

Chapter 3

Arithmetic for Computers

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Outline

- Introduction
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
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- Concluding Remarks



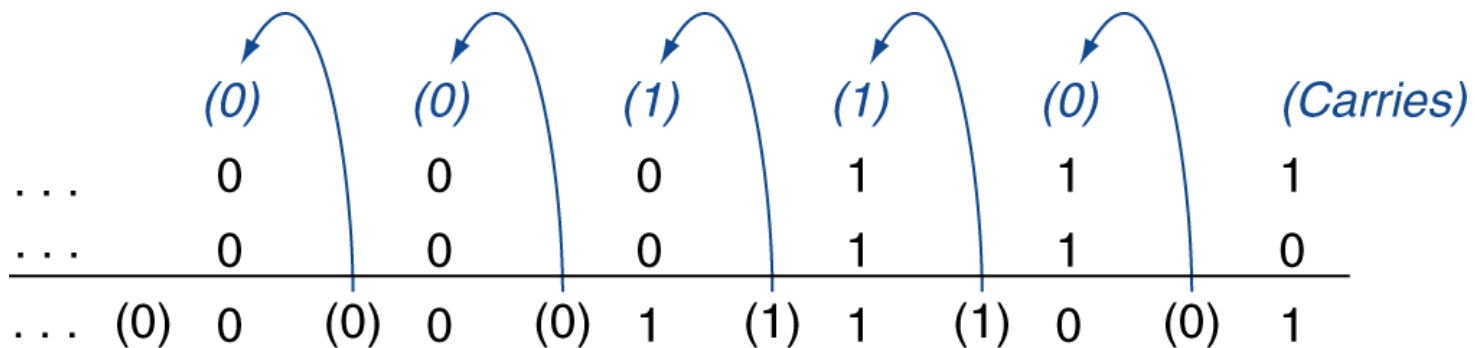
Arithmetic for Computers

- Operations on integers
 - Addition and subtraction
 - Multiplication and division
 - Dealing with overflow
- Floating-point real numbers
 - Representation and operations



Integer Addition

- Example: $7 + 6$



- Overflow if result out of range
 - Adding +ve and -ve operands, no overflow
 - Adding two +ve operands
 - Overflow if result sign is 1
 - Adding two -ve operands
 - Overflow if result sign is 0



Integer Subtraction

- Add negation of second operand
- Example: $7 - 6 = 7 + (-6)$

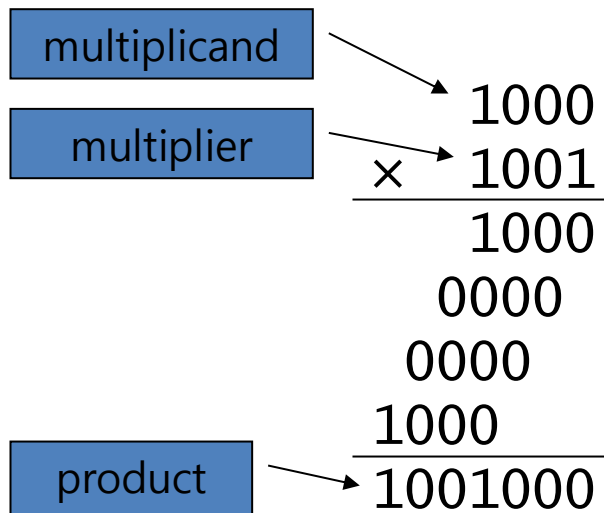
$$\begin{array}{r} +7: \quad 0000 \ 0000 \ \dots \ 0000 \ 0111 \\ -6: \quad 1111 \ 1111 \ \dots \ 1111 \ 1010 \\ \hline +1: \quad 0000 \ 0000 \ \dots \ 0000 \ 0001 \end{array}$$

- Overflow if result out of range
 - Subtracting two +ve or two -ve operands, no overflow
 - Subtracting +ve from -ve operand
 - Overflow if result sign is 0
 - Subtracting -ve from +ve operand
 - Overflow if result sign is 1



