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# **1 Introduction**

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## 2 Notes on all of the circuit designs in Verilog

All of the designs are created using pure Verilog code and tested through Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS). The decision to opt for FOSS was deliberate, aiming to prevent any vendor-locking to specific hardware or predefined IPs. Predefined IPs are often optimized by a specific hardware vendor and intended for use with that vendor's hardware. However, the hardware may not always be available or suitable for a specific application. Academics and numerous companies opt for open-source and open-hardware approaches to prevent vendor lock-in. Once the design and algorithm are thoroughly understood, they can be initially implemented without any specific platform in mind. Later, when selecting the device vendor, the design can be modified to suit the specific hardware requirements.

That is why Verilog, with Cocotb [1] (Test Bench creation tool) and Verilator [2] (simulator) have been used for designing the circuits presented in this paper.

### 3 Calculating the division of fixed point numbers

Typically, when employing numerical methods to solve transcendental equations, the calculation of the division of two input numbers becomes necessary. This requirement persists even when applying the Newton-Raphson (NR) method to solve a set of two equations, as it entails computing the reciprocal value of the Jacobian determinant.

There are some IP blocks available, which are capable of calculating the division of two numbers, but the blocks are usually either vendor specific intellectual property IP [**amd-xilinx-vivado-divider-ip-block**] or feature low performance [3].

The drawback of vendor-specific IPs lies in their limited compatibility, often preventing their use with FPGA chips from different vendors. On the other hand the vendor specific IPs are usually optimized and able to use the specific type of resources available at the vendor's chip which resolve in better performance.

To preserve the compatibility of the design with chips from multiple vendors, the custom solution for division design based on the very known Newton Raphson (NR) algorithm was developed. [3]

#### 3.1 Newton Rapshon algorithm for calculating the division

General Newton Raphson (NR) algorithm is a well known approach to numerically solve equations. It is the reason why it is utilized in many algorithms. However, the negative aspect of NR is that it's convergency strongly depends on initial values of unknown variables. When the initial variables are chosen poorly, the performed number of iterations before the convergency is reached can be high.

To reach the fastest convergency possible (determined in number of iterations) apart from the scaling the dominator into the interval [0.5,1] the initial value calculation formula should be utilized. [3] The formula for calculating the initial value eq. 3 - 1 is applied after the scaling of denominator is performed. The algorithm developed for the appropriate scaling is explained in the *Calculating number of bits to shift the denominator*.

$$x_0 = \frac{48}{17} - \frac{32}{17}D, \quad (3 - 1)$$

where the  $x_0$  is the initial value for NR algorithm and  $D$  is the denominator value for calculating the expression  $N/D$ .

Because the fixed point number format  $Q32.15$  is used, the fractional numbers in equation 3 - 1 are rounded to 2.8229 (32'sb00000000000000010\_110100101011000 in binary) and 1.8819 (32'sb00000000000000001\_111000011100101 in binary) respectively.

After the initial value  $x_0$  is calculated, the NR algorithm is performed. The idea for using NR algorithm to calculate the division of  $N/D$  is to trade the division for a multiplication, which can be synthetized in the FPGA fabric. For the NR algorithm the function with root is  $1/D$  is essential. There may be many functions, which root is the searched value  $1/D$  but the most trivial is eq. 3 - 2.

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{x} - D. \quad (3 - 2)$$

For the derivative at the point of  $x_i$  then applies eq. 3 - 3.

$$\frac{dF(x_i)}{dx} = F'(x_i) = \frac{F(x_{i+1}) - F(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}. \quad (3 - 3)$$

Because finding root of the equation 3 - 2, the value of  $F(x_{i+1})$  is set to be zero. After separating the  $x_{i+1}$  value of the eq. 3 - 3 and derivating the function  $F(x_i)$  the obtained algorithm for a value  $x_{i+1}$  is obtained from eq. 3 - 4.

$$x_{i+1} = -\frac{F(x_i)}{F'(x_i)} + x_i = -\frac{F(x_i)}{-\frac{1}{x_i^2}} + x_i = (\frac{1}{x_i} - D)x_i^2 + x_i = x_i - Dx_i^2 + x_i = 2x_i - Dx_i^2. \quad (3 - 4)$$

Usually, the iterative algorithm is stopped, when the value  $F(x_{i+1}) - F(x_i)$  (called defect) reaches certain value set by the stop condition. However, in this algorithm, the stop condition is not yet implemented. Based on the observation carried on the N-R algorithm the obtained result is sufficient after 5 iterations.

The mathematically expressed algorithm is then transformed into programmable algorithm suitable for FPGA implementation. The top module design for this algorithm is presented in the section *Top module design*, the control and data unit for calculating the value  $x_{i+1}$  is presented in the *Allocation and Timing*

## 3.2 IP Block Design

The design of this unit is consists of 4 main modules:

- the **data unit module**, used for manipulating data and making calculation operations,
- the **control unit module**, used for controlling the **data unit module** and **scaling unit module**,
- **scaling unit module**, used for calculating the number of bits needed for shifting the denominator value to the interval [0.5,1].

### 3.2.1 Top module design

The top module wraps all of the presented modules (**data unit module**, **control unit module**, **scaling unit module**). The basic structure of connected modules of this top design is depicted in the fig. 3 - 1. Thanks to this wrapper it is possible to test the created modules with Verilog Testbench, Verilator [2] or Cocotb [1].



Figure 3 - 1 Top module design for the division unit module block design.

### 3.2.2 Allocation and Timing

The diagram of the data flow and timing of the algorithm is displayed in the Figure 3 - 2.

The whole algorithm consists of nine steps. The first four steps are used for calculating the initial value of  $x_0$  as described in the equation 3 - 1. The steps  $S4$  to  $S8$  are for calculating the next search value of  $x_{i+1}$ , the root of the equation 3 - 2 so the searched value of  $1/D$ . The following iteration begins at the step labeled as  $S5$ . The iterative process continues until a predefined stop condition is met, such as reaching a specified number of iterations.

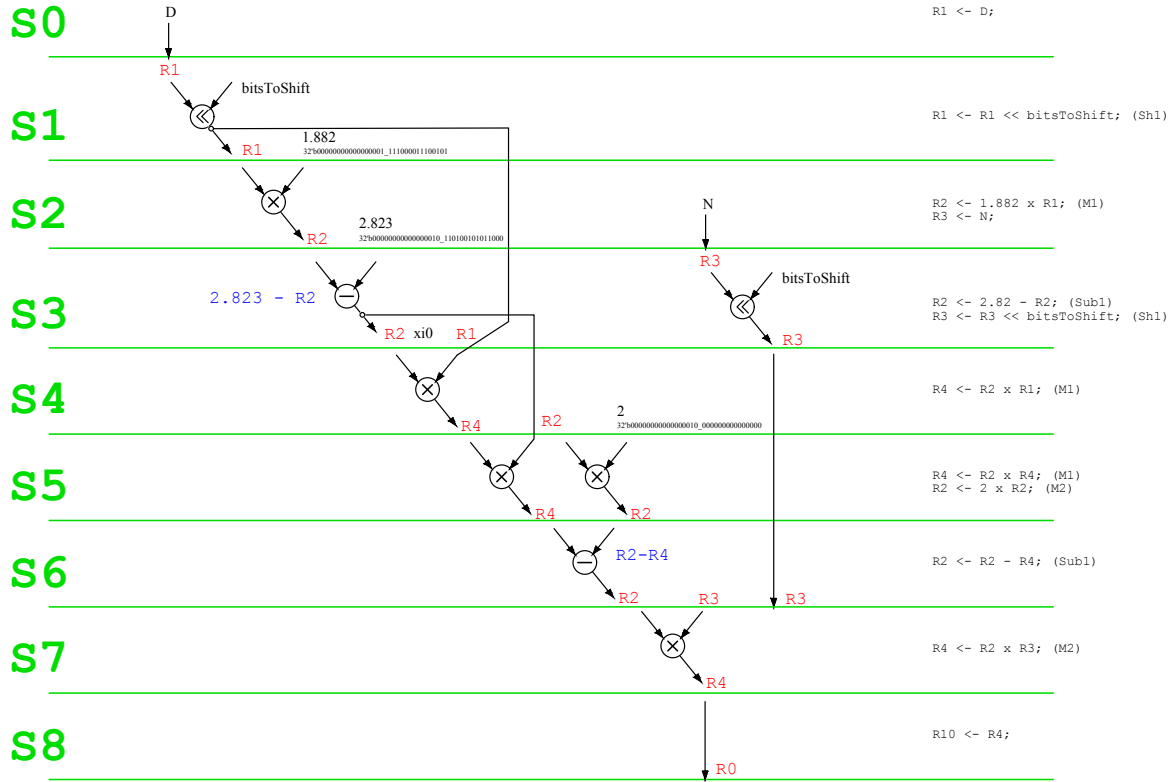


Figure 3 - 2 Allocation and timing diagram for the Data Path Unit part of the division module.

### 3.2.3 Data Path Module

The structure of the Data Path Module is depicted in the Figure 3 - 3. The module was specifically designed to serve the needs of the division algorithm. It comprises five registers labeled  $R0$  through  $R4$ , two multipliers  $M1$ ,  $M2$  and one bit shifter.

The module is controlled by the control unit with the control signal labeled as  $CS$ . The encoding table with the labels which corresponds to the Data Path Unit module is presented in the section *Control Unit*.

The result of each iteration from the division algorithm is passed to a register  $R0$ .

The Data Path Module unit also covers the possibility of negative denominator and numerator. Because the values are stored in a custom  $Q32.15$  fixed point format (whole number comprises of 32 bits, 15 bits fractional part, 17 bits integer part), the algorithm checks if the  $D$  or  $N$  values are higher than  $0h8000$  and determine it's actual sign and the sets sign of the result. If the analyzed number is determined negative, it is transformed to value positive and then used in the presented division algorithm. This transformation is needed because of the algorithm calculating the bits to shift the denominator in the interval.

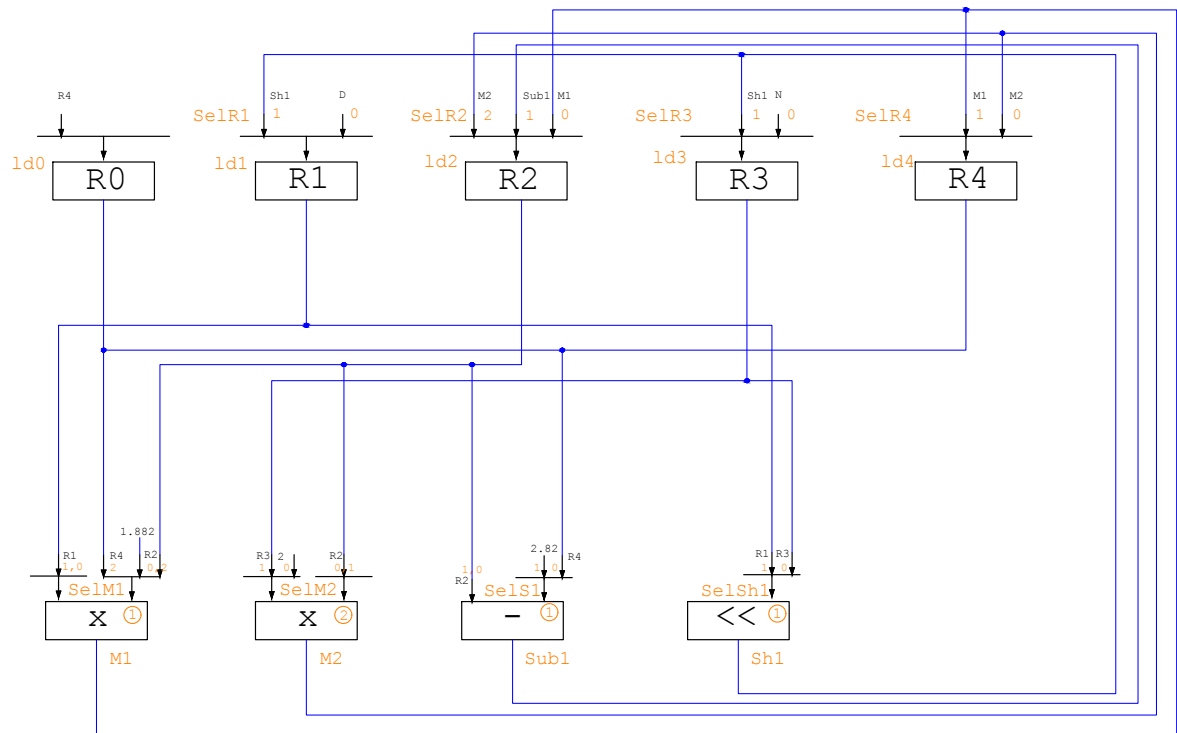


Figure 3 - 3 Register Transfer Level (RTL) scheme of the Data Path Unit part of the division module.

### 3.2.4 Control Unit

The signals from Control Unit to Data Path Module are encoded in the CS signal. The CS signal with the corresponding instructions for the steps  $S_0$ – $S_8$  of the FSM is presented in the table 3 - 1. For cleaner code, the signal is passed to the Control Unit in the hexadecimal format.

The number of the iteration is also set in the Control Unit. The value is used in this module to determine the stop condition of the calculation.

As stated in the *Allocation and Timing* section, after the step  $S_8$ , the FSM restarts at the state  $S_4$  with new  $x_i$  values to be used in the current iteration. This jump is not depicted in the table for CS signal.

Table 3 - 1 Control signal encoding table for instructions to be processed by the Division Module.

