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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*.

$$x_0 = \frac{48}{17} - \frac{32}{17}D,\tag{3-1}$$

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_1101001011000 in binary) and 1.8819 (32'sb000000000000001 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.

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

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

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}F(x_i)}{\mathrm{d}x} = F'(x_i) = \frac{F(x_{i+1}) - F(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}.$$
 (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.

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

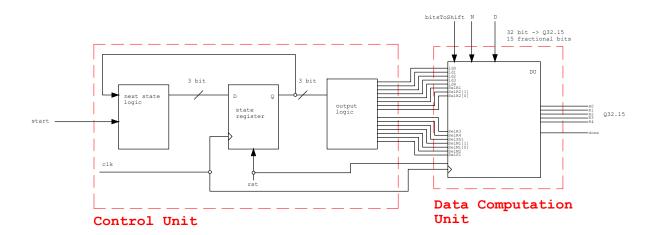


Figure 3 - 1 Top module design for the division unit module block design.

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 Alloccation 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 S0-S8 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 S8, the FSM restarts at the state S4 with new x_i values to be used in the current iteration. This jump is not depicted in the table for CS signal.

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State	RTL Code	14 ld0	13 ld1	12 ld2	11 ld3	10 ld4	SelR1	8 SelR2[1]	7 SelR2[0]	6 SelR3	5 SelR4	4 SelSh1	3 SelM1[1]	2 SelM1[0]	SelM2	SelS1	CS	
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	
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Table 3 - 1 Control signal encoding table for instructions to be processed by the Division Module.

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.

```
at every negative edge of clock or positive edge of reset
   if(rst)
     scaleToShift = 0;
     scaleToShiftInternal = 1;
     started = 0;
   end if
   else if (start)
   started = 1;
   end else if
10
   at every positive edge of clock
   13
   done = 1;
   started = 0;
14
   scaleToShift = scaleToShiftInternal;
   end if
16
   else
   done = 0;
19
   scaleToShiftInternal = scaleToShiftInternal + 1;
   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 propper 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.

```
timescale 1ns/1ns
     #10; // wait for 10 units of time
     #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
     N = 32'b0000000100110000_00001000000000; D=32'
    304.03125, denominator to D = -0.25
     #10 rstScale = 0; // wait for 10 units of time and stop the reset of
    scaling unit
     #10 startScale = 1; // start the algorithm for scaling unit
     #20 rst = 1; start = 0; // reset the division unit
     #30 rst = 0; // stop reseting of the division unit
     #20 start = 1; // start the division unit
     #20 start = 0;
10
     #1000; // wait 1000 units of time
     $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 number Of Iterations).



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 number Of Iterations).



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 number Of Iterations).



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 number Of Iterations).



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, θ) 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.

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

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

Then when simplifying the equation

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

it can be seen, that only multiplication by scaling factor of precalculated values of $\cos(\theta)$, multiplication by $\tan(\theta)$, subtraction and addiction operations are needed. However, the multiplication by $\tan(\theta)$ can be interchanged. The interchange may be done for angles θ 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.

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

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.

$$x_{R} = x_{\text{in}}\cos(\theta) - y_{\text{in}}\sin(\theta) = |\theta = 0| = \cos(\theta)$$

$$y_{R} = x_{\text{in}}\sin(\theta) + y_{\text{in}}\cos(\theta) = |\theta = 0| = \sin(\theta)$$
(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 multipliying cosinus of different θ values converges to 0,60725. So there is no need to precalculate all the scaling values only the convergenent 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.

$$x[i+1] = x[i] - \sigma_i 2^{-i} y[i],$$

$$y[i+1] = y[i] + \sigma_i 2^{-i} x[i],$$

$$z[i+1] = z[i] - \sigma_i \operatorname{atan}(2^{-i}).$$
(4 - 5)

The σ_{i+1} is determined based on the sign of the z_{i+1} variable

$$\sigma_{i+1} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -1, \text{ if } z_{i+1} < 0\\ 1, \text{ if } z_{i+1} > 0\\ 0, \text{ if } z_{i+1} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(4-6)$$

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 2π range, corresponding actions before the 0. iteration must be made.

The algorithm must make checks, to determine the quadrant, where the desired angle θ 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 σ_i value is set. The corresponding if statements a 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 θ , 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 σ_i , the resultCos and resultSin variables are used for storing the temporary and final values of the $\cos(\theta)$ and $\sin(\theta)$ values respectively.

```
if((initialZValue > 1.5707)&(initialZValue < 3.141592))
    sigmaValue = -1
    zValue = initialZValue - 3.141592

else if((initialZValue > 3.141592)&(initialZValue < 4.7123))
    sigmaValue = 1
    zValue = initialZValue - 3.141592

else
    zValue = initialZValue
    sigmaValue = 1
end</pre>
```

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

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

```
resultCos = - resultCos
resultSin = resultSin

less if((initialZValue > 3.141592)&(initialZValue < 4.7123))
resultCos = - resultCos
resultSin = - resultSin

end</pre>
```

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 $\theta=57,535$ °. 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. iteration
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \cos(45^\circ) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{in}} \\ y_{\text{in}} \end{pmatrix}$$
, (4 - 7)

1. iteration
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \cos(26, 565 \, °) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2^{-1} \\ 2^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
, (4 - 8)

