It uses one full cluster of four cores with 256 kB of L2 RAM, 64 kB of SRAM TCDM and 8 kB of SCM TCDM. Mia Wallace was designed for the 65 nm technology from UMC and tries to showcase the features of the PULP system. Since 65 nm rather than the 28 nm FDSOI technology of pulp2 was used, we cannot expect the same energy efficiency, instead our

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The name of this chip originates from a character in the movie *Pulp Fiction*. As we are all big fans of this movie, we decided to name this series of PULP chips after characters from it. The logo on this chip shows Mia Wallace smoking a cigarette.

focus lay on the evolution of the platform. For example we changed the processing core from the previous chip to Or10N, the core that was improved in this master thesis. A picture of the final layout of Mia Wallace is shown in Figure 7.1.

The results presented in this chapter were all generated in the context of the Mia Wallace chip. This chapter is structured as follows. In Section 7.2 the number of cycles for a set of benchmarks are compared between the OR1200 core and OR10N with different instruction set extensions enabled. Where available also numbers for an ARM Cortex M4 are shown which allow direct comparison with the a commercial core for embedded applications. Section 7.3 contains area and timing results for the modified OR10N core, while Section 7.4 shows the energy reduction that can be achieved with the extended ISA.

Note that the results related to hardware, i.e. area, timing and energy, might change when moving to another technology. The performance figures presented here will stay the same though.

#### 7.2. Performance

#### 7.2.1. Vectorial Instructions & MAC Improvements

Figure 7.2 and Table 7.1 show a comparison between different evolutionary steps of the OR10N OpenRISC core. We compare the optimized OR1200 core that was used in pulp2 and the current state of OR10N that was used in Mia Wallace. Additionally we present some numbers for an ARM Cortex M4.

On the left hand side of this figure general purpose applications are shown which do not perform many computations on 8 or 16 bit data types, but use mostly 32 bit data. On the right hand side we have two types of applications, first a Finite Impulse Response (FIR) filter on 16 bits and three types of matrix multiplications. The first matrix multiplication, mm8, uses 8 bit, the second, mm16, 16 bit and the third one 32 bit integers.

Seven different CPU profiles are shown in the figures, the first two are performed using the GCC compiler for OpenRISC, once we used the old OR1200 CPU and once our modified OR10N core. Since this version of GCC does not know about our extensions, it is not able to use them in any way. So both OpenRISC CPUs are executing exactly the same binary. The next four profiles belong to the LLVM compiler on our modified OR10N core with different extension sets enabled. The last profile is a Cortex M4 which uses a completely different instruction set than OpenRISC, specifically ARMv7-M Thumb.

When comparing OR10N with the OR1200 executing the same binary, we can see that they have almost the same performance, although the OR1200 is slightly faster. The reason for that is that we are using a simple branch predictor for OR10N to cut the

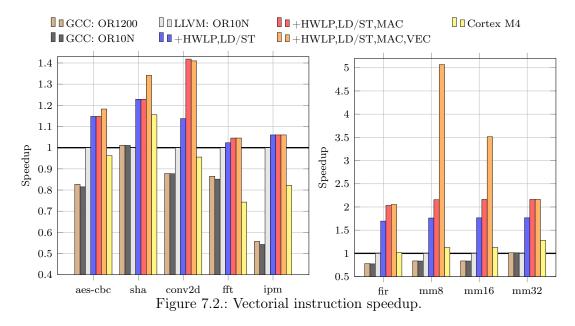
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critical path to the instruction cache. This was needed to achieve a higher clock frequency compared to the  $OR1200\ CPU$ .

Comparing LLVM and GCC for OR10N without our new extensions, we can see that LLVM seems to be performing faster than GCC in almost all cases, so it seems to be a good idea to go with the new LLVM compiler in any case. As soon as we start enabling our ISA extensions, we can gain a lot of performance compared to the baseline (OR10N with LLVM).

Especially on the matrix multiplication and fir benchmarks, the new MAC and vectorial extensions achieve a speedup of up to 5x. Enabling vectorial extensions on the matrix multiplication on 32 bit does not gain any performance which is not surprising since there is no sub-word parallelism that the vectorial unit could exploit. Still the new MAC extension is able to increase the performance in this benchmark by 22%.

Note that no code changes were necessary to make use of the ISA extensions, but the new instructions were inferred automatically by our LLVM compiler.



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Table 7.1.: Vectorial instructions: number of cycles.

Features	OR1200 GCC	Or10n GCC	Or10n LLVM	Or10n LLVM <sup>1</sup>	OR10N LLVM <sup>1,2</sup>	ARM Cortex M4 <sup>3</sup> GCC
aes cbc	49126	49819	40607	35383	34339	42202
$_{ m sha}^{-}$	49615	49665	50191	40853	37414	43437
conv2d	5936	5943	5211	4581	3696	5453
$\mathbf{fft}$	49800	50583	43068	42093	41193	57960
$_{ m ipm}$	4579	4701	2552	2407	2407	3103
fir	24937	25128	19437	11463	9468	19122
mm8	376444	377534	315216	173537	62209	280225
mm16	377889	378531	316260	175687	90006	280477
mm32	311937	312995	316254	179037	146269	247548

Hardware loops, pre-/post-increment load and stores
 Vectorial instructions, new MAC, misaligned access
 An STM32F429ZI [16] MCU by STMicroeletronics was used

#### 7.2.2. Bit Counting Instructions

Bit counting instructions are only seldom used, but if they can be inferred, they show a massive speedup as shown in Figure 7.3. The bitDescriptor benchmark uses the 1.ff1 instruction to find bits that are set in a word and performs an action based on the index of those bits. The second benchmark, KP Matching, performs image key point matching and heavily uses the 1.cnt instruction to calculate hamming weights.

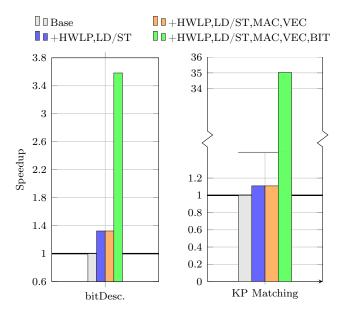


Figure 7.3.: Bit counting instructions.