State	RTL Code	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	CS
		ld0	ld1	ld2	ld3	ld4	SelR1	SelR2[1]	SelR2[0]	SelR3	SelR4	SelSh1	SelM1[1]	SelM1[0]	SelM2	SelS1	
S0	$R1 \leftarrow D;$	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2000h
S1	$R1 \leftarrow R1 \ll 32; (Sh1)$	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15'h2210
S2	$R2 \leftarrow 1.882 \times R1; (M1)$ $R3 \leftarrow N;$	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	15'h1804
S3	$R2 \leftarrow 2.82 - R2; (Sub1)$ $R3 \leftarrow R3 \ll 32; (Sh1)$	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15'h18C0
S4	$R4 \leftarrow R2 \times R1; (M1)$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	420h
S5	$R4 \leftarrow R2 \times R4; (M1)$ $R2 \leftarrow 2 \times R2; (M2)$	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	15'h1528
S6	$R2 \leftarrow R2 - R4; (S1)$	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15'h1081
S7	$R4 \leftarrow R2 \times R3; (M2)$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15'h402
S8	$R0 \leftarrow R4;$	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4000h

### 3.3 Calculating number of bits to shift the denominator

As presented in the section *Newton Rapshon algorithm for calculating the division* the denominator must be appropriately scaled for the division algorithm to work. This section presents algorithm for scaling the denominator specified in the fixed point number format *Q32.15*. After the scaling value is successfully determined, the numerator is scaled accordingly.

The presented algorithm shifts the value of denominator at every positive edge of the clock signal and saves the shifted value in the `compare` register. Then the combinational circuit is utilized to compare the shifted value in `compare` register with the number 1 specified in *Q32.15* format. If the compared value is the same or lower than 1 the shifting algorithm is done and the value `scaleToShift` is successfully found. If not, the inner value of shifting bits is incremented and the algorithm proceeds to the next iteration.

The presented algorithm is realized in the *denominatorSizeScaleUnit* module and it's pseudocode is depicted in the code 3 - 1.

```
1  at every negative edge of clock or positive edge of reset
2  if(rst)
3      scaleToShift = 0;
4      scaleToShiftInternal = 1;
5      started = 0;
6  end if
7  else if (start)
8      started = 1;
9  end else if
10
11  at every positive edge of clock
12  if (compare <= 32'b000000000000000001_0000000000000000)
13      done = 1;
14      started = 0;
15      scaleToShift = scaleToShiftInternal;
16  end if
17  else
18      done = 0;
19      scaleToShiftInternal = scaleToShiftInternal + 1;
20  end else
```

Code 3 - 1 Pseudocode for the *denominatorSizeScaleUnit* module algorithm.

### 3.4 Simulation results

The simulation via Verilog testbench was made to determine the correctness of presented division module. The Icarus Verilog simulator was used to simulate the module and GTKWave was used to display the VCD simulation output file.

As for the simulation output it can be stated, that the module works correctly for positive and negative numbers of fixed point format *Q32.15*.

The algorithm used in this module is able to calculate the proper result in much less clock cycles than the full division algorithm used in the division module in the package [3].

Thus the presented module may be used as a submodule in more complex modules.



VCD simulation output waveforms are depicted on the following Figures. The simulations were conducted for arbitrary selected  $N$  and  $D$ . The clock frequency was set 250 MHz. Pseudocode Verilog snippet for the test bench is present in the listing 3 - 2. In the test bench, one unit of time corresponds to 1 ns. (based on the set timescale settings) The division unit algorithm starts at the next positive edge of clock signal after successful determination of the value *bitsToShift* when the *start* signal is set on low.

```

1  timescale 1ns/1ns
2  #10; // wait for 10 units of time
3  #0 rstScale = 1; startScale = 0; // reset unit for determining the
   number of bits to shift in the denominator and do not start the unit yet
4  N = 32'b00000000100110000_0000100000000000; D=32'
   b11111111111111111111_1100000000000000; // set the numerator to N =
   304.03125, denominator to D = -0.25
5  #10 rstScale = 0; // wait for 10 units of time and stop the reset of
   scaling unit
6  #10 startScale = 1; // start the algorithm for scaling unit
7  #20 rst = 1; start = 0; // reset the division unit
8  #30 rst = 0; // stop resetting of the division unit
9  #20 start = 1; // start the division unit
10 #20 start = 0;
11 #1000; // wait 1000 units of time
12 $finish; // finish the simulation

```

Code 3 - 2 Pseudocode snippet for the Verilog simulation test bench.

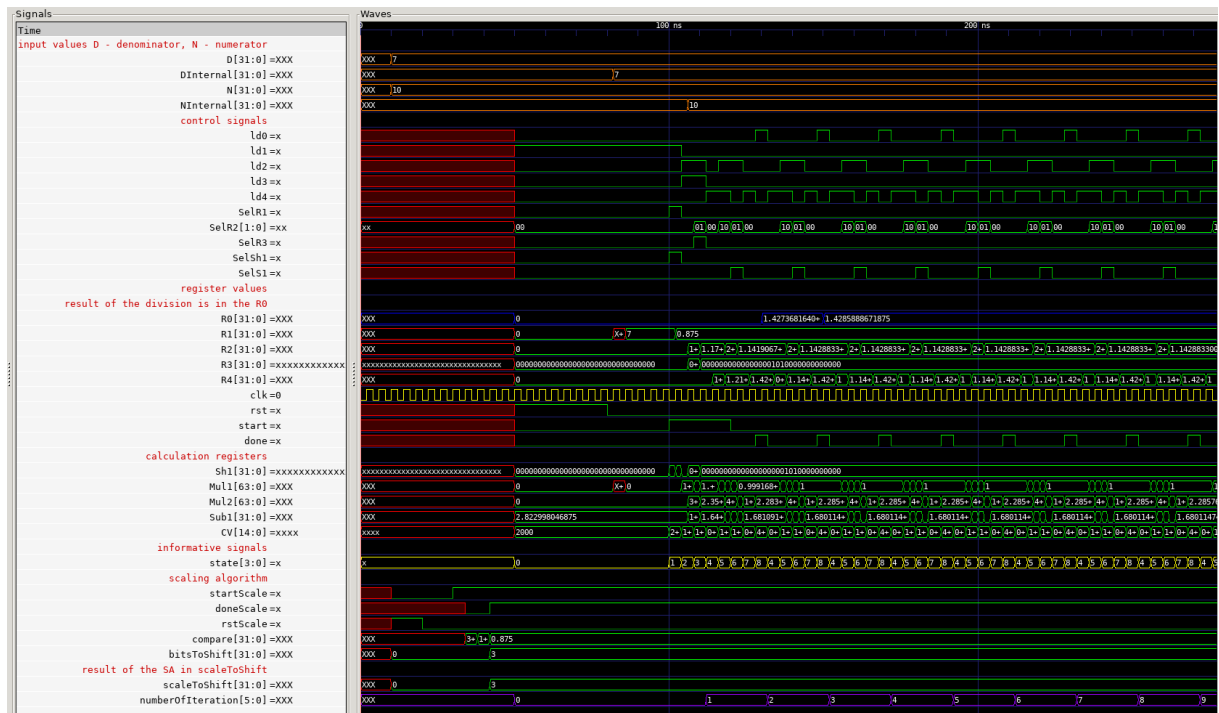


Figure 3 - 4 Selected signals of simulation of division  $N/D = 10 / 7$ . The correct result in R0 is obtained after two iterations (reg numberOfIterations).

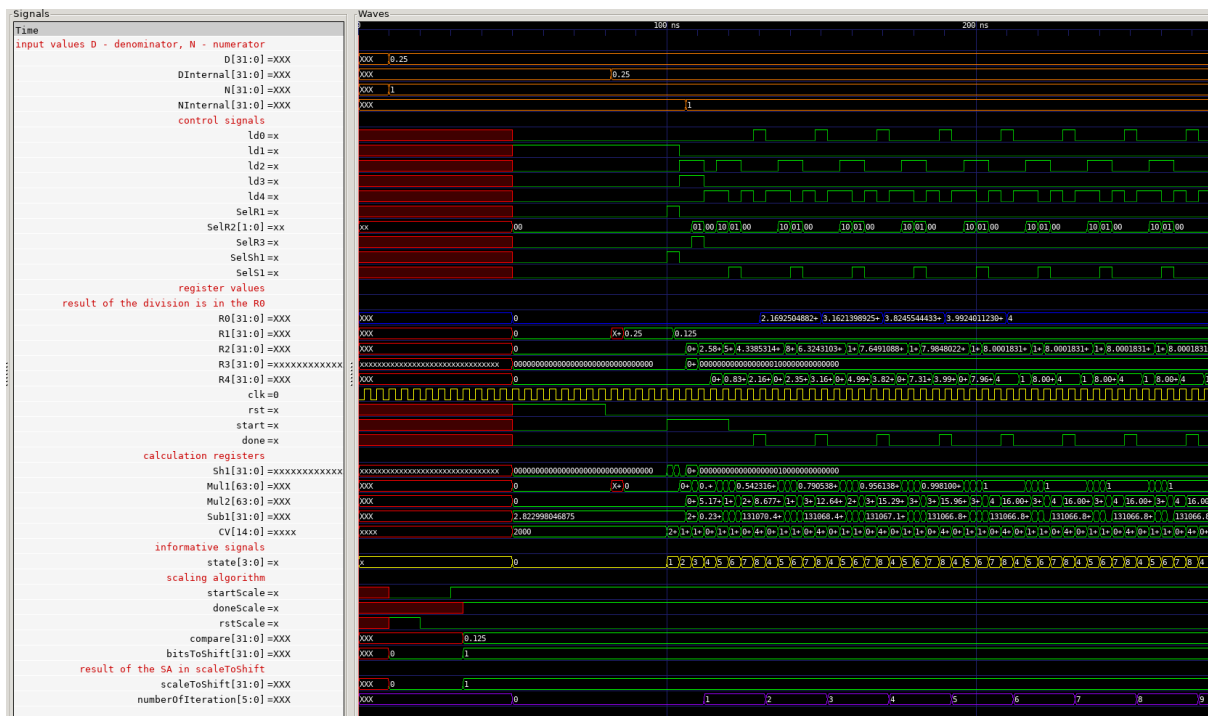


Figure 3 - 5 Selected signals of simulation of division  $N/D = 1 / 0.25$ . The correct result in R0 is obtained after five iterations (reg numberOfIterations).

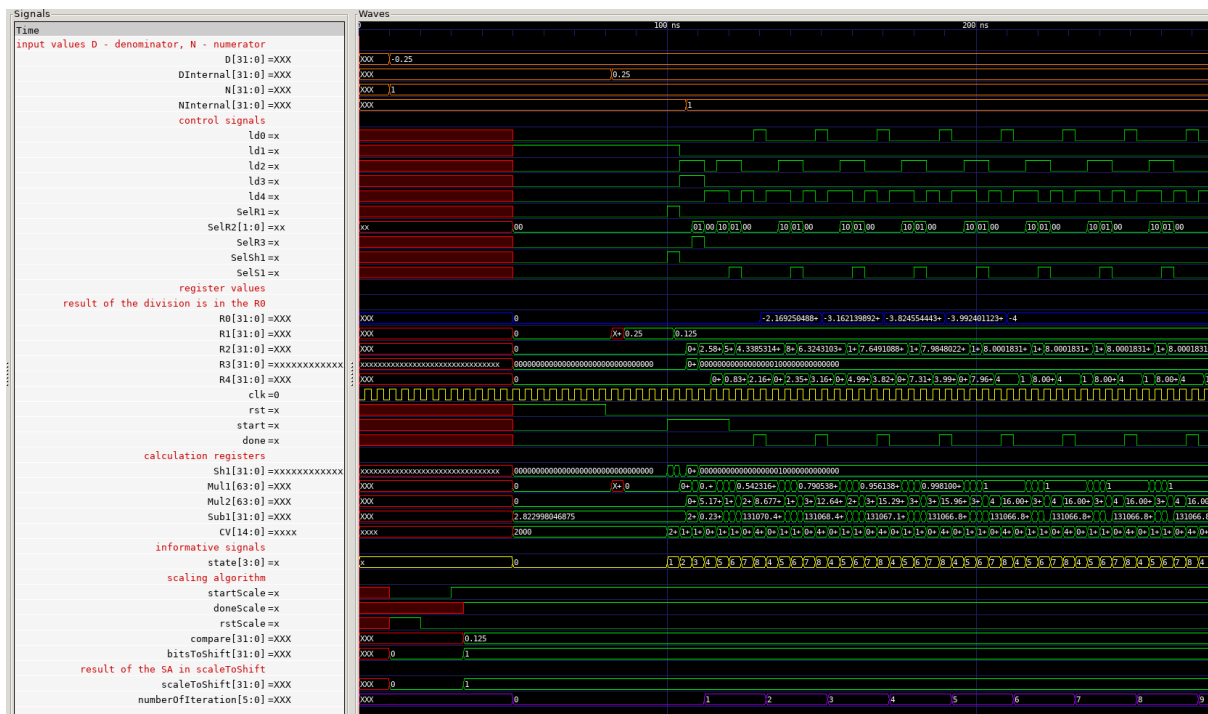


Figure 3 - 6 Selected signals of simulation of division  $N/D = 1 / (-0.25)$ . The correct result in R0 is obtained after five iterations (reg numberOfIterations).