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

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

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

```
import math
```

```
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
# initialZValueCordic = - 1.248 # angle for which to calculate cordic
# initialZValueCordic = - 6.7194 # angle for which to calculate cordic
12 initialZValueCordic = 10.7194824 # angle for which to calculate cordic
initialSigmaValueCordic = 1
15 for x in range(totalNumberOfIterations):
     # Generating arcus tanges values of precalculated angles based on
    number of iterations
     atanValues.append(math.atan(1*2**(-x)))
     # Generating precalculated scaling values based on a number of
     iterations
     scalingValues.append(scalingValues[x]*math.cos(atanValues[x]))
21 print("atanValues: ", atanValues)
22 print("scalingValues: ", scalingValues)
25 print("\n")
26 print("initialZValue original: ", initialZValueCordic)
28 # Moving angle to interval [0,2Pi]
29 if initialZValueCordic > 0:
     while initialZValueCordic > (2*3.141592):
         initialZValueCordic = initialZValueCordic - 2*3.141592
32 else:
     while initialZValueCordic < (-2*3.141592):</pre>
         initialZValueCordic = initialZValueCordic + 2*3.141592
35
print("initialZValue after moving to [0,2Pi] interval: ",
     initialZValueCordic)
38 print("\n")
41 # Checking the initial value and moving it in the interval
42 if (initialZValueCordic > 1.5707) and (initialZValueCordic < 3.141592):
     zValue = initialZValueCordic - 3.141592
     sigmaValue = -1
   print("value in second q")
```

```
elif (initialZValueCordic > 3.141592) and (initialZValueCordic < 4.7123);</pre>
      zValue = initialZValueCordic - 3.141592
      sigmaValue = 1
      print("value in third q")
 elif (initialZValueCordic < 0):</pre>
      sigmaValue = -1
      zValue = initialZValueCordic
      print("value in fourth q")
53
54 else:
      zValue = initialZValueCordic # For angle
      sigmaValue = initialSigmaValueCordic # For +- next angle
      print("value in first")
57
59 # Passing starting values to the calculation values
60 xValue = initialXValueCordic # For cos
61 yValue = initialYValueCordic # For sin
64 # CORDIC ALGORITHM
65 for x in range(totalNumberOfIterations):
      # Calculating next values of the current iteration x
      xNextValue = xValue - (sigmaValue*yValue)*2**(-x)
      yNextValue = yValue + (sigmaValue*xValue)*2**(-x)
      zNextValue = zValue - sigmaValue * atanValues[x]
70
      # Determining the signum of next angle (addition or subtraction)
72
      if zNextValue >= 0:
          sigmaNextValue = 1
      else:
          sigmaNextValue = -1
77
      # Values for new iteration
      xValue = xNextValue
      yValue = yNextValue
      zValue = zNextValue
81
      sigmaValue = sigmaNextValue
82
83
      print("iteration:", x, "xValue:", xValue, "yValue:", yValue, "zValue:",
84
      zValue, "sigmaValue:", sigmaValue, "\n")
86 # Calculating results by scaling the result values from CORDIC by the
     scalingValue which depends on number of iterations which were made
87 resultCos = scalingValues[x-1] * xValue
88 resultSin = scalingValues[x-1] * yValue
m # Changing results sign based on the rotation of the initialZValueCordic
91 if (initialZValueCordic > 1.5707) and (initialZValueCordic < 3.141592):
```

```
resultCos = - resultCos
  elif (initialZValueCordic > 3.141592) and (initialZValueCordic < 4.7123):</pre>
      resultCos = - resultCos
      resultSin = - resultSin
  # Calculating values based on the math library
98 mathResultCos = math.cos(initialZValueCordic)
 mathResultSin = math.sin(initialZValueCordic)
101 # Calculating the error of CORDIC calculated values from the python math
     functions
102 errorCos = abs(resultCos) - abs(mathResultCos)
103 errorSin = abs(resultSin) - abs(mathResultSin)
105 # Results printing
print("CORDIC results:")
print("cos: ", resultCos)
print("sin: ", resultSin)
print("scaleFactor: ", scalingValues[totalNumberOfIterations-1])
print("\n")
print("MATH results:")
print("cos: ", mathResultCos)
print("sin: ", mathResultSin)
115 print("\n")
print("error CORDIC-MATH:")
print("cos: ", errorCos)
print("sin: ", errorSin)
```

Code 4 - 3 Python code of CORDIC implementation.

After the python implementation and debugging has been finalized, the circuit Verilog implementation of the algorithm could be initiated. Same as for the Division Unit IP, presented in *Calculating the division of fixed point numbers* section, the Data Path, Control Unit and Top Module was designed. This approach based on the application specific circuit design should be by its nature faster and more safe than creating the custom CPU with reduced and customized ISA.

4.3 IP Block Design

4.3.1 Top module design

The top module design of the CORDIC IP is shown in the picture 4 - 1. As can be seen, the structure is very much similar to the Division Unit top module. When using the approach to create a customized circuit for algorithm the flow of creating the top modules is likely to be similar with minor differences in signals, inputs and variables.

The Data Path Moule in the top design incorporates the precalculated LUTs for *atanValues* and *scalingValues*. The LUT memory module's structure is very simple and therefore the Verilog interpretation is depicted only for *atanValues* variable. The value of *totalNumberOfIterations* is set to be 12 in this implementation, thus the LUT is 12x32 bits in size. Obivously the already presented custom fixed point

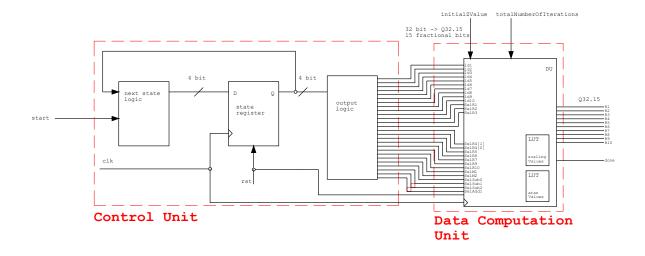


Figure 4 - 1 Top module design for the CORDIC module block design.

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 aproach. The jumps in the allocation and timing diagram are not shown.

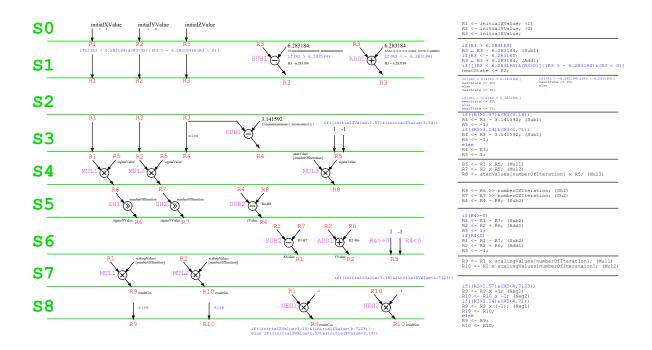


Figure 4 - 2 Alloccation and timing diagram for the Data Path Unit part of the CORDIC IP.