Our other extensions only give us a speedup of 32% and 11% respectively and the new MAC and vectorial instructions do not give us any additional speedup at all, while the bit counting extension gives us a speedup of 3.6x and 35x respectively.

## 7.3. Area & Timing

Figure 7.4 shows the area impact of our new extensions in the core and cluster. Those numbers were calculated by using the final Mia Wallace setup, selectively removing our instruction set extensions and performing synthesis runs. The area of the OpenRISC core was increased by 25% in total from 35.5 kGE to 44.5 kGE when considering all extensions. When we only consider vectorial instructions, bit counting and the improved MAC unit, the increase of core area diminishes to only 10%. If we look at the cluster area, the area impact is even less visible and consists of about 2% for all extensions together. Comparing those numbers with the OR1200 CPU which needed an area of 37.9 kGE, we see that OR10N is a little bit smaller than the OR1200 when we are not

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using any of our extensions. By adding all extensions, the area of Or10N increases, so in the end our final Or10N core is 17% larger than the Or1200, but has a much higher execution speed.

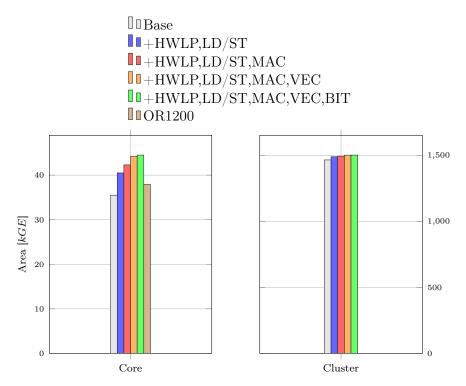


Figure 7.4.: Area overhead.

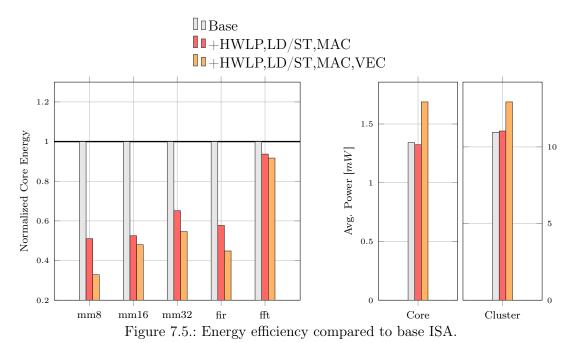
Table 7.2.: Area overhead

Feature	Area	
□ Baseline	$35.5~\mathrm{kGE}$	
• HWLP	$3.0~\mathrm{kGE}$	+8.5%
Reg. File Add.	$3.7~\mathrm{kGE}$	+10.4%
New MAC	$1.2~\mathrm{kGE}$	+3.3%
■ Vectorial ALU	$1.9~\mathrm{kGE}$	+5.3%
Bit Count	$0.2~\mathrm{kGE}$	+0.8%
Total	44.5~kGE	

All our new instruction set extensions did not increase the critical path of the Or10N. In the slow corner of the UMC 65 technology with 1.08 V supply voltage, we achieved a clock period of 2.23 ns for Or10N and a clock period of 2.4 ns for Or1200 after synthesis, meaning that also in terms of frequency our new core is faster than the original one.

# 7.4. Energy

For some of the benchmarks mentioned above we performed a power estimation on the final Mia Wallace netlist, see Figure 7.5 for the results. It can be seen that we did not only achieve a higher performance compared to original OpenRISC ISA, but also need less energy. This is not surprising as can be seen when we compare the average power used by the core and cluster. It is true that more power is used when our extensions are active, but the applications run much faster and thus the core needs to stay active for a shorter amount of time.



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# Conclusion

During this thesis the OpenRISC ISA was significantly extended to support vectorial instructions, a more powerful multiplier and bit counting instructions. Similarly misaligned memory access and interrupt capabilities were added to the OR10N core. For more efficient debugging in the future, debug facilities were added to the platform such that it is possible to attach gdb to a running OR10N core. By adding all those features to OR10N, we are now on a feature level that allows our core to compete with commercial micro-controllers available on the market.

The instruction set extensions allowed us to achieve a performance gain of up to 5x on vectorial code compared to the base OpenRISC instruction set. When bit counting operations can be employed, we were able to achieve a 35x higher performance than before. Our LLVM compiler is able to automatically generate code for the new vectorial and MAC instructions and thus no modifications in the source code of existing applications are necessary to take advantage of the extensions.

All our instruction set extensions added only 25% area to OR10N while the pipeline stage delay was not affected by our modifications. If we look at the PULP cluster only 2% of area was added due to the additional instructions.

In terms of energy efficiency we could achieve an energy efficiency boost of up to 67% for specific applications, while on average 45% energy could be saved with our extensions.



# Future Work

# 9.1. Further ISA Improvements

We already improved the original OpenRISC ISA a lot in terms of performance, but we think we can add some more instructions to accelerate a few additional cases. For example what we want to investigate is fractional support. To do this we need to add more functionality to the multiplier which already lies on the critical path in the current implementation. Since we don't want to loose the one cycle execution time of the standard and vectorial multiplication instructions, we have to find a way to keep it and still be able to add more features. One idea to solve this problem is depicted in Figure 9.1.

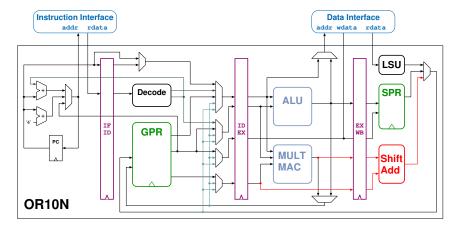


Figure 9.1.: New multiplier architecture.

By putting a part of the computation into the WB stage of the pipeline, we should be able to keep the one cycle execution for our current features and still be able to add some additional instructions that extend the functionality of the multiplier.

## 9.2. Extend Debug Support / Exception Handling

In our current implementation of Or10N there is no mechanism that catches invalid memory accesses, i.e. requests to memory ranges that are not mapped. Usually those kind of requests would generate an exception in the core which allows the application to take care of it.