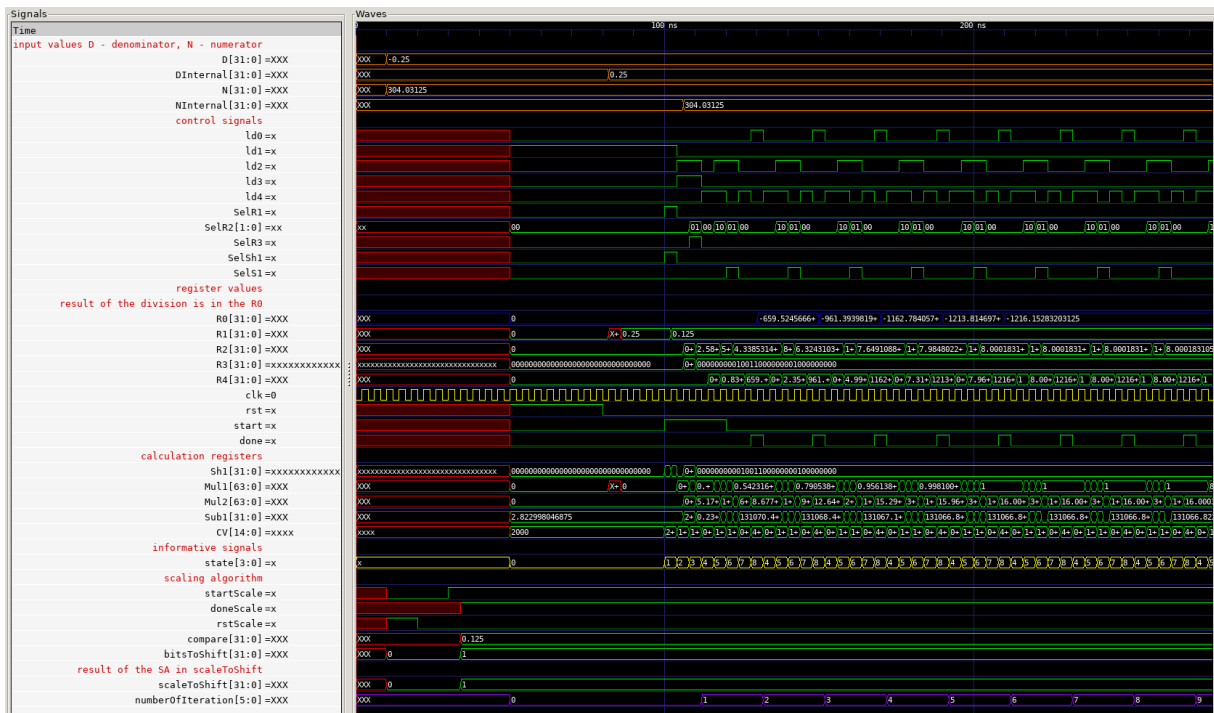


Figure 3 - 7 Selected signals of simulation of division  $N/D = 304.03215 / (-0.25)$ . The correct result in R0 is obtained after five iterations (reg numberOfIterations).

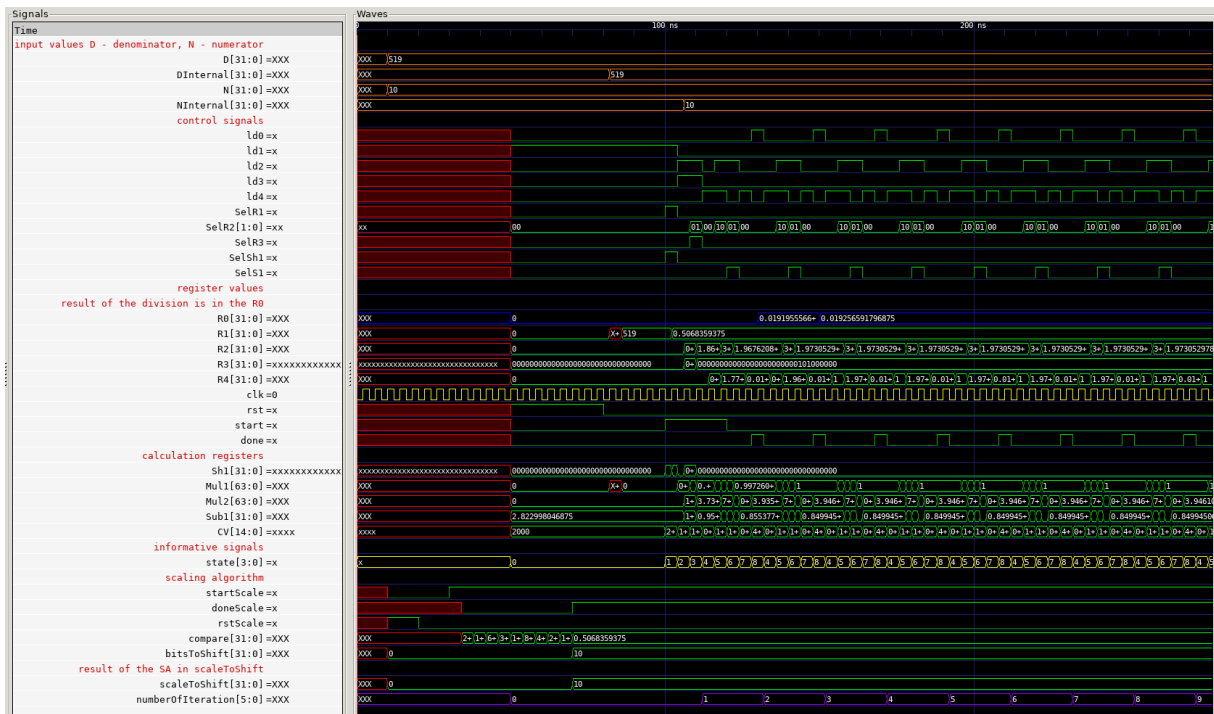


Figure 3 - 8 Selected signals of simulation of division  $N/D = 10 / (519)$ . The correct result in R0 is obtained after two iterations (reg numberOfIterations).

## 4 Using CORDIC to calculate trigonometric functions

There are numerous ways how to calculate the trigonometric functions. To gain more flexibility the Coordinate Rotation Digital Computer (CORDIC) was chosen above the Look-Up Table (LUT) implementation.

The LUT method may be fast, but the accuracy depends on the size of the table. When using the CORDIC the precision depends on number of performed iterations of the algorithm. The modified algorithm may be used to calculate non-trivial functions, such as hyperbolic functions, square roots, multiplications, divisions, exponentials and logarithms. [4] In this work only the calculation of *sinus* and *cosinus* functions is used.

### 4.1 Theory

The theory of the first CORDIC was proposed by Volder in [5]. This algorithm computes a coordinate conversion between rectangular  $(x, y)$  and polar  $(R, \theta)$  coordinates. The algorithm was then generalized by Walther in [6] to include circular, linear and hyperbolic transforms. This paper utilizes only circular transforms to calculate *sinus* and *cosinus* functions. Only the most basic approach of the algorithm will be presented.

The rotation of a vector in the rectangular coordinate system  $(x, y)$  may be described by matrix-vector multiplication depicted in the eq. 4 - 1.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_R \\ y_R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{in} \\ y_{in} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4 - 1)$$

where  $x_R$  and  $y_R$  are coordinates of a rotated vector,  $\theta$  is the angle for which the vector with coordinates  $x_{in}$  and  $y_{in}$  was rotated.

Then when simplifying the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_R \\ y_R \end{pmatrix} = \cos(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\tan(\theta) \\ \tan(\theta) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{in} \\ y_{in} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4 - 2)$$

it can be seen, that only multiplication by scaling factor of precalculated values of  $\cos(\theta)$ , multiplication by  $\tan(\theta)$ , subtraction and addition operations are needed. However, the multiplication by  $\tan(\theta)$  can be interchanged. The interchange may be done for angles  $\theta$  for which the equation 4 - 3 is true. The when implementing the algorithm to the FPGA the multiplication may be swapped for signed right bit shift.

$$\tan(\theta) = 2^{-1}. \quad (4 - 3)$$

When the values  $x_{in} = 1$  and  $y_{in} = 0$  are used, the result for *sinus* and *cosinus* may be easily obtained from  $x_R$  and  $y_R$  as expressed in the equation 4 - 4.

$$\begin{aligned} x_R &= x_{in} \cos(\theta) - y_{in} \sin(\theta) = |\theta = 0| = \cos(\theta) \\ y_R &= x_{in} \sin(\theta) + y_{in} \cos(\theta) = |\theta = 0| = \sin(\theta) \end{aligned} \quad (4 - 4)$$

The algorithm may be further simplified by expecting that the algorithm is designed to use more than 6 iterations and thus the scaling constant represented by multiplying *cosinus* of different  $\theta$  values converges to 0,60725. So there is no need to precalculate all the scaling values only the convergent value may be used. In this paper the precalculated values are passed from the custom LUT module to the

main algorithm.

As can be seen from the section *Example of calculation* section or the algorithm theory itself, it needs to be determined, if the angle for which the vector is rotated in the next iteration should be in a positive direction (counter-clockwise) or negative direction (clockwise). For that, the set of the equations is expanded and new value  $z_i$  added. The complete set of equations which are used in the implementation are as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} x[i+1] &= x[i] - \sigma_i 2^{-i} y[i], \\ y[i+1] &= y[i] + \sigma_i 2^{-i} x[i], \\ z[i+1] &= z[i] - \sigma_i \operatorname{atan}(2^{-i}). \end{aligned} \quad (4-5)$$

The  $\sigma_{i+1}$  is determined based on the sign of the  $z_{i+1}$  variable

$$\sigma_{i+1} = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } z_{i+1} < 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } z_{i+1} > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } z_{i+1} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (4-6)$$

The algorithm as presented calculates the correct values for *sinus* and *cosinus* functions only in the first and fourth quadrant ( $3\pi/2$  to  $\pi/2$  counter-clockwise). For usage in the whole  $2\pi$  range, corresponding actions before the 0. iteration must be made.

The algorithm must make checks, to determine the quadrant, where the desired angle  $\theta$  for which the *sinus* and *cosinus* functions are to be calculated. This is done by `if` statements at the algorithm values initialization and at the final function value calculation. If the desired argument of the functions is not in the first or fourth quadrant then the angle is transferred from the actual quadrant to the first or fourth quadrant. Based on the quadrant, to which the angle is transformed, the  $\sigma_i$  value is set. The corresponding `if` statements at the algorithm initialization are presented in the pseudocode 4 - 1.

Similar `if` statements are used at the final calculation of *sinus* and *cosinus* values. The `if` statements are presented in the pseudocode 4 - 2.

The pseudocodes use `initialZValue` as a desired angle  $\theta$ , for which to calculate the function values, `zValue` as a temporary value for calculating the iterations for  $z_i$  variables, `sigmaValue` for temporary value holding the current iteration value of  $\sigma_i$ , the `resultCos` and `resultSin` variables are used for storing the temporary and final values of the  $\cos(\theta)$  and  $\sin(\theta)$  values respectively.

```

1  if((initialZValue > 1.5707)&(initialZValue < 3.141592))
2      sigmaValue = -1
3      zValue = initialZValue - 3.141592
4  else if((initialZValue > 3.141592)&(initialZValue < 4.7123))
5      sigmaValue = 1
6      zValue = initialZValue - 3.141592
7  else
8      zValue = initialZValue
9      sigmaValue = 1
10 end

```

Code 4 - 1 Pseudocode for `if` statements used at the value initialization of the CORDIC algorithm.

```

1  if((initialZValue > 1.5707)&(initialZValue < 3.141592))

```

```

2   resultCos = - resultCos
3   resultSin = resultSin
4 else if((initialZValue > 3.141592)&(initialZValue < 4.7123))
5   resultCos = - resultCos
6   resultSin = - resultSin
7 end

```

Code 4 - 2 Pseudocode for if statements used at the final *sinus* and *cosinus* value calculation.

#### 4.1.1 Example of calculation

The general approach of CORDIC algorithm may be explained on the example for calculating the *sinus* and *cosinus* values for the angle  $\theta = 57,535^\circ$ . Firstly, the angle may be destructurized in the base angles, for which the equation 4 - 3 is true. In this example the is destructurized as  $57,535 = 45 + 25,565 - 14,03$ .

The index  $i$  of the variables  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  in the following equations means the number of iteration of the algorithm.

$$0. \text{ iteration } \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \cos(45^\circ) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{in} \\ y_{in} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4 - 7)$$

$$1. \text{ iteration } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \cos(25,565^\circ) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2^{-1} \\ 2^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4 - 8)$$

$$2. \text{ iteration } \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \cos(-14,03^\circ) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2^{-2} \\ 2^{-2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4 - 9)$$

Then after substitution the value of  $x_2$  and  $y_2$  may be obtained.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \cos(45^\circ) \cos(25,565^\circ) \cos(-14,03^\circ) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2^{-2} \\ 2^{-2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2^{-1} \\ 2^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{in} \\ y_{in} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4 - 10)$$

From the equation 4 - 10 the values  $x_2$  and  $y_2$  represent the value of  $\cos(57,535^\circ)$  and  $\sin(57,535^\circ)$  respectively.

## 4.2 Python Implementation

The CORDIC algorithm was for simplicity prototyped in python. This turned out very beneficial as the debugging of the code is much faster. The less complex and abstract python code may help with understanding and creating the designed algorithms more than Mathematica which uses some higher abstraction layers to make calculations optimized and easier for more complex problems. But when designing the low level mathematical algorithms, the lower and easier language the more easy is then to implement the design in Verilog or any other hardware description language.

The python code was as well used to precalculate the LUT for scaling factor and arcus tangens values for  $z_i$  calculations.