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** $_x$ 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.

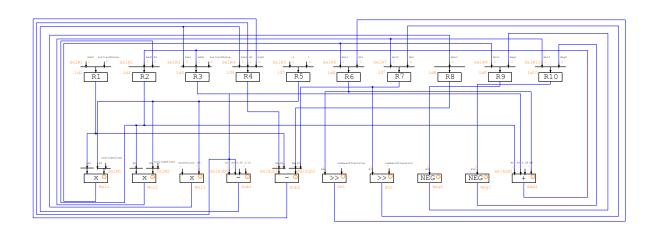


Figure 4 - 3 Register transfer level RTL scheme of the CORDIC IP Data Path Unit IP.

```
module atanValuesCordicLUT(index, returnValue);
input [3:0] index;
 output reg signed [31:0] returnValue;
7 always@(index)
 begin
     case(index)
          4'b0000: returnValue = 32'sb000000000000000_110010010000111; //
10
     0.7853981633974483
          4'b0001: returnValue = 32'sb00000000000000 011101101011000; //
11
     0.4636476090008061
         4'b0010: returnValue = 32'sb0000000000000000_001111101011011; //
12
     0.24497866312686414
          4'b0011: returnValue = 32'sb0000000000000000_0001111111101010; //
     0.12435499454676144
          4'b0100: returnValue = 32'sb0000000000000000_0000111111111101; //
14
     0.06241880999595735
          4'b0101: returnValue = 32'sb0000000000000000_0000011111111111; //
15
     0.031239833430268277
          4'b0110: returnValue = 32'sb0000000000000000000000111111111; //
16
     0.015623728620476831
```

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

```
module scalingValuesCordicLUT(index, returnValue);
input [3:0] index;
4 output reg signed [31:0] returnValue;
6 always@(index)
7 begin
     case(index)
         4'b0000: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000 0000000000000; //
         4'b0001: returnValue <= 32'sb00000000000000 101101010000010; //
10
     0.7071067811865476
         4'b0010: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000_101000011110100; //
     0.6324555320336759
         4'b0011: returnValue <= 32'sb00000000000000 100111010001001; //
         4'b0100: returnValue <= 32'sb00000000000000 100110111101110; //
     0.6088339125177524
         4'b0101: returnValue <= 32'sb0000000000000000_100110111000111; //
14
     0.6088339125177524
         4'b0110: returnValue <= 32'sb00000000000000 100110110111101; //
     0.607351770141296
         4'b0111: returnValue <= 32'sb00000000000000 100110110111011; //
     0.6072776440935261
         4'b1000: returnValue <= 32'sb000000000000000_100110110111010; //
     0.6072591122988928
         4'b1001: returnValue <= 32'sb00000000000000 100110110111010; //
     0.6072544793325625
         4'b1010: returnValue <= 32'sb00000000000000 100110110111010; //
     0.6072533210898753
         4'b1011: returnValue <= 32'sb0000000000000000_100110110111010; //
     0.6072530315291345
```

Code 4 - 5 Verilog code of the scaling Values Cordic LUT 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 iteation 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 alogrithm 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.

State	RTL Code		25 : ld2 l				1 20 16 ld7		18 Id9	17 ld10	16 SelR1	15 SelR2	14 SelR3[1]	13 SelR3[0]	12 SelR4[1]	11 SelR4[0]	10 SelR5	9 SelR6	8 SelR7	7 SelR9	6 SelR10	SelM1	4 SelM2	3 SelSub0	2 SelSub1	1 SelSub2	0 SelAdd1	cs
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	27'h7000000
	if(R3 >6.283184) R3 ← R3 −6.283184; (Sub1)	0	0	1	0	0 (0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	27'h1004008
SI	$\begin{split} & if(R3 < 6.283184) \\ & R3 \leftarrow R3 + 6.283184; (Add1) \\ & iff[(R3 < 6.283184) \& (R3 > 0)] (R3 > - 6.283184) \& (R3 < 0)] \rightarrow nextState <= S2; \end{split}$	0	0	1	0	0 (0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27'h1002001 27'h0
S2		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	
	$\begin{array}{l} if[(R3 > 1.5707)\&(R3 < 3.141592)] \\ R4 \leftarrow R3 - 3.141592; (Sub1) \\ R5 \leftarrow -1; \end{array}$	0	0	0	1	1 (0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	- 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27'bC01400
S3	if[(R3 > 3.141592)&(R3 < 4.7123)] R4 ← R3 - 3.141592; (Sub1) R5 ← 1; if[R3 < 0]	0	0	0	1	1 (0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27'ЬС01000
	R5 ← -1; R4 ← R3;	0	0	0	1	1 (0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27°hC00C00
	else $\begin{aligned} R4 \leftarrow R3; \\ R5 \leftarrow I; \end{aligned}$	0	0	0	1	1 (0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26'hC'00800
S4	$R6 \leftarrow R1 \times R5$; (Mul1) $R7 \leftarrow R2 \times R5$; (Mul2) $R8 \leftarrow utanValues fnumber Officeration 1 \times R5$; (Mul3)	0	0	0	0	0 1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	26'h380330
S5	$R6 \leftarrow R6$ ×numberOflicration; (Sh1) $R7 \leftarrow R7$ ×numberOflicration; (Sh2) $R4 \leftarrow R4 - R8$; (Sub2)	0	0	0	1	0 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	26'hB00006
S6	R4 > -0: $R1 \leftarrow R1 - R7; (Sub2)$ $R2 \leftarrow R2 + R6; (Add1)$ $R5 \leftarrow 1;$	1	1	0	0	1 (0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26'h6418000
	$ \begin{array}{ll} R4 < 0; \\ R1 \leftarrow R1 - R7; (Sub2) \\ R2 \leftarrow R2 + R6; (Add1) \\ R5 \leftarrow -1; \end{array} $	1	1	0	0	1 (0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26'h6418400
S7	$R9 \leftarrow R1 \times scalingValues[numberOflteration]; (Mul1)$ $R10 \leftarrow R2 \times scalingValues[numberOflteration]; (Mul2)$	0	0	0	0	0 (0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26'h600C0
	if[(R3 > 3.141592)&(R3 < 4.7123)] $R9 \leftarrow R9 \times (-1); (Neg1)$ $R10 \leftarrow R10 \times (-1); (Neg2)$	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	26'h60000
S8	$ \begin{split} & if[(R3 > 1.5707)\&(R3 < 3.141592)] \\ & R9 \leftarrow R9 \times (\cdot 1); (Neg1) \\ & R10 \leftarrow R10; \end{split} $	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	26'h40000
	else $R9 \leftarrow R9$; $R10 \leftarrow R10$;	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	24°h0

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

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

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

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

$$NoCyc_{\text{result at the end}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3, \text{ if } initialZValue \in [-2\pi, 2\pi] \\ 4, \text{ if } initialZValue \notin [-2\pi, 2\pi] \end{array} \right\} + 3NoIt + 2, \tag{4-12}$$

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 casued by states *S7–S8*.

