FLOATING POINT

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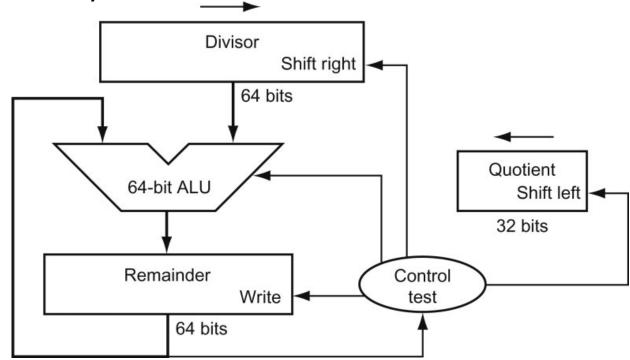
Overview

- Notes
 - Homework 5 is due tonight
 - Do not try to modify the given pseudocodes
 - No class on Tuesday Feb 19th
 - Midterm on Thursday Feb 21st
 - In class, including today's lecture

- This lecture
 - Floating point

Hardware for Division (pp. 189-193)

- A comparison requires a subtract; the sign of the result is examined; if the result is negative, the divisor must be added back
- Similar to multiply, results are placed in Hi (remainder) and Lo (quotient)



MIPS Instructions for Division

- MIPS ignores overflow in division
- Signed division (div)

```
div $s2, $s3 computes the division and stores
    it in two "internal" registers that
        can be referred to as hi and lo

mfhi $s0 moves the remainder into $s0
mflo $s1 moves the quotient into $s1
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Unsigned division (divu)

```
divu $s2, $s3

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mflo $s1
```

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Convention

- Dividend and remainder have the same sign
- Quotient is negative if signs disagree
- These rules fulfil the equation above

Floating Point Numbers

- □ Example: how to represent 32.5
 - weights smaller than 1

100000.100_{two}

- Normalized scientific notation: leave a single nonzero digit to the left of the point
 - \square 3.25 x 10¹

```
1.00000100_{\text{two}} * 2^5 = (1*2^0 + 1*2^{-6}) * 2^5
```

□ The IEEE 754 standard

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- Using more bits
 - Increase E bits to represent a wider range of numbers
 - Increase F bits to represent more precision
- Double precision format with 64 bits
 - 1 bit 11 bits 52 bits **S E F**

Single Precision Floating Point



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- Largest number that can be represented
 - \square 2.0 x $2^{128} = 2.0 \times 10^{38}$
- Smallest number that can be represented
 - \blacksquare 1.0 x $2^{-127} = 2.0 \times 10^{-38}$
- Overflow
 - representing a number larger than the one above
- Underflow
 - representing a number smaller than the one above

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$$1 \times 2^{-126} \times 0$$

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These choices impact the smallest and largest numbers that can be represented

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value =
$$(-1)^{S}$$
 x $(1 + F)$ x $2^{(E - 127)}$

□ Single



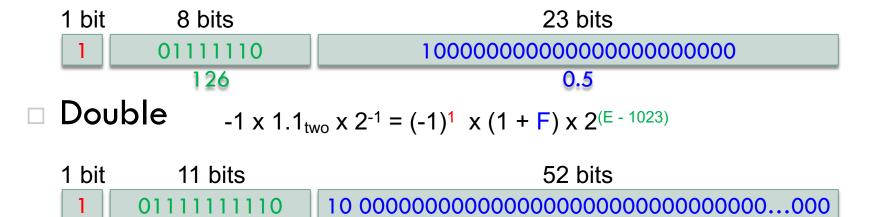
Double

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$$-0.75 = -1 \times 0.11_{\text{two}} = -1 \times 1.1_{\text{two}} \times 2^{-1} = (-1)^{1} \times (1 + F) \times 2^{(E - 127)}$$

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0.5

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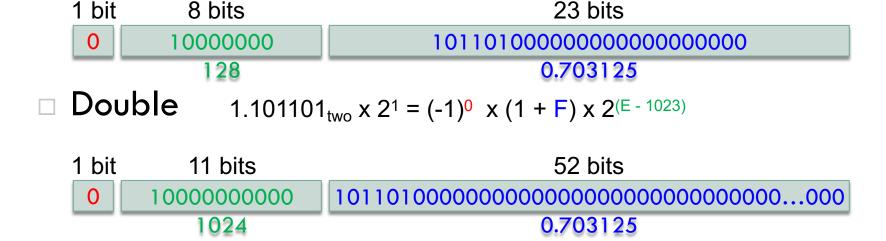
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1 bit 11 bits 52 bits F
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$$3.40625 = 11.01101_{\text{two}} = 1.101101_{\text{two}} \times 2^{1} = (-1)^{0} \times (1 + F) \times 2^{(E - 127)}$$

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Floating Point Addition

- Numbers maintain only 4 decimal digits and 2 exponent digits
 - \blacksquare 9.999 x 10¹ + 1.610 x 10⁻¹
 - Convert to the larger exponent
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 - Add
 - 10.015 x 10¹
 - Normalize
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If we had more fraction bits,

- Check for overflow/underflow these errors would be minimized
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 Numbers maintain only 4 binary digits and 2 exponent digits

```
\blacksquare 1.010 x 2<sup>1</sup> + 1.100 x 2<sup>3</sup>
```

Convert to the larger exponent

$$0.0101 \times 2^3 + 1.100 \times 2^3$$

Add

$$\blacksquare$$
 1.1101 x 2^3

Normalize

Check for overflow/underflow

□ IEEE 754 format

0 10000010 110100000000000000000000