For the clarity, the python implementation is presented in the code 4 - 3. The code also calculates the error of the CORDIC calculated value from the python math library functions.

```

1 import math

```

```

2
3 # Defining starting values and empty arrays
4 totalNumberOfIterations = 12 # 12 - best tradeof between value and
   iterations
5 atanValues = []
6 scalingValues = [1]
7 initialXValueCordic = 1
8 initialYValueCordic = 0
9 # initialZValueCordic = 1.248 # angle for which to calculate cordic
10 # initialZValueCordic = - 1.248 # angle for which to calculate cordic
11 # initialZValueCordic = - 6.7194 # angle for which to calculate cordic
12 initialZValueCordic = 10.7194824 # angle for which to calculate cordic
13 initialSigmaValueCordic = 1
14
15 for x in range(totalNumberOfIterations):
16     # Generating arcus tanges values of precalculated angles based on
   number of iterations
17     atanValues.append(math.atan(1*2**(-x)))
18     # Generating precalculated scaling values based on a number of
   iterations
19     scalingValues.append(scalingValues[x]*math.cos(atanValues[x]))
20
21 print("atanValues: ", atanValues)
22 print("scalingValues: ", scalingValues)
23
24 print("*-+-+-+-+*")
25 print("\n")
26 print("initialZValue original: ", initialZValueCordic)
27
28 # Moving angle to interval [0,2Pi]
29 if initialZValueCordic > 0:
30     while initialZValueCordic > (2*3.141592):
31         initialZValueCordic = initialZValueCordic - 2*3.141592
32 else:
33     while initialZValueCordic < (-2*3.141592):
34         initialZValueCordic = initialZValueCordic + 2*3.141592
35
36
37 print("initialZValue after moving to [0,2Pi] interval: ",
   initialZValueCordic)
38 print("\n")
39 print("*-+-+-+-+*")
40
41 # Checking the initial value and moving it in the interval
42 if (initialZValueCordic > 1.5707) and (initialZValueCordic < 3.141592):
43     zValue = initialZValueCordic - 3.141592
44     sigmaValue = -1
45     print("value in second q")

```

```

46 elif (initialZValueCordic > 3.141592) and (initialZValueCordic < 4.7123):
47     zValue = initialZValueCordic - 3.141592
48     sigmaValue = 1
49     print("value in third q")
50 elif (initialZValueCordic < 0):
51     sigmaValue = -1
52     zValue = initialZValueCordic
53     print("value in fourth q")
54 else:
55     zValue = initialZValueCordic # For angle
56     sigmaValue = initialSigmaValueCordic # For +- next angle
57     print("value in first")
58
59 # Passing starting values to the calculation values
60 xValue = initialXValueCordic # For cos
61 yValue = initialYValueCordic # For sin
62
63
64 # CORDIC ALGORITHM
65 for x in range(totalNumberOfIterations):
66
67     # Calculating next values of the current iteration x
68     xNextValue = xValue - (sigmaValue*yValue)*2**(-x)
69     yNextValue = yValue + (sigmaValue*xValue)*2**(-x)
70     zNextValue = zValue - sigmaValue * atanValues[x]
71
72     # Determining the signum of next angle (addition or subtraction)
73     if zNextValue >= 0:
74         sigmaNextValue = 1
75     else:
76         sigmaNextValue = -1
77
78     # Values for new iteration
79     xValue = xNextValue
80     yValue = yNextValue
81     zValue = zNextValue
82     sigmaValue = sigmaNextValue
83
84     print("iteration:", x, "xValue:", xValue, "yValue:", yValue, "zValue:",
85           zValue, "sigmaValue:", sigmaValue, "\n")
86
87 # Calculating results by scaling the result values from CORDIC by the
88   scalingValue which depends on number of iterations which were made
89 resultCos = scalingValues[x-1] * xValue
90 resultSin = scalingValues[x-1] * yValue
91
92 # Changing results sign based on the rotation of the initialZValueCordic
93 if (initialZValueCordic > 1.5707) and (initialZValueCordic < 3.141592):

```





$Q32.15$  format is required.

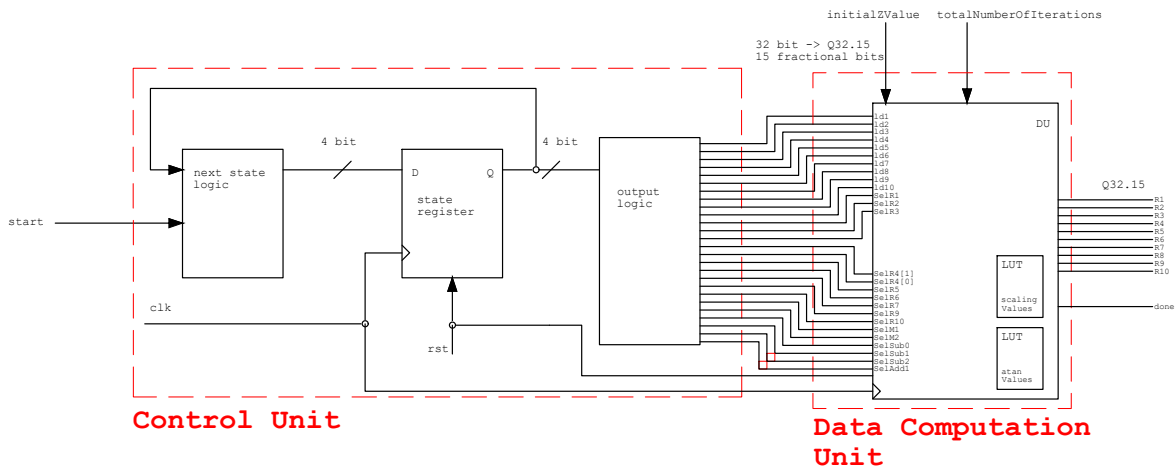


Figure 4 - 1 Top module design for the CORDIC module block design.

### 4.3.2 Allocation and Timing

In the picture 4 - 2 the allocation and timing diagram is depicted. As can be seen, the if statements which are implemented in the control unit are documented here as well. The explanation why the if statements are needed is stated in the *CORDIC Theory* section. As stated in the section for *CORDIC Control Unit* there are two approaches of iteration cycles. The designer may choose jump from *S4* to *S2* for faster algorithm or from *S6* to *S2* for demonstrative approach. The jumps in the allocation and timing diagram are not shown.

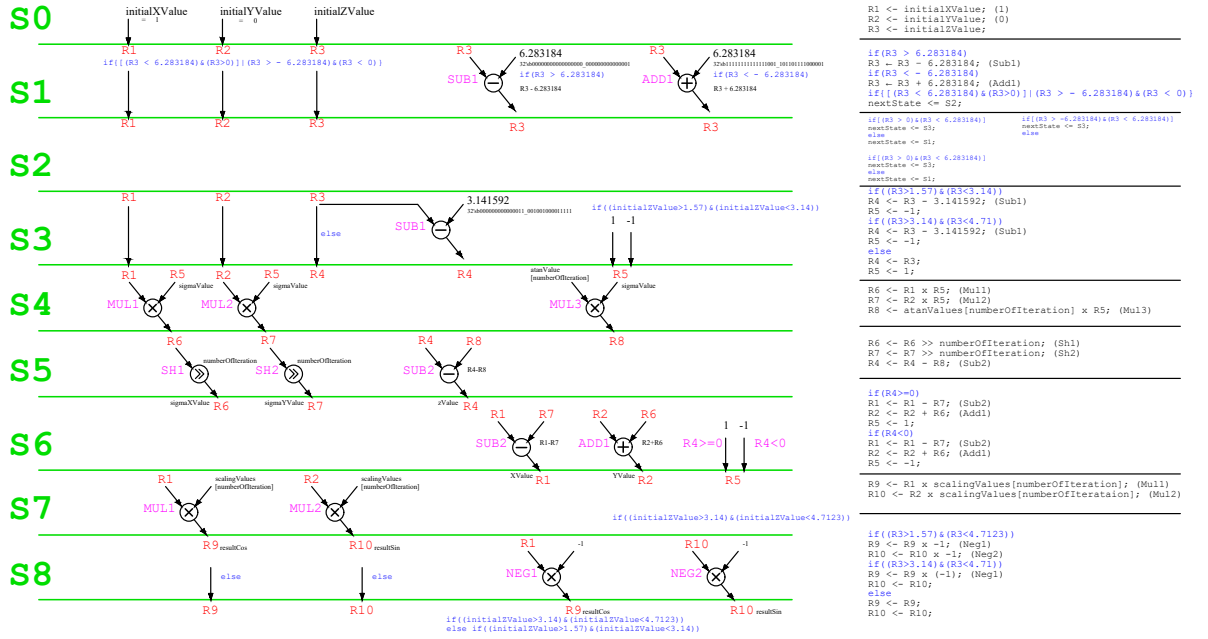


Figure 4 - 2 Allocation and timing diagram for the Data Path Unit part of the CORDIC IP.

### 4.3.3 Data Path Module

The picture 4 - 3 visualize the Data Path part of the Top Module design including calculation and storing units. The memory LUTs for *atanValues* and *scalingValues* are not depicted as a separate registers but as inputs to the calculation units. The results of *sinus* and *cosinus* functions, in python implementation named as *resultSin* and *resultCos* are saved to registers R9 and R10. The **NEG** blocks aren't in fact implemented as a standalone blocks for making negative numbers. The negation is activated in a corresponding target register when the appropriate **SelR<sub>x</sub>** is activated. (where *x* is here the number of a corresponding register R9 or R10)

As was stated before, the implementation of the LUT memory module for *atanValues* is depicted in Code 4 - 4, memory module for *scalingValues* is depicted in Code 4 - 5.

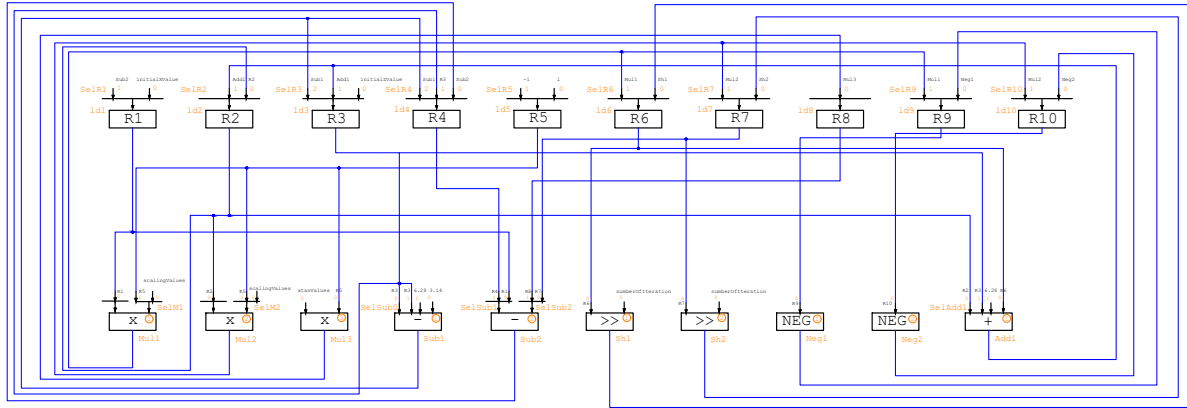


Figure 4 - 3 Register transfer level RTL scheme of the CORDIC IP Data Path Unit IP.

```

1 module atanValuesCordicLUT(index, returnValue);
2
3 input [3:0] index;
4 output reg signed [31:0] returnValue;
5
6
7 always@(index)
8 begin
9     case(index)
10         4'b0000: returnValue = 32'sb00000000000000000000_110010010000111; //
11             0.7853981633974483
12         4'b0001: returnValue = 32'sb00000000000000000000_011101101011000; //
13             0.4636476090008061
14         4'b0010: returnValue = 32'sb00000000000000000000_001111101011011; //
15             0.24497866312686414
16         4'b0011: returnValue = 32'sb00000000000000000000_000111111101010; //
17             0.12435499454676144
18         4'b0100: returnValue = 32'sb00000000000000000000_000011111111101; //
19             0.06241880999595735
20         4'b0101: returnValue = 32'sb00000000000000000000_000001111111111; //
21             0.031239833430268277
22         4'b0110: returnValue = 32'sb00000000000000000000_000000111111111; //
23             0.015623728620476831
24     endcase
25 end

```

```

17      4'b0111: returnValue = 32'sb000000000000000000_000000011111111; //
      0.007812341060101111
18      4'b1000: returnValue = 32'sb000000000000000000_000000011111111; //
      0.007812341060101111
19      4'b1001: returnValue = 32'sb000000000000000000_000000001111111; //
      0.0019531225164788188
20      4'b1010: returnValue = 32'sb000000000000000000_000000000111111; //
      0.0009765621895593195
21      4'b1011: returnValue = 32'sb000000000000000000_000000000011111; //
      0.0004882812111948983
22      default: returnValue = 32'sb000000000000000000_000000000000000; // 0
23  endcase
24 end
25 endmodule

```

Code 4 - 4 Verilog code of the atanValuesCordicLUT lookup table (LUT) implementation.

```

1 module scalingValuesCordicLUT(index, returnValue);
2
3 input [3:0] index;
4 output reg signed [31:0] returnValue;
5
6 always@(index)
7 begin
8     case(index)
9         4'b0000: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000001_000000000000000; //
            1
10        4'b0001: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_101101010000010; //
            0.7071067811865476
11        4'b0010: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_101000011110100; //
            0.6324555320336759
12        4'b0011: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100111010001001; //
            0.6135719910778964
13        4'b0100: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100110111101110; //
            0.6088339125177524
14        4'b0101: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100110111000111; //
            0.6088339125177524
15        4'b0110: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100110110111101; //
            0.607351770141296
16        4'b0111: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100110110111011; //
            0.6072776440935261
17        4'b1000: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100110110111010; //
            0.6072591122988928
18        4'b1001: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100110110111010; //
            0.6072544793325625
19        4'b1010: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100110110111010; //
            0.6072533210898753
20        4'b1011: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_100110110111010; //
            0.6072530315291345

```

```

21     default: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000000_0000000000000000; //
    0
22     endcase
23 end
24 endmodule

```

Code 4 - 5 Verilog code of the scalingValuesCordicLUT lookup table (LUT) implementation.

### 4.3.4 Control Unit

Same way as in a Division Module Control unit, presented in *Control Unit* section, the control signal encoding table 4 - 1 for Data Path CORDIC unit is created.

The branches of if statements used in the design has been colorcoded in the table for improved clarity. The iteration jumps are not depicted in the control signal table. The jumps may be performed from the step *S4*, when the speed of the calculation is the main concern, or from *S6*, when the algorithm function is presented. The steps *S5* and *S6* are mainly focused on multiplying the result of iteration by the appropriate scaling value and on transforming the results based on the quadrant of the original wanted angle value.

Table 4 - 1 Control signal encoding table for instructions to be processed by the CORDIC Module.