In the simulation the numberOfCycles displayed is more of an index of the cycle, so for angle θ 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.

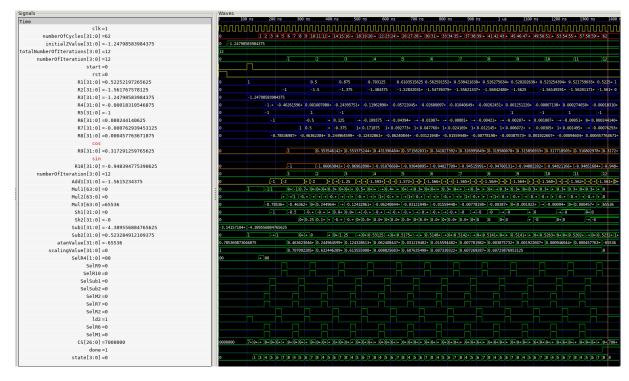


Figure 4 - 4 The whole Verilog simulation of CORDIC algorithm for determining the sinus and cosinus values of angle $\theta = -1.2479$ rad. The value of sinus and cosinus based on the current iteration is also calculated in this algorithm approach. The result is passed to the registers R9 and R10.

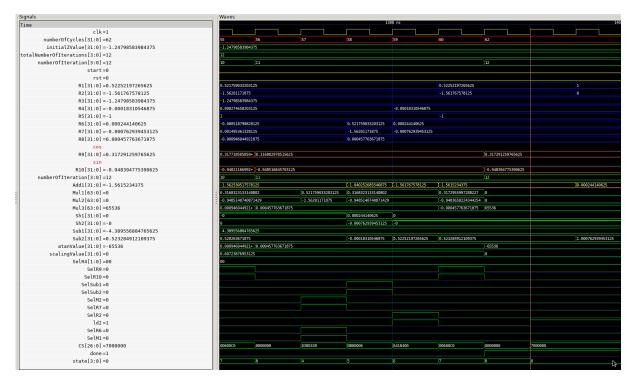


Figure 4 - 5 The detail of the last iteration of the Verilog simulation of CORDIC algorithm for determining the sinus and cosinus values of angle $\theta = -1.2479$ rad. The result is passed to the registers R9 and R10.

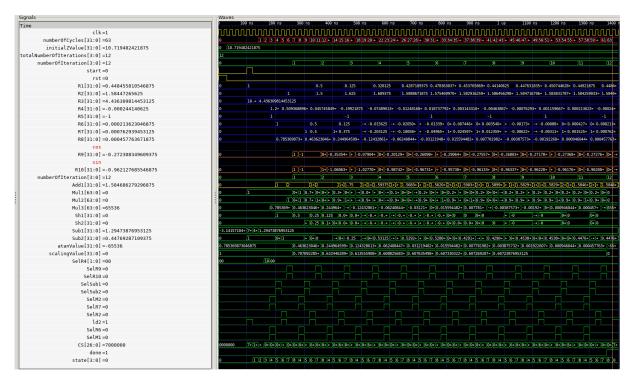


Figure 4 - 6 The whole Verilog simulation of CORDIC algorithm for determining the sinus and cosinus values of angle $\theta = 10.7195129$ rad. The value of sinus and cosinus based on the current iteration is also calculated in this algorithm approach. The result is passed to the registers R9 and R10.

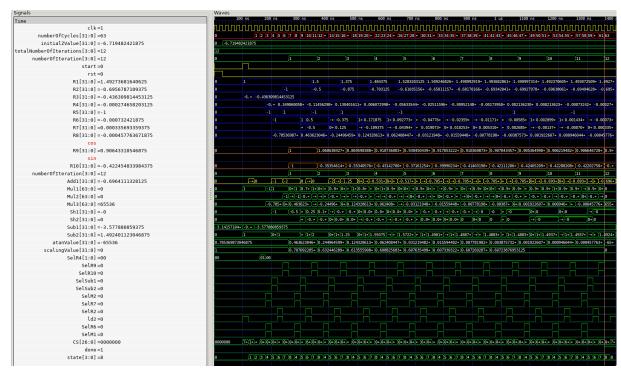


Figure 4 - 7 The whole Verilog simulation of CORDIC algorithm for determining the sinus and cosinus values of angle $\theta = -6.7195129$ rad. The value of sinus and cosinus based on the current iteration is also calculated in this algorithm approach. The result is passed to the registers R9 and R10.

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 transcendetal 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 nonlienar equations

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

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

where one possible set of solutions x_1 and x_2 yields

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

$$F_2 = 0.$$
 (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 $F_2(x_1^0, x_2^0)$

$$\Delta \mathbf{F}^{i} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta F_{1}^{i} \\ \Delta F_{2}^{i} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{1}^{i} - F_{1}^{\text{known solution}} \\ F_{2}^{i} - F_{2}^{\text{known solution}} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{5-5}$$

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 **J** from vector of functions $(F)(x_1, x_2) = (F_1, F_2)$ is calculated as follows.

$$\mathbf{J}^{i} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\mathbf{F}_{1}}{dx_{1}^{i}} & \frac{d\mathbf{F}_{1}}{dx_{2}^{i}} \\ \frac{d\mathbf{F}_{2}}{dx_{1}^{i}} & \frac{d\mathbf{F}_{2}}{dx_{2}^{i}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3(x_{1}^{i})^{2} & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{5-6}$$

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^{i+1} \\ x_2^{i+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^i + \Delta x_1^i \\ x_2^i + \Delta x_2^i \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (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.