Multiplication

- Start with long-multiplication approach

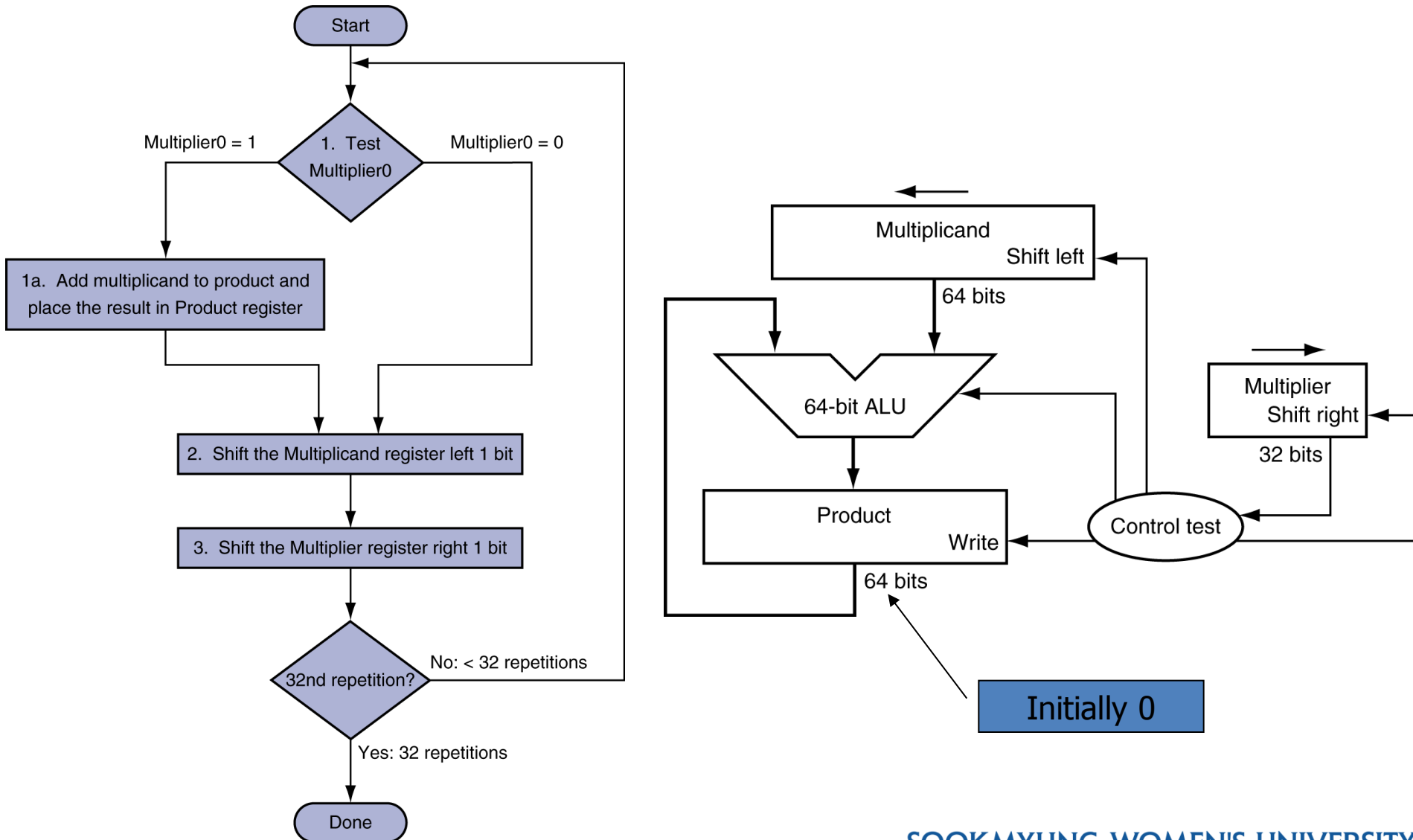


Length of product is the sum of operand lengths

$$\rightarrow (2^m - 1) * (2^n - 1) < 2^{m+n}$$



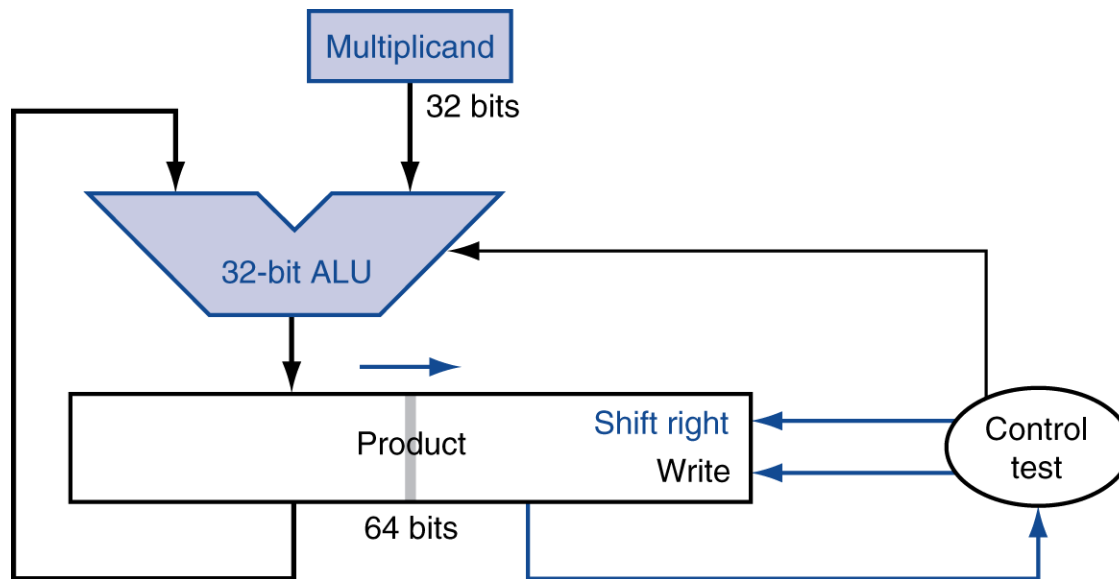
Multiplication Hardware





Optimized Multiplier

- Perform steps in parallel: add/shift



- One cycle per partial-product addition
 - That's ok, if frequency of multiplications is low