State	RTL Code	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	CS		
	if(R3 >= 283184) (Sub1) R3 ← R3 - 6283184; (Sub1)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	27'b1000000	
S0	R0 ← totalNumberOfIterations; R1 ← initialXValue; R2 ← initialYValue; R3 ← initialZValue;	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27'b7000000	
S1	if(R3 <= 6283184) (Add1) R3 ← R3 + 6283184; (Add1) if((R3 >= 283184 & (R3 <= 0))    (R3 <= -6283184 & (R3 < 0))) → nextState <= S2; else → nextState <= S1;	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27'b1002001	
S2	if(R3 > 0 & (R3 <= 283184)) → nextState <= S3; CS = 0; else → nextState <= S1; if(R3 > 0 & (R3 <= 283184)) → nextState <= S3; CS = 0; else → nextState <= S1; if(R3 <= 283184 & (R3 <= -6283184)) → nextState <= S3; CS = 0; else → nextState <= S1;	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27'b0	
S3	if(R3 > 141592 & (R3 <= 141592)) R4 ← R3 - 3.141592; (Sub1) R5 ← -1; if(R3 <= 141592 & (R3 <= -141592)) R4 ← R3 + 3.141592; (Sub1) R5 ← 1; else R4 ← R3; R5 ← 1;	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27'b01000
S4	R6 ← R1 × R5; (Mul1) R7 ← R2 × R5; (Mul2) R8 ← atanValue(numberOfIteration) × R5; (Mul3) R9 ← R6 × numberOFIteration; (Sb1) R7 ← R7 × numberOFIteration; (Sb2) R4 ← R4 - R8; (Sub2) R4 ← 0; R1 ← R1 - R7; (Sub2) R2 ← R2 + R6; (Add1) R5 ← 1;	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27'b00000
S5	R4 ← 0; R1 ← R1 - R7; (Sub2) R2 ← R2 + R6; (Add1) R5 ← 1;	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26'b00000
S6	R4 ← 0; R1 ← R1 - R7; (Sub2) R2 ← R2 + R6; (Add1) R5 ← 1;	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26'b6418000
S7	R9 ← R1 × scalingValue(numberOfIteration); (Mul1) R10 ← R2 × scalingValue(numberOfIteration); (Mul2) if(R3 > 141592 & (R3 <= 141592)) R9 ← R9 × (-1); (Neg1) R10 ← R10 × (-1); (Neg2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26'b600C0
S8	if(R3 > 141592 & (R3 <= 141592)) R9 ← R9 × (-1); (Neg1) R10 ← R10 × (-1); (Neg2) else R9 ← R9; R10 ← R10;	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26'b00000
	else R9 ← R9; R10 ← R10;	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24'b0

## 4.4 Simulation results

The testbench for testing the design is created with cocotb and simulated with Verilator.

As can be seen when implementing the algorithm where the actual iteration value for *sinus* and *cosinus* is calculated, the number of cycles needed for the final calculation can be calculated

$$NoCyc_{result \text{ every iteration}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3, \text{ if } initialZValue \in [-2\pi, 2\pi] \\ 4, \text{ if } initialZValue \notin [-2\pi, 2\pi] \end{array} \right\} + 5NoIt, \quad (4 - 11)$$

where *NoCyc* (-) is the number of cycles and *NoIt* is the number of iterations for the CORDIC algorithm. The 4 value is for *S0-S4* and the multiplication by 5 is because of states *S4-S8*. When the

result of the CORDIC algorithm is calculated only once at the end of the algorithm, the number of iteration can be determined by

$$NoCyc_{\text{result at the end}} = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } initialZValue \in [-2\pi, 2\pi] \\ 4, & \text{if } initialZValue \notin [-2\pi, 2\pi] \end{cases} + 3NoIt + 2, \quad (4 - 12)$$

where the multiplication by value 3 is caused by states  $S4-S6$ , the addition of 4 is caused by states  $S0-S4$  and the addition of the 2 is caused by states  $S7-S8$ .

In the simulation the *numberOfCycles* displayed is more of an index of the cycle, so for angle  $\theta$  is the number of iterations depicted on Figure 4 - 5 in fact 63 not displayed 62.

The frequency of the clock signal in this design is currently set as 50 MHz.



Figure 4 - 4 The whole Verilog simulation of CORDIC algorithm for determining the sinus and cosinus values of angle  $\theta = -1.2479$  rad. The value of sinus and cosinus based on the current iteration is also calculated in this algorithm approach. The result is passed to the registers R9 and R10.

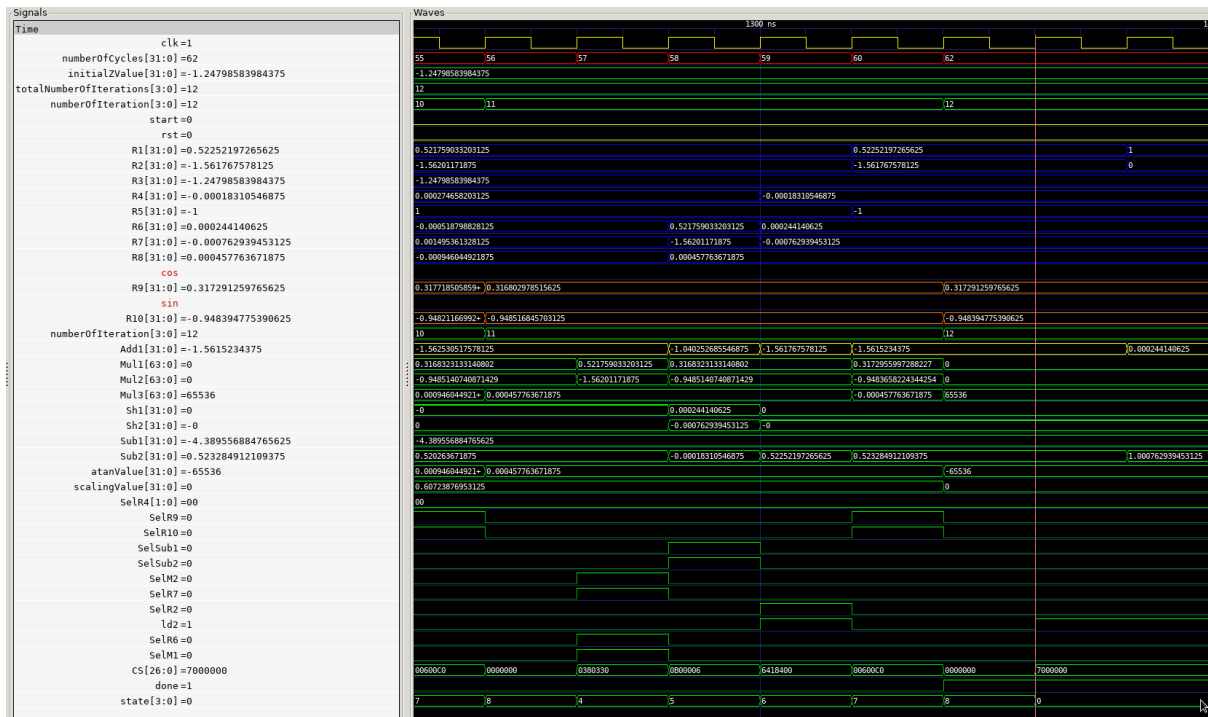


Figure 4 - 5 The detail of the last iteration of the Verilog simulation of CORDIC algorithm for determining the sinus and cosinus values of angle  $\theta = -1.2479$  rad. The result is passed to the registers R9 and R10.

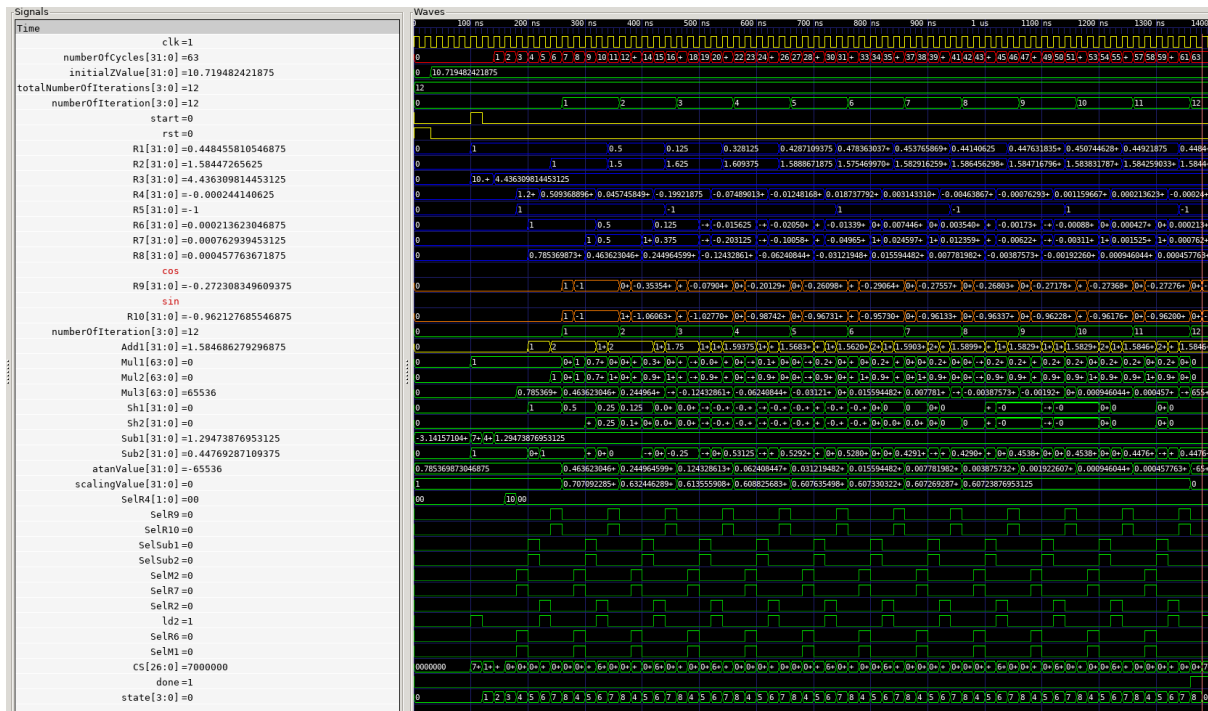


Figure 4 - 6 The whole Verilog simulation of CORDIC algorithm for determining the sinus and cosinus values of angle  $\theta = 10.7195129$  rad. The value of sinus and cosinus based on the current iteration is also calculated in this algorithm approach. The result is passed to the registers R9 and R10.



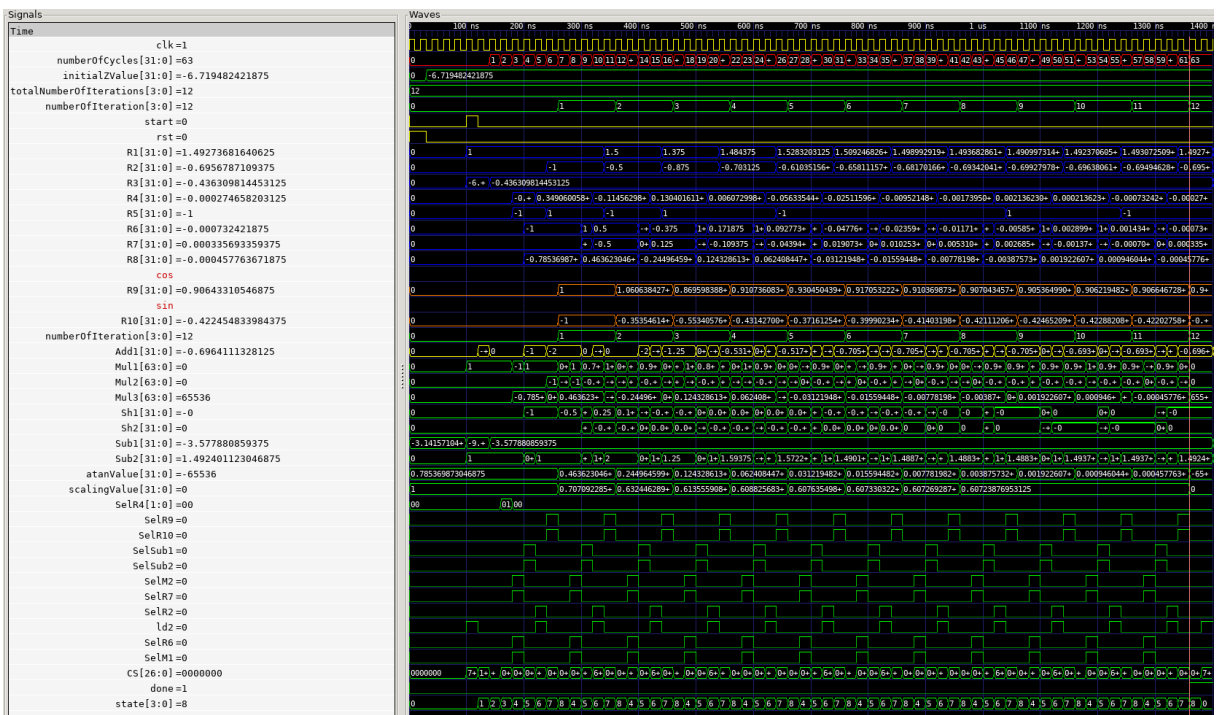


Figure 4 - 7 The whole Verilog simulation of CORDIC algorithm for determining the sinus and cosinus values of angle  $\theta = -6.7195129$  rad. The value of sinus and cosinus based on the current iteration is also calculated in this algorithm approach. The result is passed to the registers R9 and R10.

## 5 Simple set of nonlinear equations solved by a Newton-Raphson algorithm using custom circuit implementation

All the presented parts in previous sections may be utilized to solve the system of nonlinear equations. This work leads to solving the transcendental equations for Selective Harmonic Elimination. But the best approach is to firstly solve an easier set of equations to determine, if the approach of NR is viable.

### 5.1 Theory

The objective of the NR algorithm is to solve the set of nonlinear equations

$$F_1(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 - x_2 - 1, \quad (5 - 1)$$

$$F_2(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - 2x_2 - 2, \quad (5 - 2)$$

where one possible set of solutions  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  yields

$$F_1 = 0, \quad (5 - 3)$$

$$F_2 = 0. \quad (5 - 4)$$

The algorithm could be implemented in a custom CPU with reduced instruction set but for the obvious reasons, eg. speed and complexity of developing own RISC-V, the approach of creating the application specific circuit design was used.