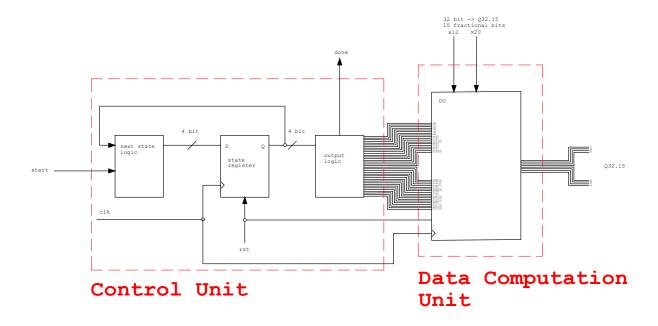


Figure 5 - 1 Top module design for the simple Newton-Raphson (NR) calculation unit module block design.

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.

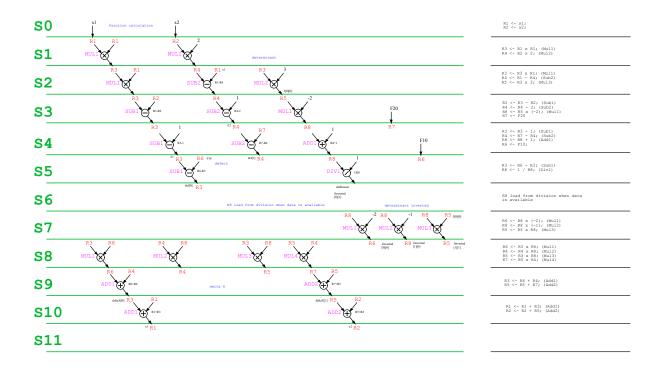


Figure 5 - 2 Allocation and timing diagram for the Data Path Unit part of the simple (NR) module.

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.

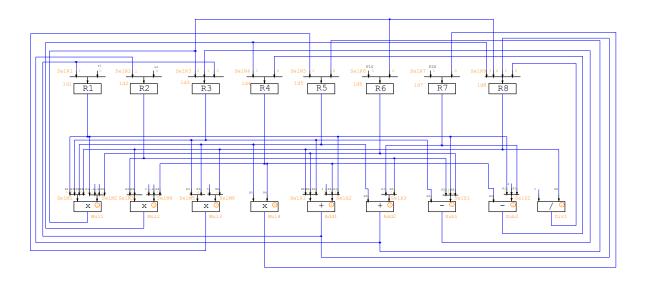


Figure 5 - 3 Register Transfer Level (RTL) scheme of the Data Path Unit part of the simple Newton-Raphson (NR) calculation IP.

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 implementationwould 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 comparation 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 iteration 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) alogrithm solve Module.

State	RTL Code	35 Id1	34 M2	33 32 ld3 ld4	31 ld5	30 Id6	29 2 M7 k	18 Se	27 HR1 S	26 SelR2 :	25 ielR3[1]	24 SeIR3[0]	23 SelR4	22 SelR5	21 SelR6	20 SelR7	19 SciR8[1]	18 SelR8[0]	17 SelMI[1]	16 SciM1[0]	15 SelM2[1]	14 SelM2[0]	13 SelM3	12 SelM4[1]	11 SciM4[0]	10 SelM5	9 SelM6	8 SelAI[I]	7 SelA1[0]	6 SelA2[1]	5 SelA2[0	4 SelA3	3 SelSI[I]	2 SelSI[0]	1 SelS2[1]	0 SelS2[0]	cs
50	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	0	36'hC00000000
SI	$R3 \leftarrow R1 \times R1; (1)$ $R4 \leftarrow R2 \times 2; (2)$	0	0	1 1	0	0	0 (0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	- 1	- 1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'h30283F000h
	$R3 \leftarrow R3 \times R1; (1)$ $R4 \leftarrow R1 - R4; (2)$ $R5 \leftarrow R3 \times 3; (3)$	0	0	1 1	1	0	0 (0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	36°h38242C602
S3	$R3 \leftarrow R3 - R2$; (1) $R4 \leftarrow R4 - 2$; (2) $R8 \leftarrow R5 \times (-2)$; (1) $R7 \leftarrow F20$;	0	0	1 1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	36°h331198009
S4	$R3 \leftarrow R3 - 1$; (1) $R4 \leftarrow R7 - R4$; (2) $R8 \leftarrow R8 + 1$; (1) $R6 \leftarrow F10$;	0	0	1 1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Ī	0	0	0	1	0	0	36'h351240144
\$5	$R3 \leftarrow R6 - R3; (1)$ $R8 \leftarrow 1 / R8; (1)$	0	0	1 0	0	0	0	1	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	36°h211000000
	RS load from division when data is available $R6 \leftarrow R8 \times (-2); (1)$ $R8 \leftarrow R8 \times (-1); (2)$ $R5 \leftarrow R5 \times R8; (3)$	-	0	-	1	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36"hD04C4800
\$8	$R6 \leftarrow R3 \times R6; (1)$ $R4 \leftarrow R4 \times R3; (2)$ $R5 \leftarrow R3 \times R3; (3)$ $R7 \leftarrow R5 \times R4; (4)$	0	0	0 1	1	1	1 (0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36'h1E0C20400
59	$R3 \leftarrow R6 + R4$; (1) $R5 \leftarrow R5 + R7$; (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	0	36°h2800000B0
S10	$R1 \leftarrow R1 + R3$; (1) $R2 \leftarrow R2 + R5$; (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	0	36°hC0C000000
S11		х	х	x x	x	х	х :	х	х	х	x	x	X	x	х	x	x	x	х	x	x	х	x	х	x	х	x	x	x	x	х	x	x	х	х	x	36'hxxxxxxxx

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.

