

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani
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Evaluative Assignment (22nd Feb. 2022)

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Weightage: 20 Marks

Submission: Online

Group Size: Maximum of Two members per team.

Floating Point Multiplier and Adder/Subtraction

This assignment is about building a floating point ALU which is capable of implementing the floating point multiplication and addition/subtraction operations. The floating point representation used here is the half-precision (16-bit) standard mentioned in IEEE 754. The half-precision notation is exactly similar to that of the single precision standard discussed in the class. The format is shown below. The BIAS is 15. Ignore the sub-normal numbers in this implementation. The representation of NaN, zero and \pm Infinity are similar to that of the IEEE-754 single precision standard discussed in the class.

Sign	Biased Exponent	Mantissa
1-bit	5-bits	10-bits

1. Implement a half precision floating point adder unit. Design this as a single combinational circuit. You are free to choose the design styles based on your convenience. Strictly adhere to the following conditions. There is a 2-bit exception flag: 00: Valid output, 01: overflow, 10: underflow, 11: Others
 - a. The shifting of the mantissa to align the exponents has to be done using a barrel shifter. Implement the *barrel_shifter* as an individual module.
 - b. Include Guard bit and Round Bit, use the Round Up rounding scheme.
 - c. Develop a suitable test bench to test the above module. At-least 20 test cases which cover various aspects of the design should be included.

Name of the module: hp_adder

Inputs: [15:0] hp_inA, hp_inB;

Output: [15:0] hp_sum;

Output: [1:0] Exceptions

2. Implement a half precision floating point multiplier unit. Design this as a single combinational circuit. You are free to choose the design styles based

on your convenience. Strictly adhere to the following conditions. There is a 2-bit exception flag: 00: Valid output, 01: overflow, 10: underflow, 11: Others

- a. The mantissa multiplication has to be implemented using the Radix-4 Booths Algorithm. Implement the `radix4_booth_multiplier` as an individual module.
- b. Develop a suitable test bench to test the above module. At-least 20 test cases which cover various aspects of the design should be included.

Name of the module: hp_multiplier

Inputs: [15:0] hp_inA, hp_inB;

Output: [15:0] hp_product;

Output: [1:0] Exceptions

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For clarifications if any, please contact the undersigned

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Appendix-A

Half Precision		Object Represented
Exponent	Fraction	
0	0	0 (zero)
0	Non-zero	\pm Denormalized number
1-30	Anything	\pm Floating-point number
31	0	\pm Infinity
31	Non-zero	NaN (Not a Number)