In the current system such accesses either return invalid data and execution goes on with the invalid data, or the core starts to hang since there is no answer to the request. This is clearly not ideal and support for invalid memory access exceptions will be added to Or 10N in the future.

Sadly adding this feature is not so simple due to the pipeline. Memory access is done during the EX/WB stages and is only discovered that the memory access goes to an invalid memory range, when it is already started. Thus due to the pipeline other instructions already entered the previous stages and started to execute. All those instructions need to be flushed and not executed when the invalid access is discovered. There is currently no mechanism in OR10N to flush instructions when they already entered the ID and EX pipeline stages.

So this means that there are two possibilities to solve this

- 1. Resort to imprecise exceptions, i.e. accept that instructions after the memory access instruction that caused the exception are already partly executed before we jump to the exception handler.
- 2. Implement a mechanism in OR10N that allows the flushing of instructions that already entered the ID and Ex stages.

That there are no invalid memory access exceptions right now also has an impact on the possibilities for an attached debugger. It is not possible for this debugger to see those accesses and if the core starts to hang, the debugger has no means of understanding what is going on.

Another big drawback in our current debug implementation is that we are not able to debug a core if it is currently sleeping because it is waiting for an event. If a core is sleeping its clock is turned off and thus it is not possible to access any registers inside it. In future work we will implement a mechanism to check for this case automatically and if needed, start the clock again to be able to debug it.



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# ${\sf B}$

# Instruction Set Extensions - Encoding

# **B.1.** Post-Increment Instructions

```
Load: 1.1{TT}{E}{P} rD, (I)(rA!) TT:{b,h,w} E:{s,z} P:{,h}

010110 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II 0 TTEP -> Signed Immediate offset (11 bits)

010110 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II 10 1110 -> 1.1bs rD, I(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem8 [rA]); rA += Sext(I) 010110 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II 10 1100 -> 1.1bz rD, I(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem8 [rA]); rA += Sext(I) 010110 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II 10 1010 -> 1.1bs rD, I(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem16[rA]); rA += Sext(I) 010110 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II 10 1000 -> 1.1bz rD, I(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem16[rA]); rA += Sext(I) 010110 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II 10 0010 -> 1.1ws rD, I(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA]; rA += Sext(I) 010110 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II 10 0000 -> 1.1wz rD, I(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA]; rA += Sext(I)
```

```
Load: l.l\{TT\}\{E\}\{P\}\ rD, (rB)(rA!)\ TT:\{b,h,w\}\ E:\{s,z\}\ P:\{,h\}
```

```
010110 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 TTEP -> Register offset

010110 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1110 -> 1.1bs rD, rB(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem8 [rA]); rA += rB
010110 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1100 -> 1.1bz rD, rB(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem8 [rA]); rA += rB
010110 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1010 -> 1.1bs rD, rB(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem16[rA]); rA += rB
010110 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1000 -> 1.1bz rD, rB(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem16[rA]); rA += rB
010110 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 0010 -> 1.1ws rD, rB(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA]; rA += rB
010110 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 0000 -> 1.1wz rD, rB(rA!) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA]; rA += rB
```

```
Store: l.s{TT}{PP} (I)(rA!), rB TT:{b,h,w} PP:{,1,2,3}
010100 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO TTPP -> Signed Immediate Offset (11 bits)
010100 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II 10 1100 -> 1.sb I(rA!), rB // Mem8 [rA] = rB[7:0];
                                                                                              rA += Sext(I)
010100 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO 1101 -> l.sb1 I(rA!), rB // Mem8 [rA] = rB[15: 8];
                                                                                              rA += Sext(I)
010100 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II I0 1110 -> 1.sb2 I(rA!), rB // Mem8 [rA] = rB[23:16];
                                                                                              rA += Sext(I)
                                                                                              rA += Sext(I)
010100 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II 10 1111 -> l.sb3 I(rA!), rB // Mem8 [rA] = rB[31:24];
010100 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II 10 1000 -> l.sh I(rA!), rB // Mem16 [rA] = rB[15:0];
                                                                                              rA += Sext(I)
010100 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO 1010 -> 1.sh1 I(rA!), rB // Mem16 [rA] = rB[31:16];
                                                                                              rA += Sext(I)
010100 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO 0000 \rightarrow 1.sw I(rA!), rB // Mem32 [rA] = rB[31:0];
                                                                                              rA += Sext(I)
Store: l.s{TT}{PP} (rD)(rA!), rB TT:{b,h,w} PP:{,1,2,3}
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 TTPP -> Register Offset
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1100 -> 1.sb rD(rA!), rB // Mem8 [rA] = rB[ 7: 0];
                                                                                              rA += rD
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1101 -> l.sb1 rD(rA!), rB // Mem8 [rA] = rB[15: 8];
                                                                                              rA += rD
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1110 -> l.sb2 rD(rA!), rB // Mem8 [rA] = rB[23:16];
                                                                                              rA += rD
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1111 -> 1.sb3 rD(rA!), rB // Mem8 [rA] = rB[31:24];
                                                                                              rA += rD
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1000 -> 1.sh rD(rA!), rB // Mem16 [rA] = rB[15: 0];
                                                                                              rA += rD
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1010 -> 1.sh1 rD(rA!), rB // Mem16 [rA] = rB[31:16];
                                                                                              rA += rD
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 0000 -> 1.sw rD(rA!), rB // Mem32 [rA] = rB[31: 0];
                                                                                              rA += rD
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#### B.2. Pre-Increment Instructions