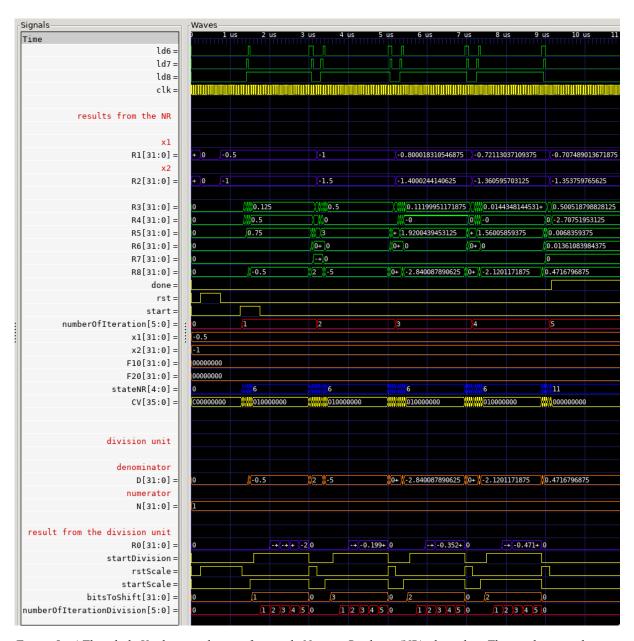


Figure 5 - 4 The whole Verilog simulation of a simple Newton-Raphson (NR) algorithm. The result is may be seen in registers R1 and R2 after the fifth iteration of the algorithm.

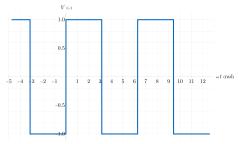
6 Selective Harmonic Elimination

6.1 Theory

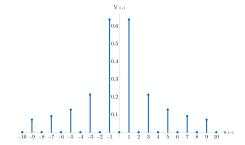
The original theory for Selective Harmonic Elimination was developen in [7, 8] and later adopted by many researchers and adopted for multiple voltage invertor topologies. Nowdays the strategy is mainly used in traction applications after control and modulation strategies for start up state end and the 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 elliminated 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 tripplen harmonics would be eliminated as well.



(a) Generic Six-Step Waveform output of a two level Voltage Source Inverter. The Voltage value is normalized to a DC link voltage.



(b) Generic Six-Step Waveform harmonics analysis. The Voltage value is normalized to a DC link voltage.

Figure 6 - 1

As previously mentioned, the method is based on a Fourier coefficient analysis. When the odd quarter-wave symmetry of the waveform is assumend, the a_n Fourier coefficient is zero (as mentioned in the Equation 6 - 1), whereas the b_n coefficient may be written as Equation 6 - 2.

$$a_n = 0, (6-1)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(n\omega t) \sin(\omega t) d\omega t, \qquad (6-2)$$

where the T is periode, $x(\omega t)$ description of the VSI output waveform and n is the order of the harmonics. When assuming quarter-wave symmetry the Equation 6 - 2 may be rewritten as

$$b_{n} = \frac{8}{T} \int_{0}^{T/4} x(\omega t) \sin(n\omega t) d\omega t = \frac{8}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi/4} x(\omega t) \sin(n\omega t) d\omega t = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x(\omega t) \sin(n\omega t) d\omega t.$$
(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 ωt by the angles α 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

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

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

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

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

$$b_{n} = \frac{4}{\pi n} \sum_{k=1}^{2} \left[\cos(n\alpha_{k}) - \cos(n\alpha_{k-1}) \right] = \frac{4}{\pi n} \left[(\cos(n\alpha_{1}) - \cos(n\alpha_{2})) + (\cos(n\alpha_{2}) - \cos(n\alpha_{3})) \right] =$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi n} (\cos(n\alpha_{1}) - \cos(n\alpha_{3})).$$
(6 - 6)

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

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

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.

$$V_{1} = b_{1} = \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\cos(\alpha_{1}) - \cos(\alpha_{2}) \right],$$

$$V_{5} = b_{5} = \frac{4}{5\pi} \left[\cos(5\alpha_{1}) - \cos(5\alpha_{2}) \right].$$
(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.