To be able to implement the algorithm to the custom design, the general NR algorithm approach had to be simplified to the most low level implementation. Every single part that could be precalculated was set as a static value at the design step.

To check if the implementation and algorithm was well designed, the solution by *Solve* function and a customized NR was made in Wolfram Mathematica. Before the start of the algorithm the starting values of  $x_1^0$  and  $x_2^0$  were set as an input to the module. Based on that input the function values at selected starting points were calculated.

As a next step, the so called defect could be calculated using the newly found values of  $F_1(x_1^0)$  and  $F_2(x_1^0, x_2^0)$

$$\Delta \mathbf{F}^i = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta F_1^i \\ \Delta F_2^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_1^i - F_1^{\text{known solution}} \\ F_2^i - F_2^{\text{known solution}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5 - 5)$$

where the superscript  $i$  is the number of iteration for which the defect is calculated. When the algorithm starts, the  $i = 0$ . So for example the input value for  $F_1^0$  is  $x_1^0$  and  $x_2^0$ .

Next the Jacobian matrix  $\mathbf{J}$  from vector of functions  $(F)(x_1, x_2) = (F_1, F_2)$  is calculated as follows.

$$\mathbf{J}^i = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dF_1}{dx_1^i} & \frac{dF_1}{dx_2^i} \\ \frac{dF_2}{dx_1^i} & \frac{dF_2}{dx_2^i} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3(x_1^i)^2 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5 - 6)$$

As for the general NR algorithm, the inverted value of Jacobian matrix needs to be calculated. The problem is that when using general mathematical software, such as Wolfram Mathematica, the calculation of the inverted value is as easy as using function of inversion. When designing the circuit, the approach of

manual calculation of inversion must be used. In this paper, the calculation is made possible by calculating the determinant of the Jacobian Matrix, its reciprocal value, its adjugate matrix and multiplication of the adjugate matrix elements by the calculated determinant reciprocal value.

Because the size of the Jacobian matrix is 2x2 the determinant may be easily calculated using the Sarrus Rule. When the matrix is more complicated, the expansion method may be utilized.

$$\det(\mathbf{J}) = 3(x_1^i)^2(-2) - (-1) = 3(x_1^i)^2(-2) + 1. \quad (5 - 7)$$

The reciprocal value of the determinant is then calculated by the Division Unit, created for calculating division of arbitrary numbers real numbers. This Division Unit is presented in the section *Calculating the division of fixed point numbers*.

The adjugate matrix is calculated as follows

$$\text{adj}(\mathbf{J}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{11}(-1)^{1+1} & \mathbf{J}_{01}(-1)^{1+2} \\ \mathbf{J}_{10}(-1)^{1+2} & \mathbf{J}_{00}(-1)^{2+2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3(x_1^i)^2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5 - 8)$$

After the calculation of the reciprocal value of the determinant of the Jakobi matrix and the adjugate matrix, the inverted Jakobi matrix bay be finally calculated

$$\mathbf{J}^{-1i} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{J}^i)} \begin{pmatrix} \text{adj}(\mathbf{J}_{00}^i) & \text{adj}(\mathbf{J}_{01}^i) \\ \text{adj}(\mathbf{J}_{10}^i) & \text{adj}(\mathbf{J}_{11}^i) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{J}^i)} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3(x_1^i)^2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5 - 9)$$

Next the  $(\Delta x_1^i, \Delta x_2^i)$  is to be calculated by using the inverted Jacobi matrix and the defect.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta x_1^i \\ \Delta x_2^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{00}^{-1i} \Delta F_1^i + \mathbf{J}_{01}^{-1i} \Delta F_2^i \\ \mathbf{J}_{10}^{-1i} \Delta F_1^i + \mathbf{J}_{11}^{-1i} \Delta F_2^i \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5 - 10)$$

Now the next iteration value denoted as  $i + 1$  of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  may be calculated

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^{i+1} \\ x_2^{i+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^i + \Delta x_1^i \\ x_2^i + \Delta x_2^i \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5 - 11)$$

With those new iteration values  $x_1^{i+1}$   $x_2^{i+1}$  the loop for calculation starts again at the calculation of the new value  $F_1^{i+1}$   $F_2^{i+1}$  which is presented at the start of this section.

## 5.2 IP Block Design

### 5.2.1 Top module design

The picture 5 - 1 depicts the top module design of the circuit. The Control Unit sends control signals to the Data Path unit to make the desired calculations. As in all designs in this paper, the numbers are formatted in the *Q32.15* fixed point format.

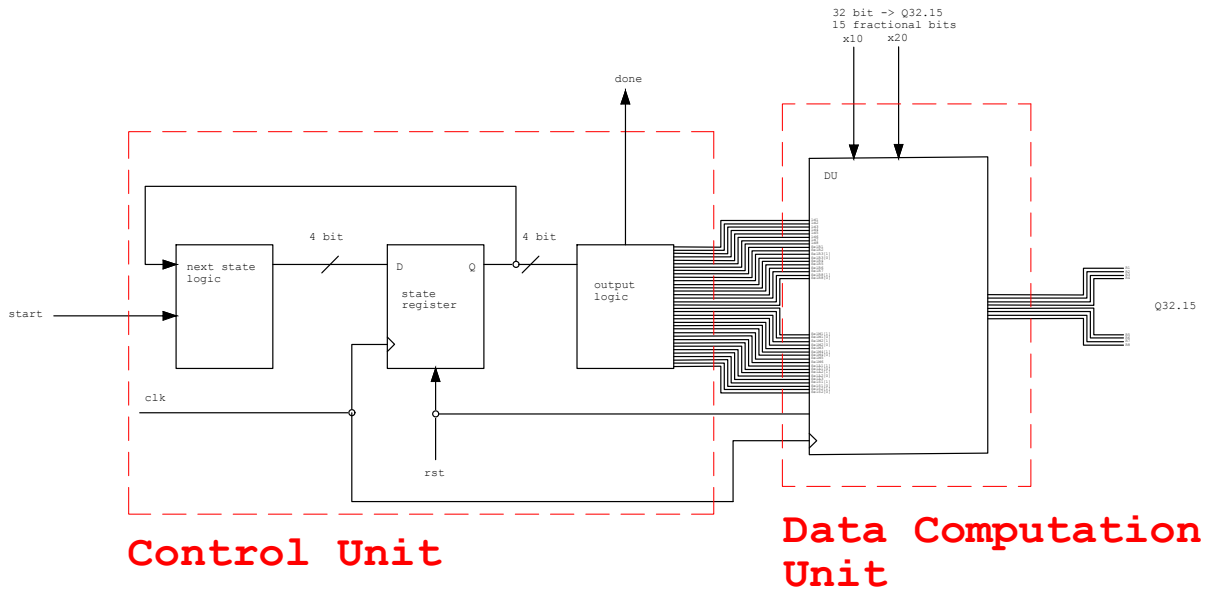


Figure 5 - 1 Top module design for the simple Newton-Raphson (NR) calculation unit module block design.

### 5.2.2 Allocation and Timing

The algorithm structure for the Verilog implementation is depicted in the data flow diagram in the picture 5 - 2. The algorithm iteration jumps (explained in the section *Control unit* of the simple NR algorithm ) are not displayed in this diagram.

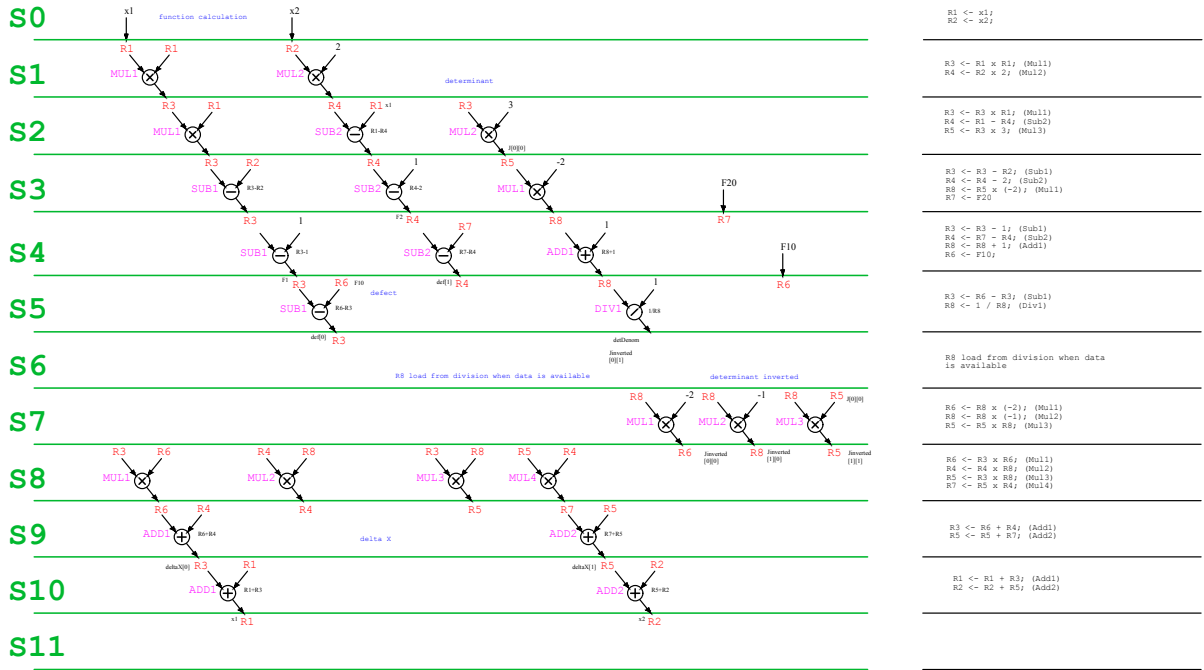


Figure 5 - 2 Allocation and timing diagram for the Data Path Unit part of the simple (NR) module.

### 5.2.3 Data Path Unit

The Data path unit for this simple NR algorithm consists of four multipliers, two adders, two subtractors and one divider. The divider is implemented using the Division Unit, presented in the section *Calculating the division of fixed point numbers*. When the algorithm has finished the results for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are saved in the R1 and R2, the state S11 is set and *done* signal is set to 1. The results then can be driven to another module or unit for further usage. In fact the *done* signal is driven in the Control Unit and can be used in controlling the possible module, where the NR module is only part of the design.

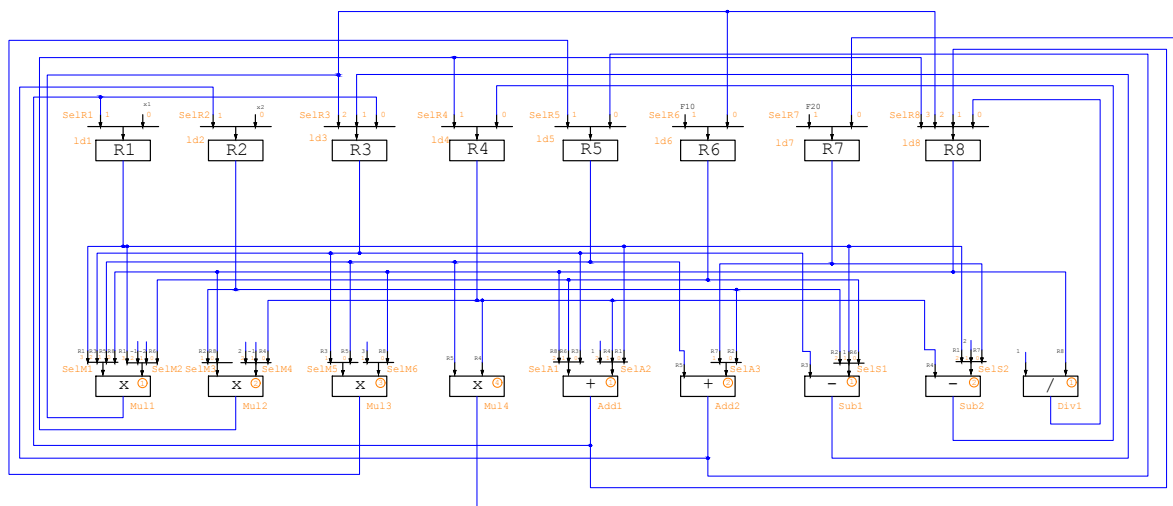


Figure 5 - 3 Register Transfer Level (RTL) scheme of the Data Path Unit part of the simple Newton-Raphson (NR) calculation IP.

## 5.2.4 Control Unit

The encoding table 5 - 1 shows the steps of the algorithm with a corresponding control signal for the Data Path Unit of the simple NR algorithm Verilog implementation.

The NR algorithm iteration jumps are carried out from the state *S10* to state *S1*, when the numebr of iteration is lower than the set total number of iterations, which is hardcoded to the Control Unit. At this implementation, the total number of iterations is se to be 5. In fact, the end of the NR algorithm should be determined based on the defect value. In this simple example, the value check of the defect is not implemented. The implementation would be simple though. The value of register holding the defect values R3 and R4 would be wired to the control unit in the corresponding steps *S4* and *S5* respectively and the comparison with the desired defect value would be performed. If the defect value was smaller than the desired value, the next state of the algorithm would be *S11* and therefore the calculation would end. If the defect was larger than the desired value, the next state would be *S6* and the iteratioun would complete normally and loop from the state *S10* to *S1*.

Table 5 - 1 Control signal encoding table for instructions to be processed by the simple Newton-Raphson (NR) alorithm solve Module.