```
Load: 1.1\{TT\}\{E\}\{P\}\ rD, (I)(!rA)\ TT:\{b,h,w\}\ E:\{s,z\}\ P:\{,h\}
010111 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII II II II TTEP -> Signed Immediate offset (11 bits)
010111 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II IO 1110 -> 1.1bs rD, I(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem8 [rA + Sext(I)]);
                                                                                                         rA += Sext(I)
010111 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II II 10 1100 -> 1.lbz rD, I(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem8 [rA + Sext(I)]);
                                                                                                         rA += Sext(I)
                                                                                                         rA += Sext(I)
010111 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II IO 1010 -> l.lhs rD, I(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem16[rA + Sext(I)]);
010111 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II IO 1000 -> 1.lhz rD, I(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem16[rA + Sext(I)]);
                                                                                                         rA += Sext(I)
010111 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II IO 0010 -> 1.lws rD, I(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA + Sext(I)];
                                                                                                         rA += Sext(I)
010111 DDDDD AAAAA IIIII III II IO 0000 -> 1.1wz rD, I(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA + Sext(I)];
                                                                                                         rA += Sext(I)
Load: 1.1{TT}{E}{P} rD, (rB)(!rA) TT:{b,h,w} E:{s,z} P:{,h}
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 TTEP -> Register offset
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1110 -> 1.lbs rD, rB(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem8 [rA + rB]);
                                                                                                    rA += rB
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1100 -> 1.1bz rD, rB(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem8 [rA + rB]);
                                                                                                    rA += rB
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1010 -> 1.lhs rD, rB(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem16[rA + rB]);
                                                                                                    rA += rB
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1000 -> 1.lhz rD, rB(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem16[rA + rB]);
                                                                                                    rA += rB
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 0010 -> 1.lws rD, rB(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA + rB];
                                                                                                    rA += rB
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 0000 -> 1.1wz rD, rB(!rA) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA + rB];
                                                                                                    rA += rB
```

```
Store: l.s{TT}{PP} (I)(!rA), rB TT:{b,h,w} PP:{,1,2,3}
010101 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO TTPP -> Signed Immediate Offset (11 bits)
010101 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II I0 1100 -> 1.sb I(!rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + Sext(I)] = rB[ 7: 0];
                                                                                                       rA += Sext(I)
010101 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO 1101 -> 1.sb1 I(!rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + Sext(I)] = rB[15: 8];
                                                                                                       rA += Sext(I)
010101 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II I0 1110 -> 1.sb2 I(!rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + Sext(I)] = rB[23:16];
                                                                                                       rA += Sext(I)
010101 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO 1111 -> 1.sb3 I(!rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + Sext(I)] = rB[31:24];
                                                                                                       rA += Sext(I)
010101 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II 10 1000 -> 1.sh I(!rA), rB // Mem16 [rA + Sext(I)] = rB[15:0];
                                                                                                       rA += Sext(I)
010101 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO 1010 -> l.sh1 I(!rA), rB // Mem16 [rA + Sext(I)] = rB[31:16];
                                                                                                       rA += Sext(I)
010101 IIIII AAAAA BBBBB III II IO 0000 -> 1.sw I(!rA), rB // Mem32 [rA + Sext(I)] = rB[31:0];
                                                                                                       rA += Sext(I)
Store: l.s{TT}{PP} (rD)(!rA), rB TT:{b,h,w} PP:{,1,2,3}
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 TTPP -> Register Offset
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1100 -> 1.sb rD(!rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + rD] = rB[ 7: 0];
                                                                                                   rA += rD
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1101 -> 1.sb1 rD(!rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + rD] = rB[15: 8];
                                                                                                   rA += rD
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1110 -> 1.sb2 rD(!rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + rD] = rB[23:16];
                                                                                                   rA += rD
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1111 -> 1.sb3 rD(!rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + rD] = rB[31:24];
                                                                                                   rA += rD
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1000 -> l.sh rD(!rA), rB // Mem16 [rA + rD] = rB[15: 0];
                                                                                                   rA += rD
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 1010 -> 1.sh1 rD(!rA), rB // Mem16 [rA + rD] = rB[31:16];
                                                                                                   rA += rD
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 11 0000 -> 1.sw rD(!rA), rB // Mem32 [rA + rD] = rB[31: 0];
                                                                                                   rA += rD
```

# B.3. Register-Register Loads/Stores

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```
Load: l.l\{TT\}\{E\} rD, (rB)(rA) TT:\{b,h,w\} E:\{s,z\}
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 TTEP -> Register offset
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1110 -> 1.1bs rD, rB(rA) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem8 [rA + rB]);
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1100 -> 1.1bz rD, rB(rA) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem8 [rA + rB]);
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1010 -> 1.lhs rD, rB(rA) // rD[31:0] = Sext(Mem16[rA + rB]);
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1000 -> 1.lhz rD, rB(rA) // rD[31:0] = Zext(Mem16[rA + rB]);
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 0010 -> 1.lws rD, rB(rA) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA + rB];
010111 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 0000 -> 1.1wz rD, rB(rA) // rD[31:0] = Mem32[rA + rB];
Store: l.s{TT}{PP} (rD)(rA!), rB TT:{b,h,w} PP:{,1,2,3}
010100 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 TTPP -> Register Offset
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1100 -> 1.sb rD(rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + rD] = rB[ 7: 0];
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1101 -> l.sb1 rD(rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + rD] = rB[15: 8];
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1110 -> l.sb2 rD(rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + rD] = rB[23:16];
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1111 -> 1.sb3 rD(rA), rB // Mem8 [rA + rD] = rB[31:24];
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1000 -> 1.sh rD(rA), rB // Mem16 [rA + rD] = rB[15: 0];
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 1010 -> 1.sh1 rD(rA), rB // Mem16 [rA + rD] = rB[31:16];
010101 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- -- 01 0000 -> 1.sw rD(rA), rB // Mem32 [rA + rD] = rB[31: 0];
```

## B.4. Min, Max, Abs, Avg

Enable in llvm with: -mcrtl

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Comment: min, minu, max, maxu, abs: All those instructions come for free as the vectorial instructions from VII already provide the data path changes

```
Avg:
111000 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB -10 -- -- 0100 -> l.avg rD, rA, rB // rD = (rA + rB) >> 1 (arithmetic shift right)
Avgu:
111000 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB -10 -- -- 0101 -> l.avgu rD, rA, rB // rD = (rA + rB) >> 1
```