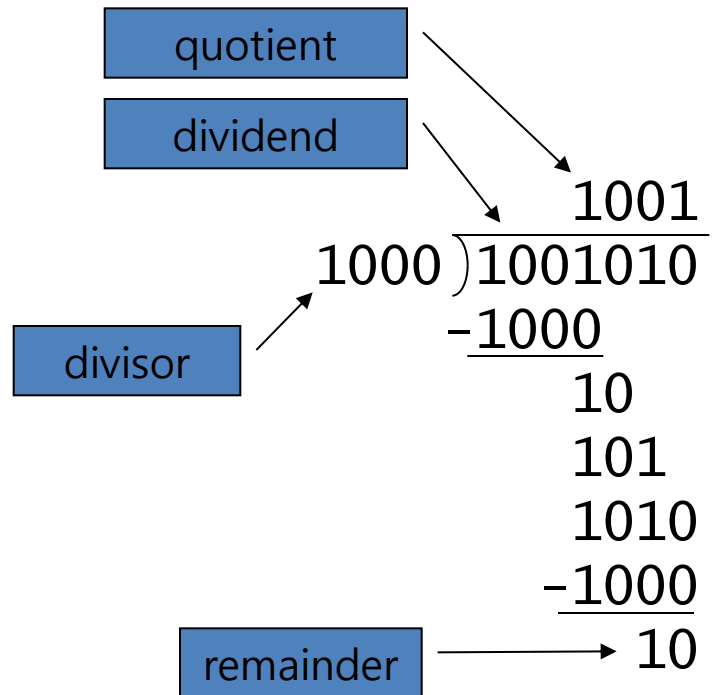


MIPS Multiplication

- Two 32-bit registers for product
 - HI: most-significant 32 bits
 - LO: least-significant 32-bits
- Instructions
 - `mult rs, rt` / `multu rs, rt`
 - 64-bit product in HI/LO
 - `mfhi rd` / `mflo rd`
 - Move from HI/LO to rd
 - Can test HI value to see if product overflows 32 bits
 - `mul rd, rs, rt`
 - Least-significant 32 bits of product → rd



