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Note Title

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Floating point operations

Addition

10.764 +

2.3

$$\begin{array}{r} 10.764 \\ + 2.3 \\ \hline 13.064 \end{array}$$

1) Align the decimal points.

$$2.3 \times 10^2 + 4.6$$

$$= (0.046 \times 10^2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2.3 \\ + 0.046 \\ \hline 2.346 \end{array}$$

1) Align Decimal Points

a) Shift the smaller number to the right s.t both the exponents

match

$$\begin{array}{c} (1.2) + (1.4)_{\text{or}} \\ A \quad \quad B \\ \quad \quad (0.2) \end{array}$$

2)

$A + B$

(Perform the addition)

} [maintain some extra precision beyond 23 bits]

$$3) \quad (1.1)_b + (1.1)_b = (11.0)_b$$

\nearrow Not Normalized
 Renormalize the number.

$$(11)_b = (1.1 \times 2^1)_b$$

4) At the moment, number is

$$\left[1. (\underbrace{x_1 \dots x_{23}}_{23 \text{ bits}}) \times 2^E \right]$$

$$1. \underbrace{x_1 \dots x_{23}}_{\text{23 bits}} \left(\overbrace{x_{24} \dots} \right)$$

Discard digits (x_{24}) onwards

Try to round x_{23}

Example:

$$1. \underbrace{(1 \ 1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1)}_{23} \quad \overset{\text{X}}{\underbrace{(1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1)}_4}$$

$$= (10.0)_b$$

$$= (1.0)_b \times 2^1$$

5) After rounding - my number might get
un-normalized.

Re-normalize.

Rounding

Assume that you want to round to the next integer.

$$4.5 =$$

$$4.4 = 4$$

$$4.6 = 5$$

Rounding Policies:

Round - Up : $4.1 \rightarrow 5$
($+\infty$)

Round - Down : $4.9 \rightarrow 4$
($-\infty$)

Truncate : $5.369 \rightarrow 5$

Round
(complicated)

(+ve) Trunc = Round-Down

(-ve) Trunc = Round-up

1.0 1.5 $\rightarrow 1$

1.50001 1.9999
 $\rightarrow 2$

Assume

Implement round to next integer
using the complicated rounding
scheme.

$$N = \left\{ 1. \underbrace{x_1 \dots x_n}_n \right\}_b$$

$$(r == 0) \quad \checkmark N = 1$$

$$(r == 1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S = x_1 / x_2 \dots x_n \end{array} \right.$$

$1 \cdot r(x_1, \dots, x_n) = s$
 round bit
 sticky bit

if $(s == 0)$ {
 $N = 1$
 }
 else if $(s == 1)$ {
 $N = (2)_d = (10)_b$
 }
 }

Result: $1. [x_1 \dots x_{23}] [x_{24} x_{25} \dots x_{30}]$
 r
 ok
 s

We decide whether to increment x_{23}

Extra

Addition



Subtraction

- 1) Take a look at sign bits.
- 2) ~~Do~~ a sub or add
- 3) set value of final sign bit

Multiplication

- 1) Figure out sign of the result
- 2) Add the exponents

Division

- 1) sign of the result

- 2) subtract exponents

Floating Point Tricks

Is:

$$(x+y > x) \quad (\text{maybe})$$

$$(y > 0)$$

$$\{ a+b-c \times d + e \}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{r} 1.0000 \\ + 1 \times 2^{-50} \end{array} \right\} \text{Use double} \\ \hline 1.0000 \dots \quad (52 \text{ bits})$$

FP operations are
not associative

$$1 + 2^{-50}$$