Comment: avg, avgu come for free because of vectorial instructions

#### **B.5.** Vectorial Instructions

#### **B.5.1.** Vectorial ALU Instructions

Enable in llvm with: -mlv32

```
Prefix Bit 31..26 -> 00 1010
                  -> Vector size,
Bit 0
           0: 2 16 bits elements
           1: 4 8 bits elements
Bit 1..5
                  -> Vector op code
                  -> Right operand type:
Bit 6..7
         00: Vector of same size than left operand
         01: Scalar in register used as a vector (scalar replication)
         10: Immediate scalar used as a vector (scalar replication), KKK: 9 signed bits Bit 7...15
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00000 0 -> lv.add.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi + rB_hi
 00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00000 0 -> lv.add.h.sc
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi + rB_h0
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00000 0 -> lv.add.h.sci
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi + extS(K)
 00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00000 1 -> lv.add.b
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi + rB_bi
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00000 1 -> lv.add.b.sc
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi + rB_b0
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00000 1 -> lv.add.b.sci
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi + extS(K)
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi - rB_hi
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00001 0 -> lv.sub.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi - rB_h0
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00001 0 -> lv.sub.h.sc
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00001 0 -> lv.sub.h.sci
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi - extS(K)
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00001 1 -> lv.sub.b
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi - rB_bi
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00001 1 -> lv.sub.b.sc
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi - rB_b0
  00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00001 1 -> lv.sub.b.sci
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi - extS(K)
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00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00010 0 -> lv.avg.h
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = (rA_hi + rB_hi) >> 1
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00010 0 -> lv.avg.h.sc
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = (rA_hi + rB_h0) >> 1
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00010 0 -> lv.avg.h.sci
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = (rA_hi + extS(K)) >> 1
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00010 1 -> lv.avg.b
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = (rA_bi + rB_bi) >> 1
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00010 1 -> lv.avg.b.sc
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = (rA_bi + rB_b0) >> 1
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00010 1 -> lv.avg.b.sci
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = (rA_bi + extS(K)) >> 1
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00011 0 -> lv.min.h
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = min(rA_hi, rB_hi)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00011 0 -> lv.min.h.sc
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = min(rA_hi, rB_h0)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00011 0 -> lv.min.h.sci
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = min(rA_hi, extS(K))
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00011 1 -> lv.min.b
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = min(rA_bi, rB_bi)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00011 1 -> lv.min.b.sc
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = min(rA_bi, rB_b0)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00011 1 -> lv.min.b.sci
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = min(rA_bi, extS(K))
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00100 0 -> lv.max.h
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = max(rA_hi, rB_hi)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00100 0 -> lv.max.h.sc
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = max(rA_hi, rB_h0)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00100 0 -> lv.max.h.sci
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = max(rA_hi, extS(K))
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00100 1 -> lv.max.b
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = max(rA_bi, rB_bi)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00100 1 -> lv.max.b.sc
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = max(rA_bi, rB_b0)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00100 1 -> lv.max.b.sci
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = max(rA_bi, extS(K))
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00101 0 -> lv.srl.h
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi >> rB_hi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00101 0 -> lv.srl.h.sc
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi >> rB_h0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA ----K KKK 10 00101 0 -> lv.srl.h.sci
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi >> K
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00101 1 -> lv.srl.b
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi >> rB_bi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00101 1 -> lv.srl.b.sc
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi >> rB_b0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA ---- KKK 10 00101 1 -> lv.srl.b.sci
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi >> K
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00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00110 0 -> lv.sra.h
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi >>> rB_hi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00110 0 -> lv.sra.h.sc
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi >>> rB_h0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA ----K KKK 10 00110 0 -> lv.sra.h.sci
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi >>> K
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00110 1 -> lv.sra.b
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi >>> rB_bi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00110 1 -> lv.sra.b.sc
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi >>> rB_b0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA ----- KKK 10 00110 1 -> lv.sra.b.sci
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi >>> K
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00111 0 -> lv.sll.h
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi << rB_hi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00111 0 -> lv.sll.h.sc
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi << rB_h0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA ----K KKK 10 00111 0 -> lv.sll.h.sci
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi << K
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00111 1 -> lv.sll.b
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi << rB_bi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00111 1 -> lv.sll.b.sc
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi << rB_b0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA ----- KKK 10 00111 1 -> lv.sll.b.sci
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi << K
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01000 0 -> lv.mul.h
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi * rB_hi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01000 0 -> lv.mul.h.sc
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi * rB_h0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01000 0 -> lv.mul.h.sci
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi * extS(K)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01000 1 -> lv.mul.b
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi * rB_bi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01000 1 -> lv.mul.b.sc
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi * rB_b0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01000 1 -> lv.mul.b.sci
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi * extS(K)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01001 0 -> lv.or.h
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi OR rB_hi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01001 0 -> lv.or.h.sc
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi OR rB_h0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01001 0 -> lv.or.h.sci
                                                             // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi OR extS(K)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01001 1 -> lv.or.b
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi OR rB_bi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01001 1 -> lv.or.b.sc
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi OR rB_b0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01001 1 -> lv.or.b.sci
                                                             // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi OR extS(K)
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      00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01010 0 -> lv.xor.h
      // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi XOR rB_hi

      00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01010 0 -> lv.xor.h.sc
      // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi XOR rB_ho

      00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01010 0 -> lv.xor.h.sci
      // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi XOR rB_ho

      00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01010 1 -> lv.xor.b
      // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi XOR rB_bi

      00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01010 1 -> lv.xor.b.sc
      // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi XOR rB_bo

      00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01010 1 -> lv.xor.b.sci
      // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi XOR extS(K)
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00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01011 0 -> lv.and.h
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi AND rB_hi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01011 0 -> lv.and.h.sc
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi AND rB_h0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01011 0 -> lv.and.h.sci
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rA_hi AND extS(K)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01011 1 -> lv.and.b
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi AND rB_bi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01011 1 -> lv.and.b.sc
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi AND rB_b0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01011 1 -> lv.and.b.sci
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rA_bi AND extS(K)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --L 01 01100 0 -> lv.ins.h rD, rA, rB, L // rD[other] = rA; rD[((L+1) * 16)-1 : L * 16)] = rB[15:0]
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB -LL 01 01100 1 -> lv.ins.b rD, rA, rB, L // rD[other] = rA; rD[((L+1) * 8)-1 : L * 8)] = rB[7:0]
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01101 0 -> lv.mac.h
                                                           // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rD_hi + rA_hi * rB_hi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01101 0 -> lv.mac.h.sc
                                                           // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rD_hi + rA_hi * rB_h0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01101 0 -> lv.mac.h.sci
                                                           // [i=1..0] rD_hi = rD_hi + rA_hi * extS(K)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01101 1 -> lv.mac.b
                                                           // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rD_bi + rA_bi * rB_bi
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01101 1 -> lv.mac.b.sc
                                                           // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rD_bi + rA_bi * rB_b0
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01101 1 -> lv.mac.b.sci
                                                           // [i=3..0] rD_bi = rD_bi + rA_bi * extS(K)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA 00000 --- 00 10000 0 -> lv.abs.h
