

Additional proofs for the UEFI Image Loader project

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Definition. B-bit alignment safety predicate.

$$asafe_B(v, a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0 \leq v, a < 2^B \wedge (\exists i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : 2^i = a) \wedge v + (a - 1) < 2^B$$

Theorem 1. When the B-bit alignment safety predicate does not hold for value v and alignment $a = 2^i$, v aligned by a does not fit B bits.

$$a < 2^B \leq v + (a - 1) \Rightarrow 2^B \leq (v + (a - 1)) - ((v + (a - 1)) \bmod a)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^i < 2^B \leq v + (2^i - 1) \\ \Leftrightarrow & 2^i < 2^B \leq v + (2^i - 1) \wedge ((v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B) \bmod 2^i \leq (v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B \\ \Leftrightarrow & 2^i < 2^B \leq v + (2^i - 1) \wedge ((v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B) \bmod 2^i \bmod 2^i \leq (v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B \\ \Leftrightarrow & 2^i < 2^B \leq v + (2^i - 1) \wedge (((v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B) \bmod 2^i + 2^B \bmod 2^i) \bmod 2^i \leq (v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B \\ \Leftrightarrow & 2^i < 2^B \leq v + (2^i - 1) \wedge ((v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B + 2^B) \bmod 2^i \leq (v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B \\ \Leftrightarrow & 2^i < 2^B \leq v + (2^i - 1) \wedge (v + (2^i - 1)) \bmod 2^i \leq (v + (2^i - 1)) - 2^B \\ \Leftrightarrow & 2^i < 2^B \leq v + (2^i - 1) \wedge 2^B \leq (v + (2^i - 1)) - (v + (2^i - 1)) \bmod 2^i \\ \Leftrightarrow & a < 2^B \leq v + (a - 1) \wedge 2^B \leq (v + (a - 1)) - (v + (a - 1)) \bmod a \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 1. Every power of two is the successor of the sum of all lesser powers of two.

Proof. We proceed using induction.

Base case: $2^0 = 1 = \sum_{j=0}^{0-1} 2^j + 1$

Induction step: $2^i = 2 \cdot 2^{i-1} = 2 \cdot (\sum_{j=0}^{i-2} 2^j + 1) = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 2^j + 2 = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 2^j + 1$

□

Definition. Binary bit test.

$$bt(v, i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((v \div 2^i) \bmod 2 = 1)$$

Definition. Binary set representation.

$$\begin{aligned} b2s(a) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid bt(a, i)\} \\ s2b(A) & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i \in A} 2^i \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2. The binary set representation is a correct decomposition.

Proof. The correctness follows directly from the definition of base 2.

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Definition. Binary division set.

$$bdiv(a, i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b2s(a) \cap \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid i \leq j\}$$

Definition. Binary remainder set.

$$brem(a, i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b2s(a) \cap \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid j < i\}$$

Lemma 1. For an arbitrary value a and a power of two $b = 2^i$, the binary division $div(a, i)$ and remainder $brem(a, i)$ sets are the power of two decomposition of $a - a \bmod b$ and $a \bmod b$.

Proof. We show that the division and remainder sets are disjunct and their union is the decomposition of a .

$$\begin{aligned} bdiv(a, i) \cap brem(a, i) &= (b2s(a) \cap \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid i \leq j\}) \cap (b2s(a) \cap \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid j < i\}) = b2s(a) \cap \emptyset = \emptyset \\ bdiv(a, i) \cup brem(a, i) &= (b2s(a) \cap \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid i \leq j\}) \cup (b2s(a) \cap \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid j < i\}) = b2s(a) \cap \mathbb{N}_0 = b2s(a) \\ s2b(bdiv(a, i)) + s2b(brem(a, i)) &= \sum_{j \in bdiv(a, i)} 2^j + \sum_{j \in brem(a, i)} 2^j = s2b(a) \end{aligned}$$

