

Division

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1 Normal Division

Division is a process of repeated subtraction. If the Remainder is represented as R, the Divisor D and the Quotient Q. Let the i'th digit of the Quotient be q_i . So Q can be $\{q(n-1), q(n-1), \dots, q_2, q_1, q_0\}$. If R(0) is the final Remainder, then the general process of division can be expressed as,

$$R(i) = R(i+1) - q_i * D * 10^i$$

Let's look at an example of 3148/3. The steps of division can be seen below:

$3148 - 1 * 3 * 10^3 = 148$	$\implies R(4) - q_3 * D * 10^3 = R(3)$
$148 - 0 * 3 * 10^2 = 148$	$\implies R(3) - q_2 * D * 10^2 = R(2)$
$148 - 4 * 3 * 10^1 = 28$	$\implies R(2) - q_1 * D * 10^1 = R(1)$
$28 - 9 * 3 * 10^0 = 1$	$\implies R(1) - q_0 * D * 10^0 = R(0)$

2 Restoring Division

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Let's look into how to perform restoring division in decimal.

$q_3 = 1 \rightarrow R(3) =$	$3148 - 3 * 10^3 = +148$
$q_3 = 2 \rightarrow R(3) =$	$148 - 3 * 10^3 = -2852$ (not positive - restore)
$q_3 = 1 \rightarrow R(3) =$	$-2852 + 3 * 10^3 = +148$ (move on)

$q_2 = 1 \rightarrow R(2) =$	$148 - 3 * 10^2 = -152$ (not positive - restore)
$q_2 = 0 \rightarrow R(2) =$	$-152 + 3 * 10^2 = +148$ (move on)

$q_1 = 1 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$148 - 3 * 10^1 = +118$
$q_1 = 2 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$118 - 3 * 10^1 = +88$
$q_1 = 3 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$88 - 3 * 10^1 = +58$
$q_1 = 4 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$58 - 3 * 10^1 = +28$
$q_1 = 5 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$28 - 3 * 10^1 = -2$ (not positive - restore)
$q_1 = 4 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$-2 + 3 * 10^1 = +28$ (move on)

$q_0 = 1 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$28 - 3 * 10^0 = +25$
$q_0 = 2 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$25 - 3 * 10^0 = +22$
$q_0 = 3 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$22 - 3 * 10^0 = +19$
$q_0 = 4 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$19 - 3 * 10^0 = +16$
$q_0 = 5 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$16 - 3 * 10^0 = +13$
$q_0 = 6 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$13 - 3 * 10^0 = +10$
$q_0 = 7 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$10 - 3 * 10^0 = +7$
$q_0 = 8 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$7 - 3 * 10^0 = +4$
$q_0 = 9 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$4 - 3 * 10^0 = +1$
$q_0 = 10 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$1 - 3 * 10^0 = -2$ (not positive - restore)
$q_0 = 9 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$-1 + 3 * 10^0 = +1$ (move on)

Applying this to binary by considering q_i 's to be set $\{0, 1\}$. Now, the equation can be written as:

$$R(i) = R(i+1) - q_i * D * 2^i$$

If $R(i) \geq 0$, then assuming $q_i = 1$ was correct. If $R(i) < 0$, then assuming $q_i = 1$ was wrong, hence q_i should be 0 and restoration must be done.

Let's perform a division of $67/5$. The steps of division can be seen below:

$q_4 = 1 \rightarrow R(4) =$	$67 - 5 * 2^4 = -13$ (not positive - restore)
$q_4 = 0 \rightarrow R(4) =$	$-13 + 5 * 2^4 = +67$ (move on)
$q_3 = 1 \rightarrow R(3) =$	$67 - 5 * 2^3 = +27$ (move on)
$q_2 = 1 \rightarrow R(2) =$	$27 - 5 * 2^2 = +7$ (move on)
$q_1 = 1 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$7 - 5 * 2^1 = -3$ (not positive - restore)
$q_1 = 0 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$-3 + 5 * 2^1 = +7$ (move on)
$q_0 = 1 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$7 - 5 * 2^0 = +2$ (move on)