State	RTL Code	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	CN	
S0	R1 ← x1; R2 ← x2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'3C0000000		
S1	R3 ← R1 * R1 (1) R4 ← R2 * 2 (2)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'3B2B31000	
S2	R5 ← R1 + R1 (1) R4 ← R1 - R4 (2) R5 ← R5 + 1 (3)	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	36'3B342C002
S3	R3 ← R3 - R2 (1) R4 ← R4 - 2 (2) R5 ← R5 + 2 (3) R7 ← R9	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	36'333119009	
S4	R3 ← R3 - 1 (1) R4 ← R7 - R4 (2) R8 ← R4 + 1 (3) R9 ← R10	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	36'335124014		
S5	R5 ← R5 - R5 (1) R8 ← R4 + 1 (1)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'323100000		
S6	R6 load from memory when data is available	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'310000000		
S7	R6 ← R6 + 1 (1) R5 ← R5 + 1 (2) R5 ← R5 - R6 (3)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'3404C4000	
S8	R3 ← R3 + R6 (1) R4 ← R4 + R6 (2) R5 ← R3 + R6 (3) R7 ← R3 + R6 (4)	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'3410C2000		
S9	R3 ← R4 + R4 (1) R5 ← R5 + R5 (2)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	36'320000000		
S10	R1 ← R1 - R3 (1) R2 ← R2 - R5 (2)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'3C3C00000		
S11		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	36'000000000			

## 5.3 Simulation results

The test bench for simulation was made using Cocotb [1] with the Verilator [2] as a simulator. The result of the calculation may be seen in the registers R1 and R2. The results are  $x_1 = -0.707489$  and  $x_2 = -1.353759$

The clock signal frequency for this design is currently 20 MHz.

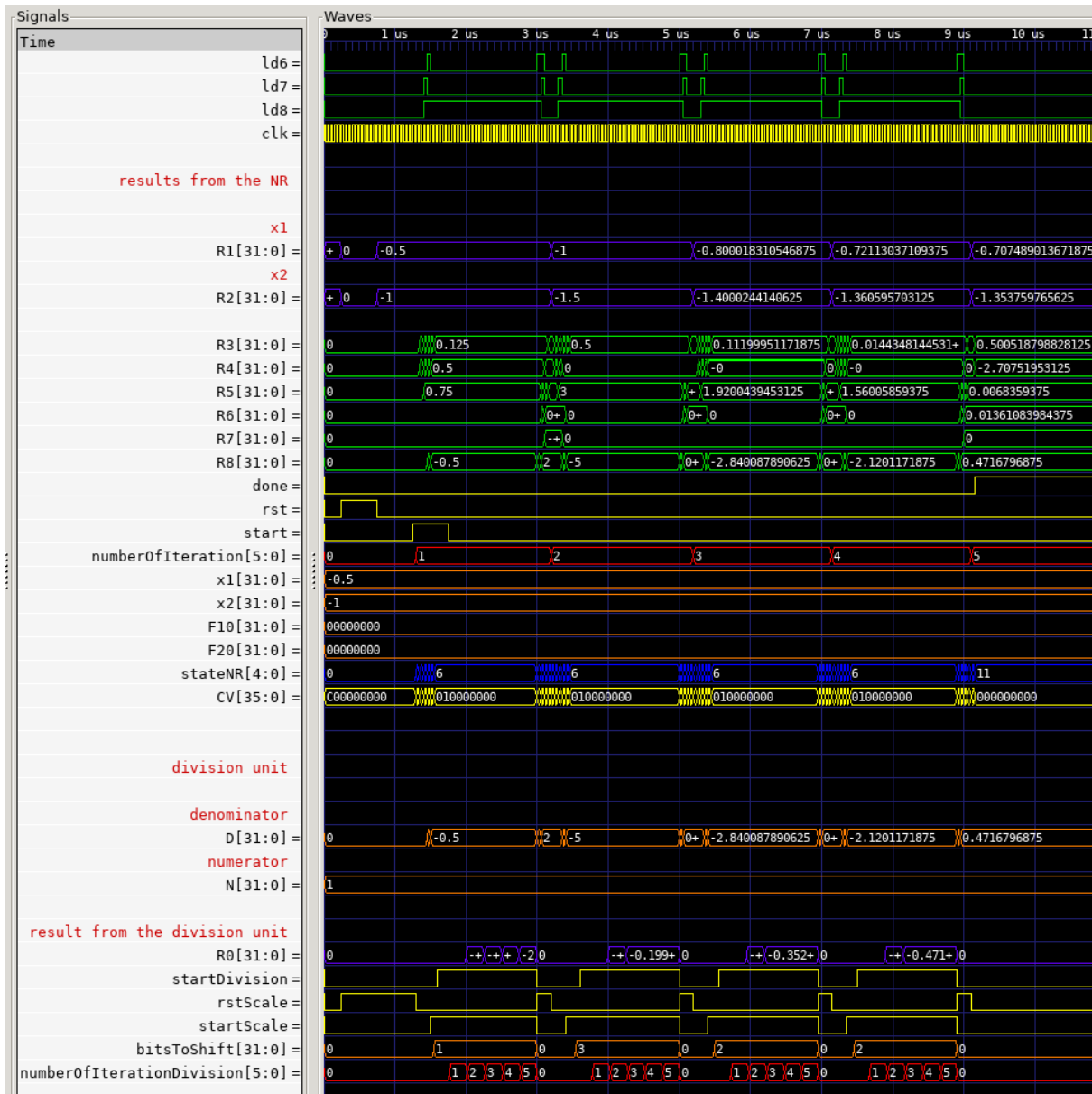


Figure 5 - 4 The whole Verilog simulation of a simple Newton-Raphson (NR) algorithm. The result is may be seen in registers R1 and R2 after the fifth iteration of the algorithm.



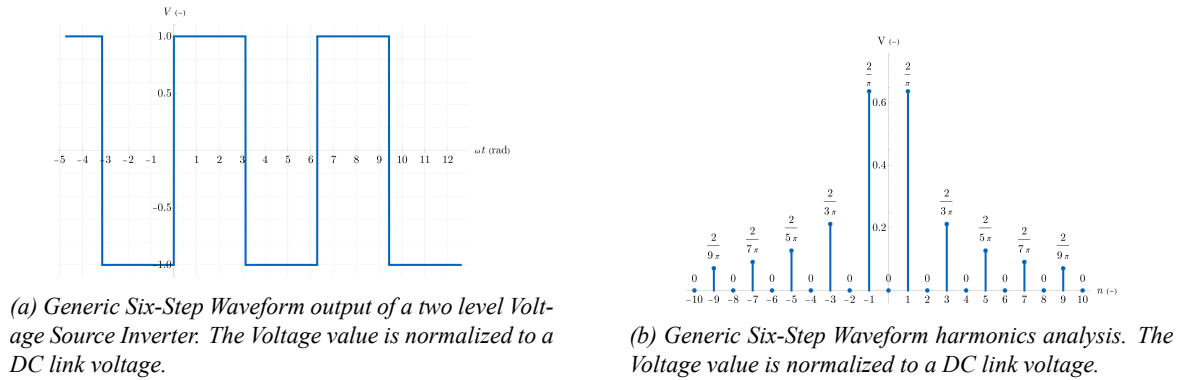
## 6 Selective Harmonic Elimination

### 6.1 Theory

The original theory for Selective Harmonic Elimination was developed in [7, 8] and later adopted by many researchers and adopted for multiple voltage inverter topologies. Nowadays the strategy is mainly used in traction applications after control and modulation strategies for start up state end and the reference voltage for the drive is high enough so the six step output voltage is utilized. However general six step output signal yields high order harmonics. When the motor is powered by these high order voltage harmonics, the current with high order harmonics (excluding triplen harmonics, because the symmetric 3 phase motor is considered) is then observed. This current harmonics cause undesirable current ripple, torque ripple and losses [9] which decrease the efficiency of the drive.

To control the output voltage and reduce unwanted harmonics the Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE) technique may be employed. The elimination is based on generating the output voltage by switching the the components at certain angles, thus generating waveform with number of pulses to which corresponds the number of eliminated harmonics. The calculation is based on the calculation of fourier coefficients. The principle has been modified for different types of converters, such as multilevel, H-bridge converters or generic Voltage Source Inverters (VSI). In this paper, the regular two level VSI is considered.

The considered inverter voltage waveform is depicted in Figure 6 - 1a. The harmonic analysis of the generic waveform is depicted in Figure 6 - 1b. Note that in a 3 phase symmetrical system the triplen harmonics would be eliminated as well.



$$b_n = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^{T/4} x(\omega t) \sin(n\omega t) d\omega t = \frac{8}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/4} x(\omega t) \sin(n\omega t) d\omega t = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x(\omega t) \sin(n\omega t) d\omega t. \quad (6 - 3)$$

The function  $x(\omega t)$  describes the output voltage pulse value normalized to a DC link voltage. The Equation 6 - 2 may then be rewritten using the substitution of  $\omega t$  by the angles  $\alpha$  which also describe the output waveform dependent on radians and that the function  $x(\alpha)$  yields 1 when the output voltage pulse is positive and  $-1$  when negative. The rewritten equation 6 - 2 when assuming quarter-wave symmetry

$$b_n = \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{8}{T} \int_{\alpha_k}^{\alpha_{k+1}} x(\alpha) \sin(n\alpha) d\alpha. \quad (6 - 4)$$

Where  $M$  is number of pulses in half periode of the output signal. When assuming that the interval is calculated for states when the  $x(\alpha_k)$  is 1 or  $-1$ , the function may be replaced by a constant, thus the integral calculation is quite simple.

$$b_n = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{1}{n} [-\cos(n\alpha)]_{\alpha_k}^{\alpha_{k+1}} = \frac{4}{\pi n} \sum_{k=1}^M [\cos(n\alpha_k) - \cos(n\alpha_{k+1})]. \quad (6 - 5)$$

The Equation 6 - 5 can be then further simplified by observing the results of the summation for  $M = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{4}{\pi n} \sum_{k=1}^2 [\cos(n\alpha_k) - \cos(n\alpha_{k+1})] = \frac{4}{\pi n} [(\cos(n\alpha_1) - \cos(n\alpha_2)) + (\cos(n\alpha_2) - \cos(n\alpha_3))] = \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi n} (\cos(n\alpha_1) - \cos(n\alpha_3)). \end{aligned} \quad (6 - 6)$$

According to [7] and the example calculation for  $M = 2$ , the further simplification of the Equation 6 - 5 is Equation 6 - 7.

$$b_n = \frac{4}{\pi n} \sum_{k=1}^M (-1)^{k+1} \cos(n\alpha_k). \quad (6 - 7)$$

Whereas it can be said, that the number of eliminated odd harmonics is  $N = M - 1$ .

To maintain clarity of this paper only the 5th harmonics is being eliminated by the designed unit. The set of equations to be solved to eliminated one harmonics is as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= b_1 = \frac{4}{\pi} [\cos(\alpha_1) - \cos(\alpha_2)], \\ V_5 &= b_5 = \frac{4}{5\pi} [\cos(5\alpha_1) - \cos(5\alpha_2)]. \end{aligned} \quad (6 - 8)$$

The  $V_1 = b_1$ ,  $V_5 = b_5$  are the amplitudes of 1st, respectively 5th harmonics. Where for the elimination of the 5th harmonics must be true that  $b_5 = 0$ . So the set of equations 6 - 8 may be simplified as set of Equations 6 - 9.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4V_1}{\pi} &= \cos(\alpha_1) - \cos(\alpha_2), \\ 0 &= \cos(5\alpha_1) - \cos(5\alpha_2). \end{aligned} \quad (6 - 9)$$

The solution of the Equations 6 - 9 is not trivial as they are nonlinear. There may be various methods how to solve the problem, such as Genetic Algorithms [10, 11, 12] or algebraic methods [13, 14]. One of the well known used algebraic methods is Newton-Raphson (NR) algorithm [15]. On this paper, the solution is obtained solely by using NR algorithm. The problem of this method is that it is required to set the initial conditions wellm otherwise the solution may not be found. On the other hand, the Genetic Algorithms need to set the initial values as well, but often random numbers from a predefined intervals are used.

For real time systems, the approach of SHE may often be to precalculate the required switching angles offline and the utilize the LUT in a microprocessor to determine which set of angles use for the set reference voltage. Nowadays the FPGA may be more often utilized to calculate the solution. The caclulation may be highly paralelized and optimized to obtain the solution in near real time. In following sections the prototype implementation in Python and final implementaion in Verilog is presented.

## 6.2 High level implementation

The algorithm was for rapid prototyping purposes implemented using Python. The script incorporates changing the modulation index at the start of the python simulation, thus enables generating values which then may be compared with results obtained from Verilog/cocotb and Verilator simulation of the hardware implemented algorithm.

```

1 import math
2 import argparse # for parsing command line arguments
3
4 # colorama for colors, easier than init class, maybe later
5 # source: https://github.com/tartley/colorama
6 from colorama import init as colorama_init
7 from colorama import Fore
8 from colorama import Style
9
10 colorama_init(autoreset=True) # autoreset color on new line
11
12 # class with additional styles
13 class style:
14     BOLD = '\033[1m'
15     UNDERLINE = '\033[4m'
16     END = '\033[0m'
17
18 argParser = argparse.ArgumentParser() # new object
19 argParser.add_argument("-mi", "--modulationIndex", help="set the modulation
    index 0-1") # adding argument
20 args = argParser.parse_args() # parsing args
21 modulationIndex = args.modulationIndex
22
23 # Set the desired modulation index
24 if not modulationIndex:
25     print()
26     print(style.BOLD+Fore.RED + "You did not specify the modulation index
    with mi command, specify it now:\n" + style.END)

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27     modulationIndex = input()
28
29 print("You have specified the modulation index: " + modulationIndex + ".\n"
30 )
31
32 modulationIndex = float(modulationIndex)
33 totalNumberOfIterations = 10
34 f10 = modulationIndex * 0.7853981 # modulationIndex * pi/4
35 f20 = 0
36 x10 = 0.0872664 # 5 degree
37 x20 = 1.3439035 # 77 degree
38
39 x1 = x10
40 x2 = x20
41
42 # main NR-LOOP
43 for numberOfIteration in range(totalNumberOfIterations):
44     prepDeltaF1 = math.cos(x1) - math.cos(x2)
45     deltaF1 = f10 - prepDeltaF1
46
47     prepDeltaF2 = math.cos(5*x1) - math.cos(5*x2)
48     deltaF2 = f20 - prepDeltaF2
49
50     prepJ11 = math.sin(x1)
51     prepJ01 = math.sin(x2)
52     prepJ10 = 5 * math.sin(5*x1)
53     prepJ00 = 5 * math.sin(5*x2)
54
55     prepDet1 = prepJ10 * prepJ01
56     prepDet2 = 5 * prepJ11 * math.sin(5*x2)
57
58     prepDet = prepDet1 - prepDet2
59
60     divDet = 1 / prepDet
61
62     jInv00 = divDet * prepJ00
63     jInv01 = divDet * - prepJ01
64     jInv10 = divDet * prepJ10
65     jInv11 = divDet * - prepJ11
66
67
68     deltaX1 = (jInv00 * deltaF1) + (jInv01 * deltaF2)
69     deltaX2 = (jInv10 * deltaF1) + (jInv11 * deltaF2)
70
71     x1 = x1 + deltaX1
72     x2 = x2 + deltaX2
73

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```

74     print(Fore.CYAN + "numberOfIteration: " + str(numberOfIteration) +
        style.END)
75 # End of the main NR-LOOP
76
77 print(Fore.GREEN + "x1: " + str(x1) + style.END)
78 print(Fore.GREEN + "x2: " + str(x2) + style.END)

```

Code 6 - 1 Python implementation of the Selective Harmonic Elimination Algorithm with adjustable modulation index.