We derive from **Proposition 1** that there is no sum of powers of two involving a power of two less than 2^i that is $0 \bmod 2^i$. Hence, $bdiv(a, i)$ corresponds to the division set if and only if the following holds:

$$\forall j \in b2s(a) : j \in bdiv(a, i) \Leftrightarrow 2^j \bmod 2^i = 0$$

We first show that $\forall j \in b2s(a) : j \in bdiv(a, i) \Rightarrow 2^j \bmod 2^i = 0$ holds.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall j \in \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid i \leq j\} : 2^i \leq 2^j &\Leftrightarrow \forall j \in \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid i \leq j\} : 2^j \bmod 2^i = 0 \\ bdiv(a, i) \subseteq \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid i \leq j\} &\Rightarrow \forall j \in b2s(a) : j \in bdiv(a, i) \Rightarrow 2^j \bmod 2^i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now we show that $\forall j \in b2s(a) : 2^j \bmod 2^i = 0 \Rightarrow j \in bdiv(a, i)$ holds.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall j \in \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid j < i\} : 2^j < 2^i &\Leftrightarrow \forall j \in \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid j < i\} : 2^j \bmod 2^i \neq 0 \\ b2s(a) \setminus bdiv(a, i) \subseteq \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid j < i\} &\Rightarrow \forall j \in b2s(a) : j \in b2s(a) \setminus bdiv(a, i) \Rightarrow 2^j \bmod 2^i \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the division set is the decomposition of $a - a \bmod b$. Because the division and the remainder sets are disjunct and their union is the decomposition of a , it follows that the remainder set is the decomposition of $a \bmod b$. \square

Definition. Binary AND operation.

$$a \& b \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} s2b(b2s(a) \cap b2s(b))$$

Definition. Binary NOT operation.

$$\sim a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} s2b(\{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid \neg bt(a, i)\})$$

Lemma 2. The set of bit indices of a power of two a minus 1 is the set of all natural numbers less than i .

Proof.

$$a - 1 = 2^i - 1 = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 2^j = s2b(\{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid j < i\})$$

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Theorem 2. For an arbitrary value a and a power of two $b = 2^i$, the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned} a - a \bmod b &= a \& \sim (b - 1) \\ a \bmod b &= a \& (b - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} a \bmod b &= a \bmod 2^i = s2b(brem(a, i)) = s2b(b2s(v) \cap \{j \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid j < i\}) = s2b(b2s(v) \cap b2s(b - 1)) = a \& (b - 1) \\ a - a \bmod b &= s2b(b2s(a) \setminus b2s(a \bmod b)) = s2b(b2s(a) \setminus (b2s(v) \cap b2s(b - 1))) = s2b(b2s(v) \cap \sim b2s(b - 1)) \\ &= a \& \sim (b - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 3. *For all positive values, if its binary set representation and that of its predecessor are disjunct, it is a power of two.*

$$0 < v \wedge b2s(v) \cap b2s(v-1) = \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x$$

Proof. We proceed with a proof by contradiction. Assume we have a value v that is not the predecessor of a power of two. Then $b2s(v)$ is non-consecutive as per **Proposition 1**. We can further decompose $v = u + w$ such that u is the predecessor of the lowest power of two that is not part of the decomposition of v and $w = v - u$. Please note that w cannot be 0 as otherwise v would be the predecessor of a power of two. $u + 1$ then yields a power of two that is not part of the decomposition of v and in consequence is not part of the decomposition of w . Hence, it holds that $v + 1 = u + w + 1 = s2b(b2s(u + 1) \cup b2s(w))$. It is obvious that $b2s(v)$ and $b2s(v + 1)$ are not disjunct. \square

Definition. power of two classification predicate.

$$is_pow2(v) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0 < v \wedge v \& (v - 1) = 0$$

Theorem 3. *The power of two classification predicate holds if and only if its operand is a power of two.*

$$is_pow2(v) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 < v \wedge b2s(v) \cap b2s(v-1) = \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x \\ \Leftrightarrow & 0 < v \wedge s2b(b2s(v) \cap b2s(v-1)) = 0 \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x \\ \Leftrightarrow & 0 < v \wedge v \& (v - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x \\ \Leftrightarrow & is_pow2(v) \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x \\ & \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x \Rightarrow 0 < v \\ \Leftrightarrow & \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x \Rightarrow 0 < v \wedge v \bmod v = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x \Rightarrow 0 < v \wedge v \& (v - 1) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \exists x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : v = 2^x \Rightarrow is_pow2(v) \end{aligned}$$

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