Division

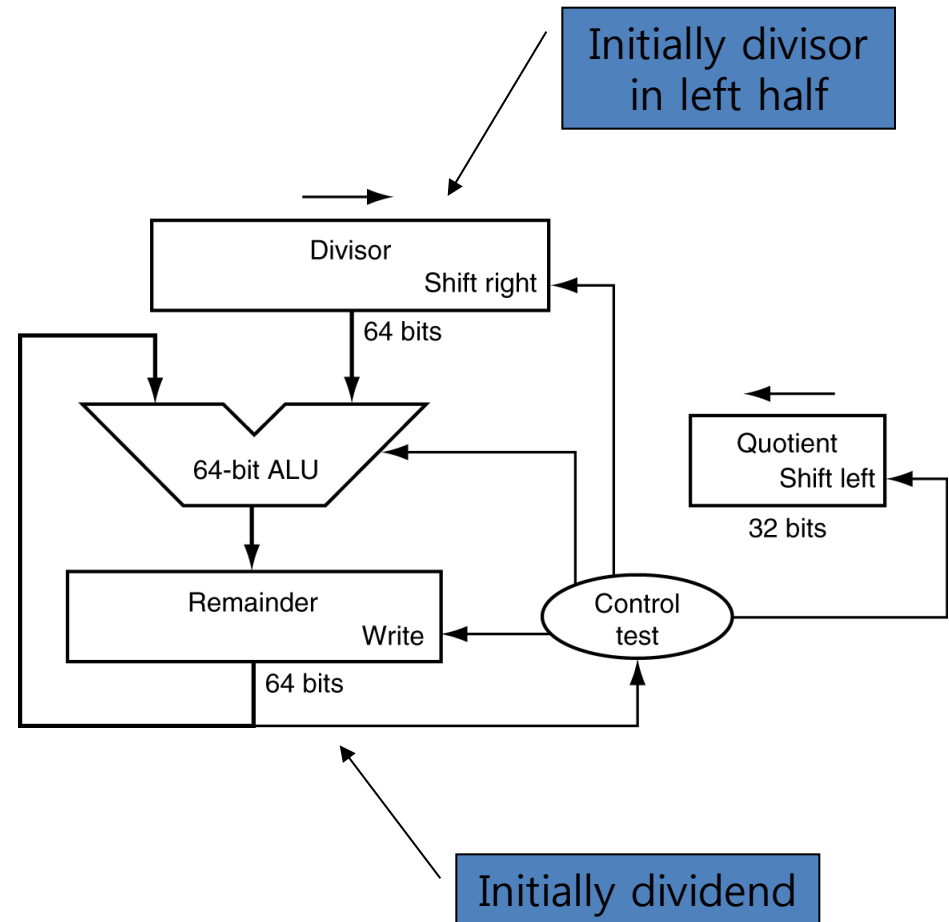
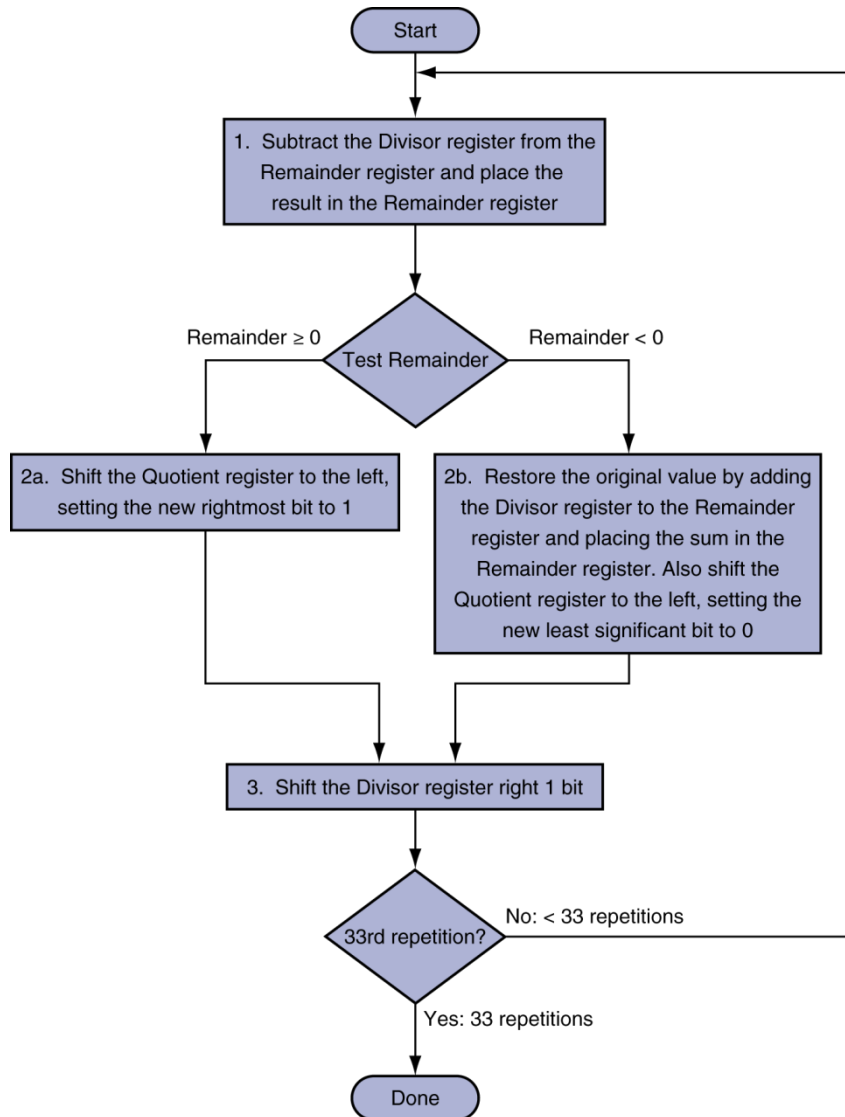