2.1 Algorithm to Follow

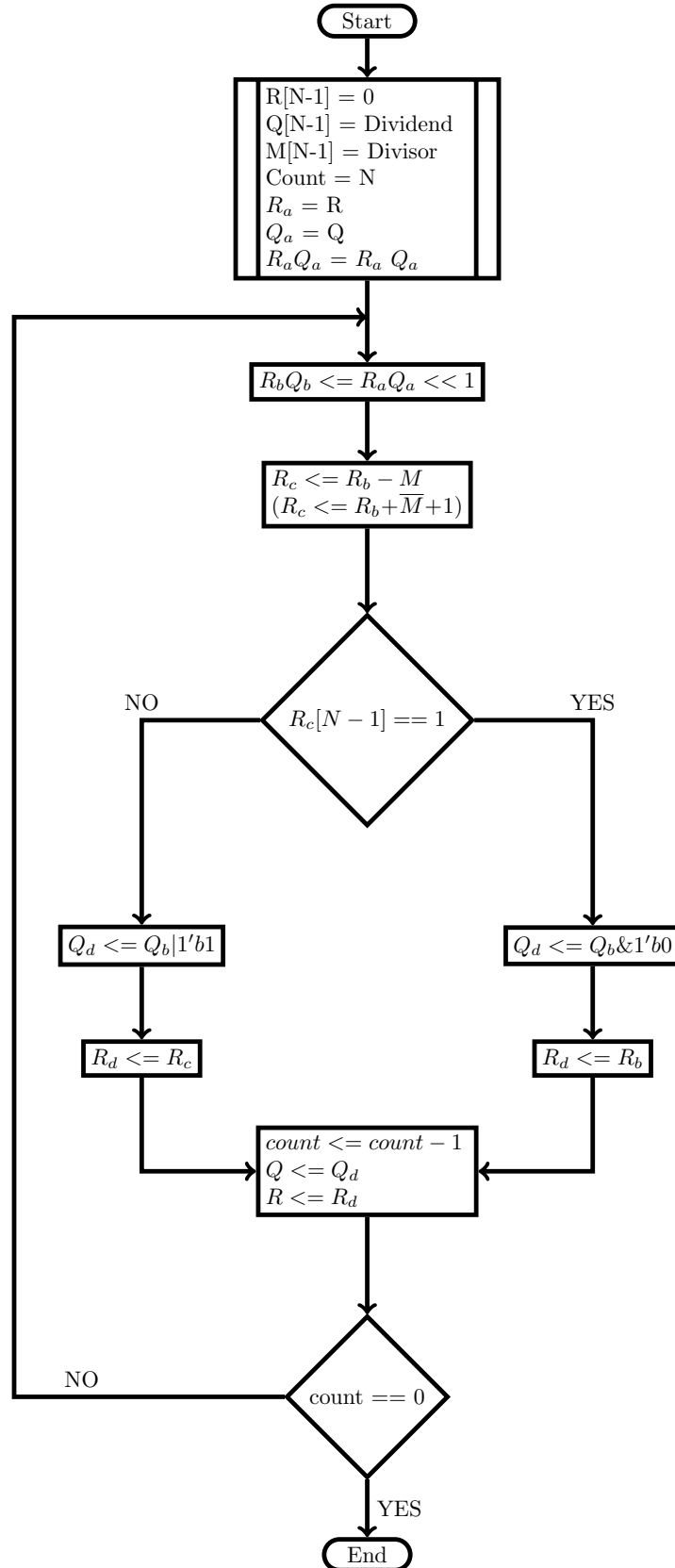
Assuming N bit's of input.

1. Initialize R with N bit zeros.
2. Initialize Q with N bit Dividend.
3. Initialize count with N.
4. Combine R and Q to form a 2N bit register nameley $\{R, Q\}$.
5. Perform the below operations till the count becomes zeros.
 - Shift $\{R, Q\}$ left by 1.
 - Subtract M from R. (add 2's complement of M to R).
 - If $\text{sign}(R) == 1$
 - Restore R with it's previous value. (Add M to R).
 - Set $Q[0] = 0$

- Else
 - Set $Q[0] = 1$
- Decrement count by 1.

6. Finally, R gives the remainder and Q gives the Quotient.

2.2 Flow Chart



2.3 Signed Division

Signed Division can be done by converting to unsigned and based on the sign value we add sign to Quotient.

- Find $\text{verb} - \text{sign} = \text{Dividend}[N-1] \text{ xor } \text{Divisor}[N-1]$.
- If $\text{Dividend}[N-1] == 1$, then Dividend is negative, convert to positive by performing two's complement.
- If $\text{Divisor}[N-1] == 1$, then Divisor is negative, convert to positive by performing two's complement.
- Finally, after division, if the sign is 1, then change the sign bit of Quotient to 1.

3 Non-Restoring Division

Here, there is no Restoring done. This is done by checking if the remainder is positive or negative and then Subtract. (which differs from restoring where subtraction is done and then checked)

Let's look into the binary division of $67/3$ using non-restoring division. The steps of division can be seen below:

$q_4 = 1 \rightarrow R(4) =$	$67 - 5 * 2^4 = -13$ (not positive)
$q_4 = 0$	
$q_3 = 1 \rightarrow R(3) =$	$-13 + 5 * 2^3 = 27$
$q_2 = 1 \rightarrow R(2) =$	$27 - 5 * 2^2 = 7$
$q_1 = 1 \rightarrow R(1) =$	$7 - 5 * 2^1 = -3$ (not positive)
$q_1 = 0$	
$q_0 = 1 \rightarrow R(0) =$	$-3 + 5 * 2^0 = 2$