                                                                // [i=1..0] rD_hi = abs(rA_hi)
                                                                // [i=3..0] rD_bi = abs(rA_bi)
00 1010 DDDDD AAAAA 00000 --- 00 10000 1 -> lv.abs.b
00 1100 DDDDD AAAAA ---- --L 00 10001 0 -> lv.ext.h rD, rA, L // rD[31:0] = extS(rA[((L+1) * 16)-1 : L * 16)])
00 1100 DDDDD AAAAA ---- -LL 00 10001 1 -> lv.ext.b rD, rA, L // rD[31:0] = extS(rA[((L+1) * 8)-1 : L * 8)])
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Comment: - min, max, avg are currently only planned with signed numbers [unsigned versions could be added]

#### B.5.2. Vectorial Comparison Instructions

Enable in llvm with: -mlv32

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// [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi == rB_hi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00000 0 -> lv.cmp_eq.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi == rB_h0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00000 0 -> lv.cmp_eq.h.sc
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00000 0 -> lv.cmp_eq.h.sci
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi == extS(K))
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00000 1 -> lv.cmp_eq.b
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == rB_bi)
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == rB_b0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00000 1 -> lv.cmp_eq.b.sc
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == extS(K))
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00000 1 -> lv.cmp_eq.b.sci
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00001 0 -> lv.cmp_ne.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != rB_hi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00001 0 -> lv.cmp_ne.h.sc
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != rB_h0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00001 0 -> lv.cmp_ne.h.sci
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != extS(K))
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != rB_bi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00001 1 -> lv.cmp_ne.b
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00001 1 -> lv.cmp_ne.b.sc
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != rB_b0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00001 1 -> lv.cmp_ne.b.sci
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != extS(K))
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi > rB_hi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00010 0 -> lv.cmp_gt.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi > rB_h0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00010 0 -> lv.cmp_gt.h.sc
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi > extS(K))
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00010 0 -> lv.cmp_gt.h.sci
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > rB_bi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00010 1 -> lv.cmp_gt.b
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00010 1 -> lv.cmp_gt.b.sc
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > rB_b0)
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > extS(K))
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00010 1 -> lv.cmp_gt.b.sci
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00011 0 -> lv.cmp_ge.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi >= rB_hi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00011 0 -> lv.cmp_ge.h.sc
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi >= rB_h0)
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi >= extS(K))
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00011 0 -> lv.cmp_ge.h.sci
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// [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi >= rB_b0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00011 1 -> lv.cmp_ge.b.sc
                                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi >= extS(K))
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00011 1 -> lv.cmp_ge.b.sci
                                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < rB_hi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00100 0 -> lv.cmp_lt.h
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00100 0 -> lv.cmp_lt.h.sc
                                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < rB_h0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00100 0 -> lv.cmp_lt.h.sci
                                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < extS(K))
                                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < rB_bi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00100 1 -> lv.cmp_lt.b
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00100 1 -> lv.cmp_lt.b.sc
                                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < rB_b0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00100 1 -> lv.cmp_lt.b.sci
                                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < extS(K))
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00101 0 -> lv.cmp_le.h
                                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi <= rB_hi)
                                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi <= rB_h0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00101 0 -> lv.cmp_le.h.sc
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00101 0 -> lv.cmp_le.h.sci
                                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi <= extS(K))
                                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= rB_bi)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00101 1 -> lv.cmp_le.b
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 00101 1 -> lv.cmp_le.b.sc
                                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= rB_b0)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 00101 1 -> lv.cmp_le.b.sci
                                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= extS(K))
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01000 0 -> lv.any_eq.h
                                                        // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi == rB_hi);
                                                        // flag = rA_h1 == rB_h1 || rA_h0 == rB_h0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01000 0 -> lv.any_eq.h.sc
                                                        // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi == rB_h0);
                                                        // flag = rA_h1 == rB_h0 || rA_h0 == rB_h0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01000 0 -> lv.any_eq.h.sci
                                                        // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi == extS(K));
                                                        // flag = rA_h1 == extS(K) || rA_h0 == extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01000 1 -> lv.any_eq.b
                                                        // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == rB_bi);
                                                        // flag = rA_b3 == rB_b3 || rA_b2 == rB_b2 || rA_b1 == rB_b1 || rA_b0 == rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01000 1 -> lv.any_eq.b.sc
                                                        // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == rB_b0);
                                                        // flag = rA_b3 == rB_b0 || rA_b2 == rB_b0 || rA_b1 == rB_b0 || rA_b0 == rB_b0;
                                                       // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == extS(K));
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01000 1 -> lv.any_eq.b.sci
                                                        // flag = rA_b3 == extS(K) || rA_b2 == extS(K) || rA_b1 == extS(K) || rA_b0 == extS(K);
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// [i=3..0] rD\_bi = repl(rA\_bi >= rB\_bi)

00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 00011 1 -> lv.cmp\_ge.b

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00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01001 0 -> lv.any_ne.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != rB_hi);
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 != rB_h1 || rA_h0 != rB_h0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01001 0 -> lv.any_ne.h.sc
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != rB_h0);
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 != rB_h0 || rA_h0 != rB_h0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01001 0 -> lv.any_ne.h.sci
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != extS(K));
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 != extS(K) || rA_h0 != extS(K);
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != rB_bi);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01001 1 -> lv.any_ne.b
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 != rB_b3 || rA_b2 != rB_b2 || rA_b1 != rB_b1 || rA_b0 != rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01001 1 -> lv.anv_ne.b.sc
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != rB_b0);
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 != rB_b0 || rA_b2 != rB_b0 || rA_b1 != rB_b0 || rA_b0 != rB_b0;
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != extS(K));
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01001 1 -> lv.any_ne.b.sci
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 != extS(K) || rA_b2 != extS(K) || rA_b1 != extS(K) || rA_b0 != extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01010 0 -> lv.any_gt.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi > rB_hi);
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 > rB_h1 || rA_h0 > rB_h0;
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi > rB_h0);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01010 0 -> lv.anv_gt.h.sc
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 > rB_h0 || rA_h0 > rB_h0;
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD hi = repl(rA hi > extS(K));
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01010 0 -> lv.any_gt.h.sci
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 > extS(K) || rA_h0 > extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01010 1 -> lv.any_gt.b
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > rB_bi);
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 > rB_b3 | | rA_b2 > rB_b2 | | rA_b1 > rB_b1 | | rA_b0 > rB_b0;
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > rB_b0);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01010 1 -> lv.any_gt.b.sc
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 > rB_b0 | | rA_b2 > rB_b0 | | rA_b1 > rB_b0 | | rA_b0 > rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01010 1 -> lv.any_gt.b.sci
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > extS(K));
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 > extS(K) || rA_b2 > extS(K) || rA_b1 > extS(K) || rA_b0 > extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01011 0 -> lv.any_ge.h
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi >= rB_hi);
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 >= rB_h1 || rA_h0 >= rB_h0; rD = repl(flag)
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi >= rB_h0);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01011 0 -> lv.any_ge.h.sc
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 >= rB_h0 || rA_h0 >= rB_h0; rD = repl(flag)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01011 0 -> lv.any_ge.h.sci
                                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi >= extS(K));
                                                               // flag = rA_h1 >= extS(K) || rA_h0 >= extS(K); rD = repl(flag)
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01011 1 -> lv.any_ge.b
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi >= rB_bi);
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 >= rB_b3 || rA_b2 >= rB_b2
                                                                                                             | | rA_b1 \rangle = rB_b1
                                                                                                                                 | | rA_b0 \rangle = rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01011 1 -> lv.any_ge.b.sc
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi >= rB_b0);
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 >= rB_b0 || rA_b2 >= rB_b0