## 6.3 IP Block Design

### 6.3.1 Algorithm Block Diagram

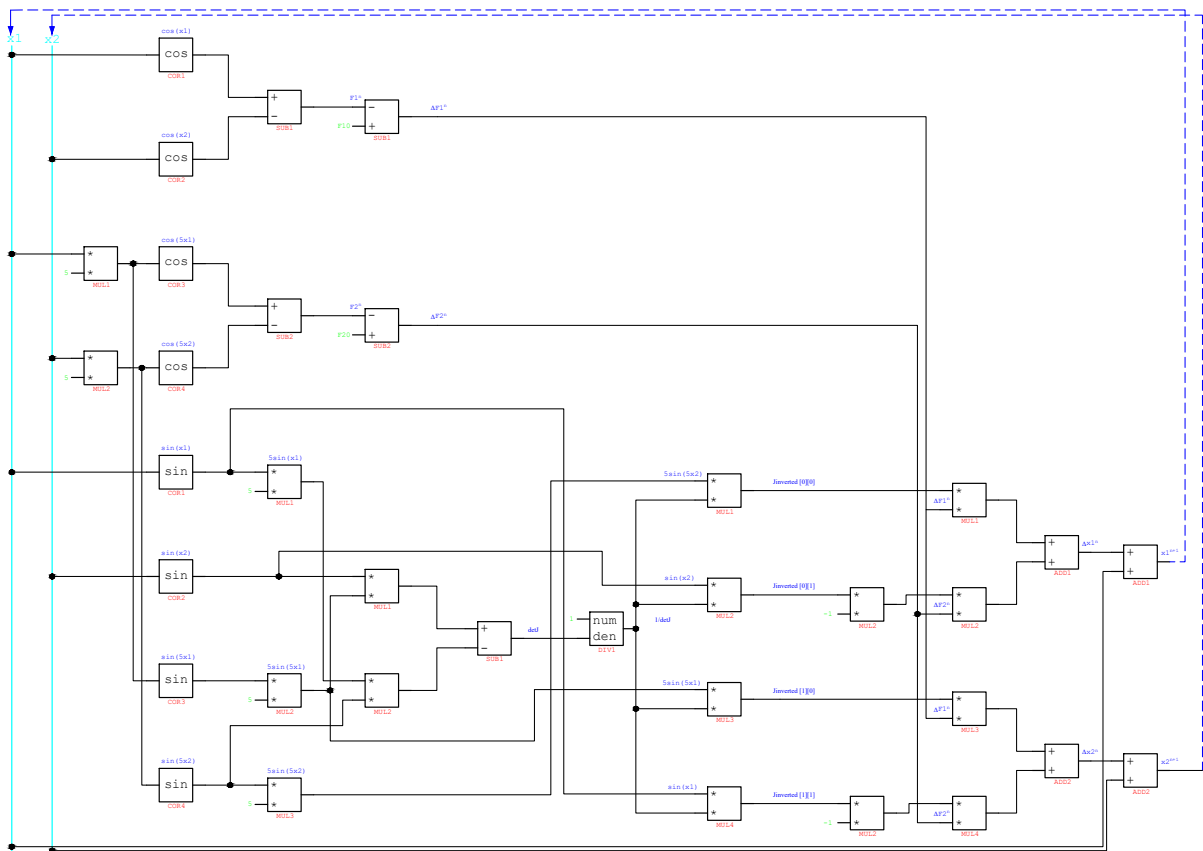


Figure 6 - 2 Block Diagram of the Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE) using Newton-Raphson algorithm.

### 6.3.2 Top module design

The top module of this IP is very similar to other developed modules for this paper. The design consists of a Control Unit which sends control signals to the Data Unit. The Data Unit, which consists of registers and computational units incorporates few external sub modules for additional calculations, such as CORDIC and division.

As for every design presented, the units utilize the  $Q32.15$  fixed point format for it's computational units and registers, the exception being multiplier computational units, which by the principle of multiplication use format  $Q64.30$  for the results. When the multiplication results are passed to registers, the values are rounded back to globally used format.

The design is depicted on Figure 6 - 3.

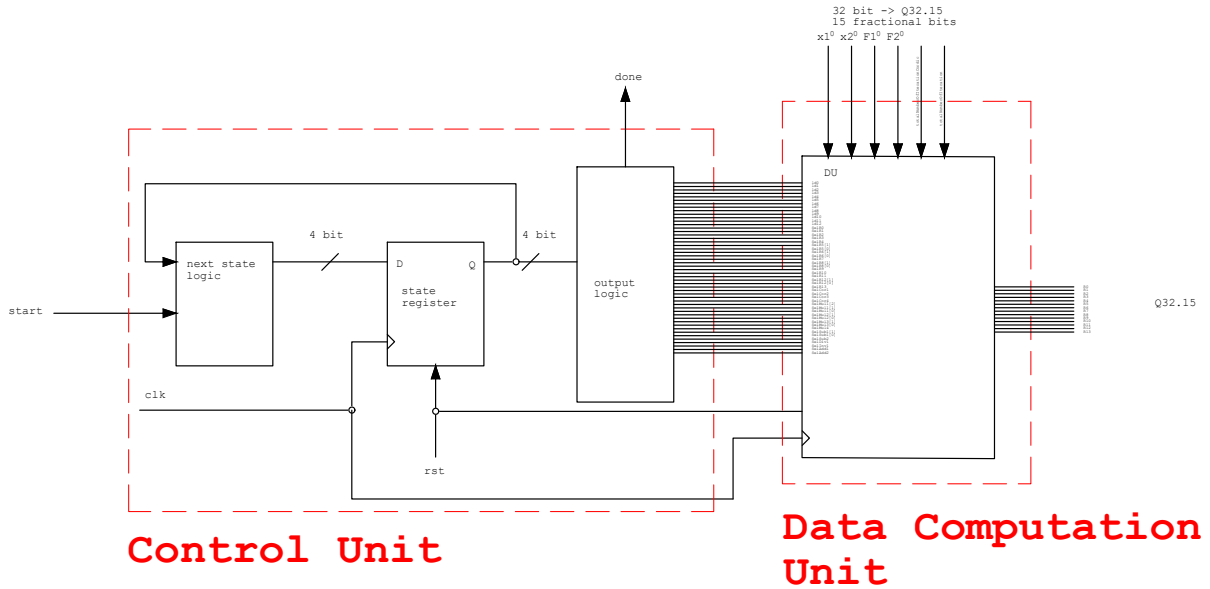


Figure 6 - 3 Top module design for the Selective Harmonic Elimination unit (SHE).

### 6.3.3 Allocation and Timing

The Allocation and Timing diagram, depicted on Figure 6 - 4 describes the algorithm presented in the *Theory* section. As can be seen from previous sections, this algorithm has been thoroughly tested before Verilog implementation.

The Verilog implementation consists of totally 13 states  $S0-S12$ . Through states  $S1-S11$  the NR algorithm iterates to calculate the ending results. The state  $S0$  is a starting state after resetting the unit and state  $S12$  is ending state, which is reached after the successful calculation of the last algorithm iteration.

As previously stated, the SHE calculation module consists of various submodules, which may use other iterative algorithms. Iterations of these submodule algorithms are not concern of this part and are implicitly accepted as a part of the SHE module algorithm.

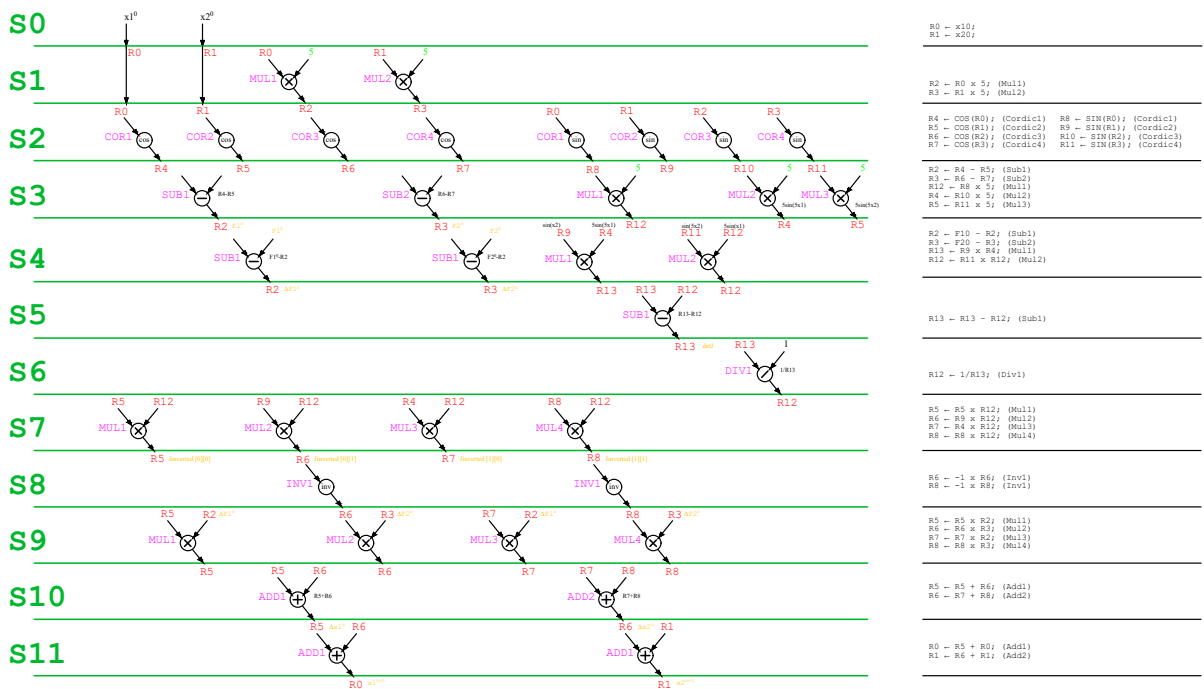


Figure 6 - 4 Allocation and Timing diagram for the Data Path Unit part of Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE) module.

### 6.3.4 Data Path Unit

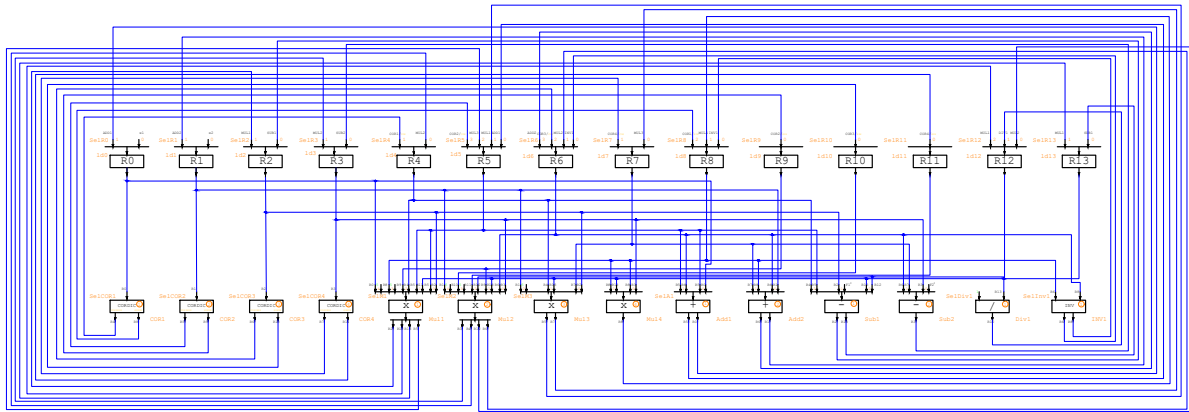


Figure 6 - 5 Register transfer level RTL scheme of the Selective Harmonic Elimination Data Path Unit.

### 6.3.5 Control Unit

Table 6 - 1 Control signal encoding table for instructions to be processed by the simple Newton-Raphson (NR) algorithm solve Module.

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## Conclusion

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## **Appendix A: List of and Abbreviations**

### **A.1 List of abbreviations**

<b>CORDIC</b>	Coordinate Rotation Digital Computer
<b>CPU</b>	Central Processing Unit
<b>DC</b>	Direct Current
<b>FOSS</b>	Free and open-source software
<b>FPGA</b>	Field Programmable Gate Array
<b>FSM</b>	Finite State Machine
<b>IP</b>	Intellectual property
<b>ISA</b>	Instruction Set Architecture
<b>LUT</b>	Look Up Table
<b>NR</b>	Newton Raphson
<b>RTL</b>	Register Transfer Level
<b>SHE</b>	Selective Harmonic Elimination
<b>VSI</b>	Voltage Source Converter