$$\frac{4V_1}{\pi} = \cos(\alpha_1) - \cos(\alpha_2),$$

$$0 = \cos(5\alpha_1) - \cos(5\alpha_2).$$
(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 implementation 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.

```
import math
import argparse # for parsing command line arguments
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
colorama_init(autoreset=True) # autoreset color on new line
# class with additional styles
13 class style:
     BOLD = ' \setminus 033[1m']
14
     UNDERLINE = ' \setminus 033[4m']
15
      END = ' \setminus 033[Om']
argParser = argparse.ArgumentParser() # new object
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
23 # Set the desired modulation index
14 if not modulationIndex:
     print()
     print(style.BOLD+Fore.RED + "You did not specify the modulation index
     with mi command, specify it now:\n" + style.END)
```

```
modulationIndex = input()
27
print("You have specified the modulation index: " + modulationIndex + ".\n"
modulationIndex = float(modulationIndex)
32 totalNumberOfIterations = 10
f10 = modulationIndex * 0.7853981 # modulationIndex * pi/4
34 f20 = 0
x10 = 0.0872664 # 5 degree
36 x20 = 1.3439035 # 77 degree
38 \times 1 = \times 10
39 \times 2 = \times 20
41 # main NR-LOOP
42 for numberOfIteration in range(totalNumberOfIterations):
      prepDeltaF1 = math.cos(x1) - math.cos(x2)
      deltaF1 = f10 - prepDeltaF1
44
45
      prepDeltaF2 = math.cos(5*x1) - math.cos(5*x2)
      deltaF2 = f20 - prepDeltaF2
47
      prepJ11 = math.sin(x1)
49
      prepJ01 = math.sin(x2)
50
      prepJ10 = 5 * math.sin(5*x1)
51
      prepJ00 = 5 * math.sin(5*x2)
52
      prepDet1 = prepJ10 * prepJ01
55
      prepDet2 = 5 * prepJ11 * math.sin(5*x2)
57
      prepDet = prepDet1 - prepDet2
58
      divDet = 1 / prepDet
60
61
      jInv00 = divDet * prepJ00
62
      jInv01 = divDet * - prepJ01
63
      jInv10 = divDet * prepJ10
64
      jInv11 = divDet * - prepJ11
      deltaX1 = (jInv00 * deltaF1) + (jInv01 * deltaF2)
68
      deltaX2 = (jInv10 * deltaF1) + (jInv11 * deltaF2)
69
      x1 = x1 + deltaX1
71
      x2 = x2 + deltaX2
72
73
```

```
print(Fore.CYAN + "numberOfIteration: " + str(numberOfIteration) +
    style.END)

# End of the main NR-LOOP

print(Fore.GREEN + "x1: " + str(x1) + style.END)

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

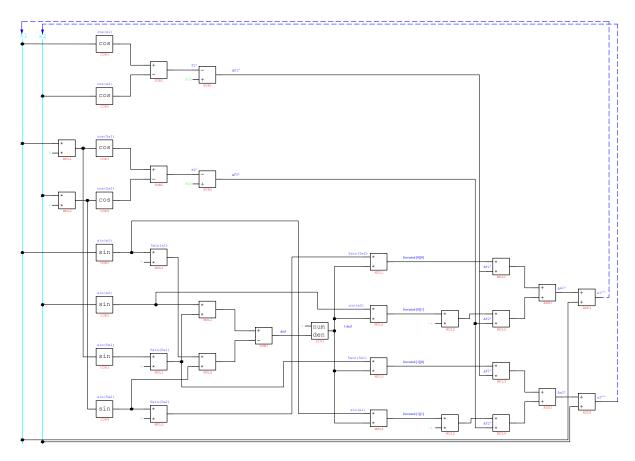


Figure 6 - 2 Block Diagram of the Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE) using Newton-Raphson algorithm.

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.

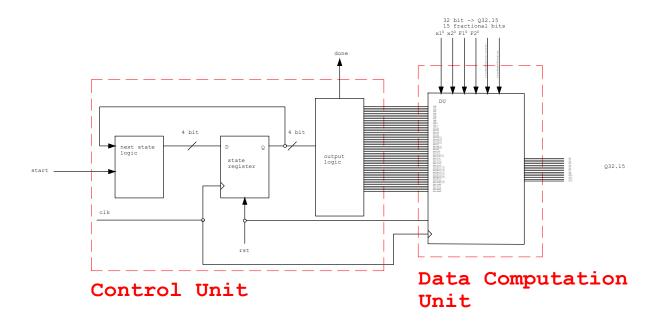


Figure 6 - 3 Top module design for the Selective Harmonic Elimination unit (SHE).

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 successfull 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 sobmodule algorithms are not concern of this part and are implicitly accepted as a part of the SHE module algorithm.

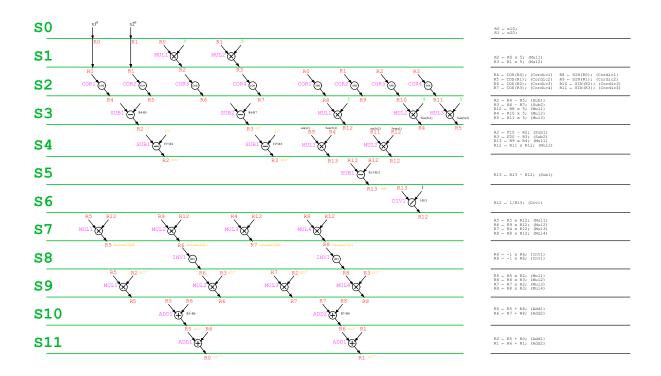


Figure 6 - 4 Allocation and Timing diagram for the Data Path Unit part of Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE) module.

6.3.4 Data Path Unit

As can be observed from the Figure 6 - 5 the Data Path unit for solving the transcendetal equations is more complex than previously presented units. Obviously the design could be further simplified, i.e., reduce the number of registers and calculation units. This simplification would resoult in a trade of speed for less complexity. The less complex the design, the less FPGA resources, i.e., LUTs, is needed for the realization of the design. This paper mainly focuses on speed and clarity, so the design consists of thirteen data registers, four CORDIC units, four multiplication units, two adders, two subtractors, one division unit and one invertor unit, which is implemeted directly in the registers logic.

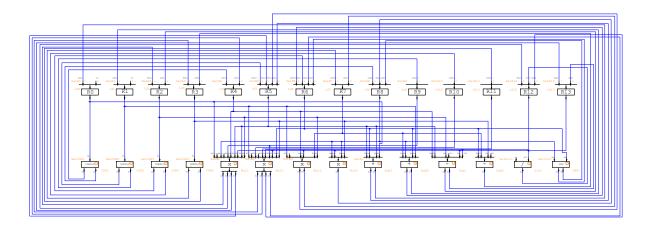


Figure 6 - 5 Register transfer level (RTL) scheme of the Selective Harmonic Elimination Data Path Unit.

6.3.5 Control Unit

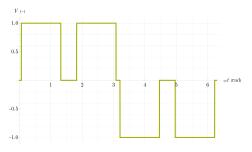
Control unit signal specification can be observed in the Table 6 - 1. If the unit design was less complex, i.e., with smaller amount of registers, the control signal length would be smaller, but the number of states would be hightened.

Table 6 - 1 Control signal encoding table for instructions to be processed by the Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE) alogrithm solve Module.

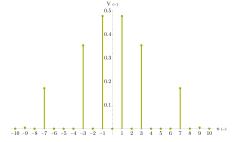
State	RTL Code	51 149	Si di Mi Mi	48 140	47 46 M4 M5	45 c	40 1 148	42 4 M 9M	11 40 10 MI	39 M12	JR UID	SIR	36 Sellici	Já SeR	34 Selfk	JJ SelBe	32 Sellis	in S	31 (RSM) :	30 5485011	29 Saltkei	28 00 Self	5,68	r Mail Se	36 EXM	25 Sellio 3	24 S-8830	23 SeB111	22 Selfk121	1 SIR	1 12981 S	28 HERLO	D SelCort	18 SelCor2	17 SelCor	16 3 SelCie	4 549	15 Meliti 3	14 SetMailli	SiObili	IN SE	12	II SeMedii	SetMal2	8 S400	9 14300 :	s Sametine	7 SelMali	5454	MIII SI	S Substituti	4 SelSub2	3 SelDist	2 Sellert	Selvati	SHARE	cs