                                                                                                             | | rA_b1 \rangle = rB_b0
                                                                                                                                | | rA_b0 \rangle = rB_b0;
                                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi >= extS(K));
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01011 1 -> lv.any_ge.b.sci
                                                               // flag = rA_b3 >= extS(K) || rA_b2 >= extS(K) || rA_b1 >= extS(K) || rA_b0 >= extS(K);
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00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01100 0 -> lv.any_lt.h
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < rB_hi);
                                                            // flag = rA_h1 < rB_h1 || rA_h0 < rB_h0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01100 0 -> lv.any_lt.h.sc
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < rB_h0);
                                                            // flag = rA_h1 < rB_h0 || rA_h0 < rB_h0;
                                                            // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < extS(K));
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01100 0 -> lv.any_lt.h.sci
                                                            // flag = rA_h1 < extS(K) || rA_h0 < extS(K);</pre>
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01100 1 -> lv.any_lt.b
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < rB_bi);
                                                            // flag = rA_b3 < rB_b3 || rA_b2 < rB_b2 || rA_b1 < rB_b1 || rA_b0 < rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01100 1 -> lv.any_lt.b.sc
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < rB_b0);
                                                            // flag = rA_b3 < rB_b0 || rA_b2 < rB_b0
                                                                                                       00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01100 1 -> lv.any_lt.b.sci
                                                            // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < extS(K));</pre>
                                                            // flag = rA_b3 < extS(K) || rA_b2 < extS(K) || rA_b1 < extS(K) || rA_b0 < extS(K);
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00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01101 0 -> lv.any_le.h
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi <= rB_hi);</pre>
                                                     // flag = rA_h1 <= rB_h1 || rA_h0 <= rB_h0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01101 0 -> lv.any_le.h.sc
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi <= rB_h0);
                                                     // flag = rA_h1 <= rB_h0 || rA_h0 <= rB_h0;
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi <= extS(K));</pre>
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01101 0 -> lv.any_le.h.sci
                                                     // flag = rA_h1 <= extS(K) || rA_h0 <= extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 01101 1 -> lv.any_le.b
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= rB_bi);
                                                     // flag = rA_b3 <= rB_b3 || rA_b2 <= rB_b2 || rA_b1 <= rB_b1 || rA_b0 <= rB_b0;
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= rB_b0);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 01101 1 -> lv.anv_le.b.sc
                                                     // flag = rA_b3 <= rB_b0 || rA_b2 <= rB_b0 || rA_b1 <= rB_b0 || rA_b0 <= rB_b0;
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= extS(K));</pre>
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 01101 1 -> lv.any_le.b.sci
                                                     // flag = rA_b3 <= extS(K) || rA_b2 <= extS(K) || rA_b1 <= extS(K) || rA_b0 <= extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10000 0 -> lv.all_eq.h
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi == rB_hi);
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi == rB_h0);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10000 0 -> lv.all_eq.h.sc
                                                     00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10000 0 -> lv.all_eq.h.sci
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD hi = repl(rA hi == extS(K)):
                                                     // flag = rA_h1 == extS(K) && rA_h0 == extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10000 1 -> lv.all_eq.b
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == rB_bi);
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == rB_b0);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10000 1 -> lv.all_eq.b.sc
                                                     00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10000 1 -> lv.all_eq.b.sci
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi == extS(K));
                                                     // flag = rA_b3 == extS(K) && rA_b2 == extS(K) && rA_b1 == extS(K) && rA_b0 == extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10001 0 -> lv.all_ne.h
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != rB_hi);
                                                     00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10001 0 -> lv.all ne.h.sc
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != rB_h0);
                                                     00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10001 0 -> lv.all ne.h.sci
                                                     // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi != extS(K));
                                                     // flag = rA_h1 != extS(K) && rA_h0 != extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10001 1 -> lv.all_ne.b
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != rB_bi);
                                                     00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10001 1 -> lv.all ne.b.sc
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != rB_b0);
                                                     && rA_b1 != rB_b0
                                                                                                             && rA_b0 != rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10001 1 -> lv.all_ne.b.sci
                                                     // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi != extS(K));
                                                     // flag = rA_b3 != extS(K) && rA_b2 != extS(K) && rA_b1 != extS(K) && rA_b0 != extS(K);
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00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10010 0 -> lv.all_gt.h
                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi > rB_hi);
                                                   00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10010 0 -> lv.all_gt.h.sc
                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi > rB_h0);
                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi > extS(K));
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10010 0 -> lv.all_gt.h.sci
                                                   // flag = rA_h1 > extS(K) && rA_h0 > extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10010 1 -> lv.all_gt.b
                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > rB_bi);
                                                   && rA_b1 > rB_b1 && rA_b0 > rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10010 1 -> lv.all_gt.b.sc
                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > rB_b0);
                                                                                        && rA_b1 > rB_b0 && rA_b0 > rB_b0;
                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi > extS(K));
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10010 1 -> lv.all_gt.b.sci
                                                   // flag = rA_b3 > extS(K) && rA_b2 > extS(K) && rA_b1 > extS(K) && rA_b0 > extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10011 0 -> lv.all_ge.h
                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi >= rB_hi);
                                                   // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi >= rB_h0);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10011 0 -> lv.all_ge.h.sc
                                                   00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10011 0 -> lv.all_ge.h.sci
                                                   // [i=1..0] rD hi = repl(rA hi >= extS(K)):
                                                   // flag = rA_h1 >= extS(K) && rA_h0 >= extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10011 1 -> lv.all_ge.b
                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi >= rB_bi);
                                                   && rA_b1 >= rB_b1 && rA_b0 >= rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10011 1 -> lv.all_ge.b.sc
                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi >= rB_b0);
                                                   && rA_b1 >= rB_b0
                                                                                                          && rA_b0 >= rB_b0;
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10011 1 -> lv.all_ge.b.sci
                                                   // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi >= extS(K));
                                                   // flag = rA_b3 >= extS(K) && rA_b2 >= extS(K) && rA_b1 >= extS(K) && rA_b0 >= extS(K);
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00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10100 0 -> lv.all_lt.h
                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < rB_hi);
                                               00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10100 0 -> lv.all_lt.h.sc
                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < rB_h0);
                                               00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10100 0 -> lv.all_lt.h.sci
                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi < extS(K));</pre>
                                               // flag = rA_h1 < extS(K) && rA_h0 < extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10100 1 -> lv.all_lt.b
                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < rB_bi);
                                               00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10100 1 -> lv.all_lt.b.sc
                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < rB_b0);
                                               00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10100 1 -> lv.all lt.b.sci
                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi < extS(K));</pre>
                                               // flag = rA_b3 < extS(K) && rA_b2 < extS(K) && rA_b1 < extS(K) && rA_b0 < extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10101 0 -> lv.all_le.h
                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi <= rB_hi);
                                               00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10101 0 -> lv.all_le.h.sc
                                               // [i=1..0] rD_hi = repl(rA_hi <= rB_h0);
                                               // [i=1..0] rD hi = repl(rA hi <= extS(K)):
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10101 0 -> lv.all le.h.sci
                                               // flag = rA_h1 <= extS(K) && rA_h0 <= extS(K);
00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 00 10101 1 -> lv.all_le.b
                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= rB_bi);
                                               00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- 01 10101 1 -> lv.all le.b.sc
                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= rB_b0);
                                               00 1011 DDDDD AAAAA KKKKK KKK 10 10101 1 -> lv.all le.b.sci
                                               // [i=3..0] rD_bi = repl(rA_bi <= extS(K));</pre>
                                               // flag = rA_b3 <= extS(K) && rA_b2 <= extS(K) && rA_b1 <= extS(K) && rA_b0 <= extS(K);
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# B.6. Hardware Loops

2 hardware loop levels are supported

Bit 0

### B.7. New MAC

Reuse the OR1k MAC opcode