3.1 Algorithm to Follow

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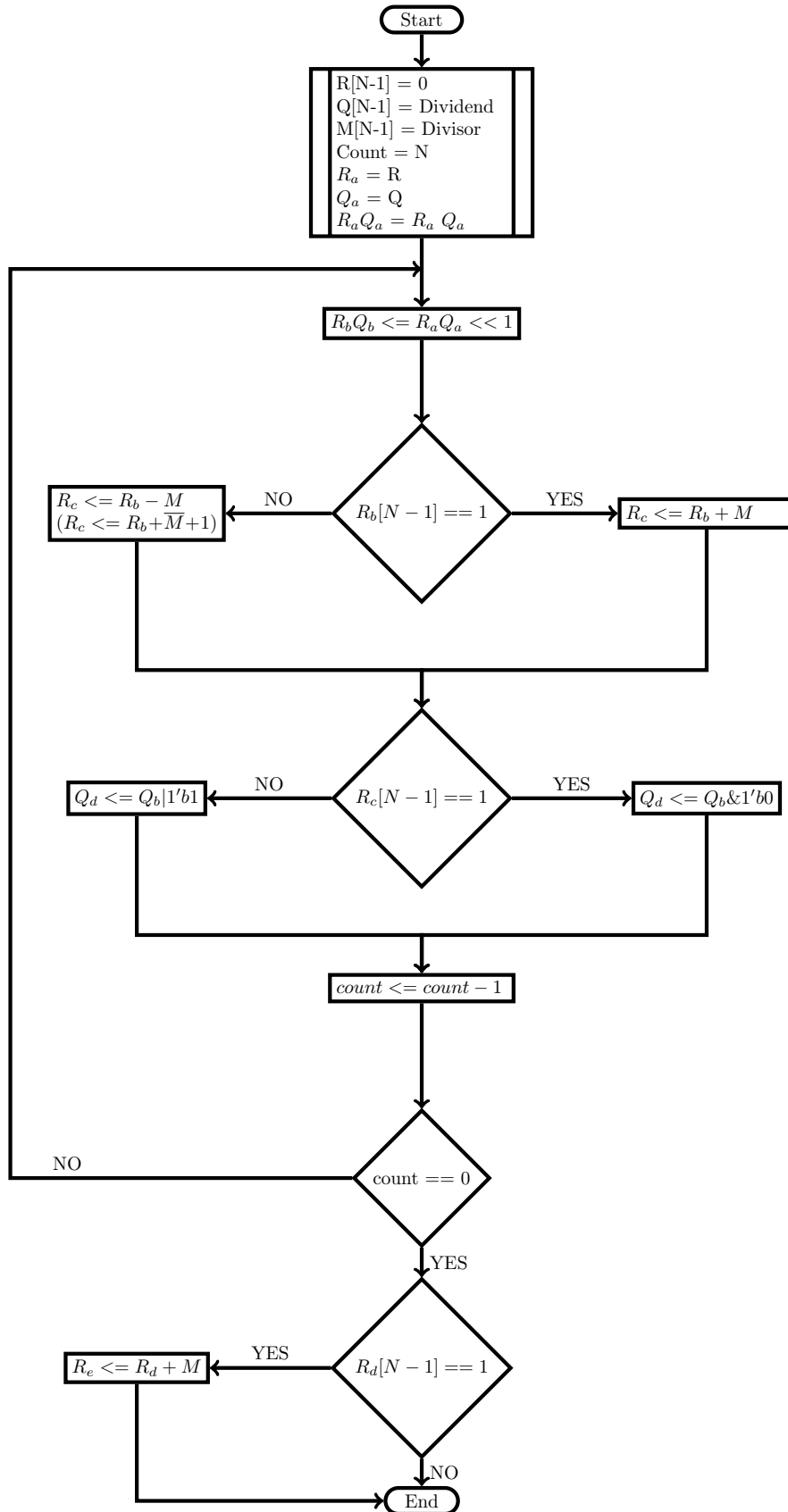
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3. Initialize count with N.
4. Combine R and Q to form a 2N bit register nameley $\{R, Q\}$.
5. Perform the below operations till the count becomes zeros.
 - If $\text{sign}(R) == 1$
 - Shift $\{R, Q\}$ left by 1.
 - Add M to R.
 - Else
 - Shift $\{R, Q\}$ left by 1.
 - Subtract M from R. (add 2's complement of M to R).
 - If $\text{sign}(R) == 1$
 - Set $Q[0] = 0$
 - Else
 - Set $Q[0] = 1$
 - Decrement count by 1.

6. If $\text{sign}(R) == 1$

- Add M to R.

7. Finally, R gives the remainder and Q gives the Quotient.

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- If $\text{Divisor}[N-1] == 1$, then Divisor is negative, convert to positive by performing two's complement.
- Finally, after division, if the sign is 1, then change the sign bit of Quotient to 1.