340	R0 ← x10; R1 ← x20;	1	1 0	0	0 0	0 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Т	0	0	0	0	-		0	4	0	0	0	-		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		4	0	0	-	0	- 0	0	-		0	- 0	- 0	0	0	0	523/200000000000
341	R1 ← R0 x 5; (Mal1) R3 ← R1 x 5; (Mal2)		0 1	1	0 0	0 1	0	0	0	a	0	0	0	1	- 1	0	0	Т	0	0	0	0			0	4	4	0	0			0	4	0	0	0	Т	1	0			-	0		-	0	4	0	-	,	0		4	0	0	0	52320000000000000
92	R4 COS(R0); (Condict) R5 COS(R1); (Condict) R6 COS(R2); (Condict) R7 COS(R3); (Condict) R8 SPN(R1); (Condict) R9 SPN(R1); (Condict) R10 SPN(R2); (Condict) R11 SPN(R2); (Condict)	t) () () () ()	0 0		1 1	1	1	1		0	0	0		0	0	1	1		ı	1		-			0	4	4	0	0			0	1	1	1	1		0	0	۰				0		0					0		4	0	0	4	5214FR3D80F0000
sa	R2 R4 - R5 (Sab1) R3 R6 - R7 (Sab2) R12 R8 x 5 (Mal1) R4 R10 x 5 (Mal2) R5 R11 x 5 (Mal2)	0	0 1	1	1 1	0 1		0		-	0	0		q	0	0	1		0	0	0				0	4	4	0	1			0	4		0	0		0	1	1			1	1		1		0			0	-	4		0	4	52°k3C08308486E50
54	$R2 \leftarrow F10 - R2 ; (Sub1)$ $R3 \leftarrow F20 - R3 ; (Sub2)$ $R13 \leftarrow R9 \times R0 ; (Sub1)$ $R12 \leftarrow R11 \times R12 ; (Mul1)$		0 1	1	0 0	0 1		0		1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	4		0	4	0	0	0			1	4	0	0	0		0	1	0		0	1	0		0	4	0	6		1	4	4	0	0	4	523200000000000000
55	R13 R13 - R12 (Sab1	0 0	0 0	- 0	0 0	0 1	0	0 1	1 0	- 0	- 1	- 6	- 0	- 0	0	0	- 0		0	6	0		-		0	4	a a	0	- 6	-		0	- 0	- 0	0	- 0		0	- 0	- 0		0	0	- 0	-	0	- 0	0	- 6		0	0	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	523-40000000000
56	$R12 \leftarrow LR13 (Dist)$	0	0 0	9	0 0	0 1	0	0 '	0 0		- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	0	0	- 0	_	0	0	0	- 0	-		0	4	9	- 0	- 0			0	- 0	- 0	0	- 0	_	0		- 0			0		_	0	- 0	- 0	_		0		- 0	- 0	0	-	52,3100000000000
87	$RS \leftarrow RS \times R12 \text{ (Mol1)}$ $RS \leftarrow RS \times R12 \text{ (Mol2)}$ $RT \leftarrow RS \times R12 \text{ (Mol3)}$ $RS \leftarrow RS \times R12 \text{ (Mol6)}$	0	0 0	0	0 1	1	-	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	1	0			ı	4	0	0				0						0	0	1			0	1		0	1	-	6		0			0	0		52'h7C00A6002580
38	R6 ← -1 x R6 (Bo1) R8 ← -1 x R8 (Bo1)	0	0 0	0	0 0	- 1	-	0	0	a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Т	0	0	0	0			0	4	4	0	0			0	4	0	0	0	Т	0	0				0		-	0	4	0	-	,	0		4	-	0	0	523280000000004
50	$RS \leftarrow RS \times R2 \text{ (Mall)}$ $RS \leftarrow RS \times R3 \text{ (Mal2)}$ $RT \leftarrow RT \times R2 \text{ (Mal3)}$ $RS \leftarrow RS \times R3 \text{ (Mal4)}$	0	0 0	a	0 1	1		0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	1	0			ı	4	0	0	0			0		0	0			0	0	0		0	0	0		0		0			0			0	0		52'3-7900A-4000000
500	RS +- RS + RS; (Add1) R6 +- R7 + RS; (Add2)	0	0 0	0	0 1	1 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	- 1	0	-		0	4	0	0	0	-)	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	-	0	0	0			0	0	4	0	1	- 1	523600060000003
\$11	R0 R5 + R0; (Add1) R1 R6 + R1; (Add2)	1	1 0	a	0 0	0 1	0	0 1	1 0	0	0	- 1	- 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	-	0	- 0	0	6		0		- 0	0	0	- 0	523/2003060000000

6.3.6 Inverter output voltage analysis for Verilog implementation

The simulated VSI output phase voltage when the SHE algorithm is employed for the modulation index m=1 in Verilog is depicted in the Figure 6 - 6a. The harmonic analysis for the presented waveform may be observed in the Figure 6 - 6b. As previously stated, please note that in the 3 phase symmetrical system, the triplen harmonics would be eliminated as well. As can be seen, the undesired 5th harmonics has been eliminated. The calculated angles after ten iterations of the NR algorithm are $\alpha_1=0.06341$ and $\alpha_2=1.320098$. Obviously in the design the numbers are formatted using Q32.15 format.



(a) Waveform output of a two level Voltage Source Inverter when the Selective Harmonic Elimination method is applied with Verilog calculated angles. The Voltage value is normalized to a DC link voltage.



(b) Waveform harmonics analysis of a output voltage of a two level Voltage Source Inverter utilising switching angles for the Selective Harmonic Elimination calculated in Verilog unit. The Voltage value is normalized to a DC link voltage.

Figure 6 - 6

Conclusion

And this is the conclusion of my report. P_n .

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Appendix A: List of and Abbreviations

A.1 List of abbreviations

CORDIC Coordinate Rotation Digital Computer

CPU Central Processing Unit

DC Direct Current

FOSS Free and open-source software
FPGA Field Programmable Gate Array

FSM Finite State Machine IP Intellectual property

ISA Instruction Set Architecture

LUT Look Up Table
NR Newton Raphson

RTL Register Transfer Level

SHE Selective Harmonic Elimination

VSI Voltage Source Converter