```
11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 000 1000 -> 1.mac rD, rA, rB
                                                                 // rD[31:0] = rD[31:0] + (rA[31:0] * rB[31:0])
11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 000 1001 -> 1.macc rD, rA, rB
                                                                // rD[31:0] = rD[31:0] + (rA[31:0] * rB[31:0]) + carry
```

Comment: l.mac, l.macc and also set the carry and overflow flags when a carry or overflow occurs in the addition stage

Comment: The original instructions l.mac, l.macu, l.maci, l.macrc will no longer be supported. The MACLO and MACHI special purpose registers are removed.

Additional instructions: 16x16 bit multiplications/mac with 32 bit result

Use Carry

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Instruction Set Extensions -
Bit 1..2
              Subword Selection
Bit 3..4
              Signed/Unsigned for both subwords
Bit 5..6
              Subopcode
                                                                    11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 01 11 00 0 -> l.mac.sl.sl rD, rA, rB
11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 01 11 10 0 -> 1.mac.sh.sl rD, rA, rB
11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 01 11 11 0 -> 1.mac.sh.sh rD, rA, rB
                                                                    // rD[31:0] = rD[31:0] + (Zext(rA[15:0]) * Zext(rB[15:0]))
11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 01 00 00 0 -> l.mac.zl.zl rD, rA, rB
11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 01 00 10 0 -> 1.mac.zh.zl rD, rA, rB
                                                                    // rD[31:0] = rD[31:0] + (Zext(rA[31:16]) * Zext(rB[15:0]))
                                                                    // rD[31:0] = rD[31:0] + (Zext(rA[31:16]) * Zext(rB[31:16]))
11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 01 00 11 0 -> 1.mac.zh.zh rD, rA, rB
                                                                   // rD[31:0] = rD[31:0] + (Sext(rA[31:16]) * Zext(rB[15:0]))
11 0001 DDDDD AAAAA BBBBB --- - 01 10 10 0 -> l.mac.sh.zl rD, rA, rB
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The same but with carry in

Comment: l.mac.\* instructions all set the carry and overflow flags when a carry or overflow occurs in the addition stage

#### Non MAC variants

# B.8. Bit Counting Operations

Comment: 1.ff1 and 1.ff1 from the OpenRISC specifications are also supported

B. Instruction Set Extensions - Encoding

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