n -bit operands yield n -bit quotient and remainder

- Check for 0 divisor
- Long division approach
 - If divisor \leq dividend bits
 - 1 bit in quotient, subtract
 - Otherwise
 - 0 bit in quotient, bring down next dividend bit
- Restoring division
 - Do the subtract, and if remainder goes < 0 , add divisor back
- Signed division
 - Divide using absolute values
 - Adjust sign of quotient and remainder as required

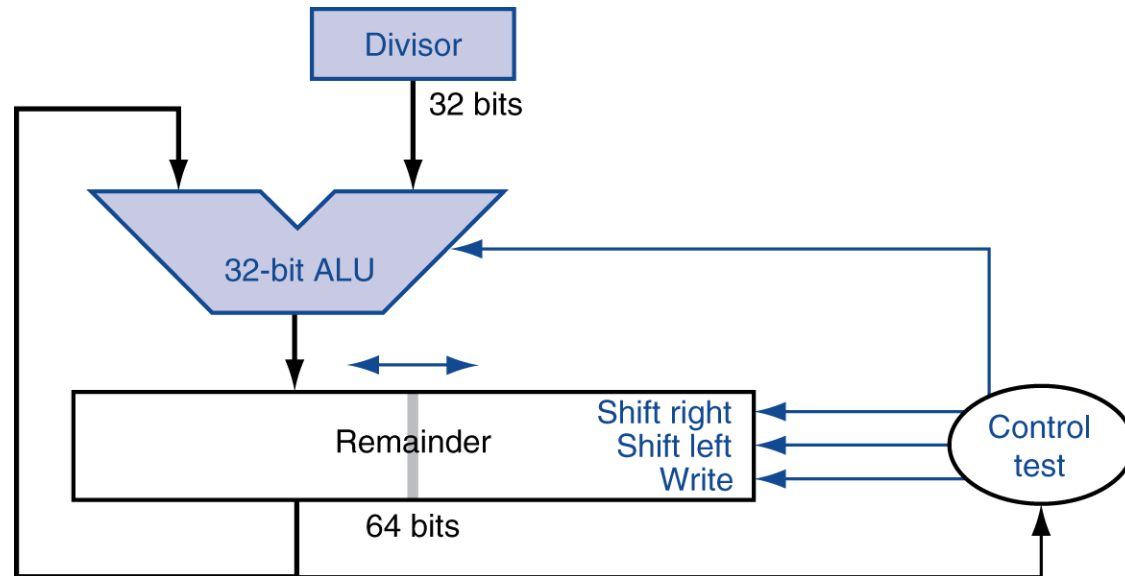


Division Hardware





Optimized Divider



- One cycle per partial-remainder subtraction
- Looks a lot like a multiplier!
 - Same hardware can be used for both



MIPS Division

- Use HI/LO registers for result
 - HI: 32-bit remainder
 - LO: 32-bit quotient
- Instructions
 - `div rs, rt` / `divu rs, rt`
 - No overflow or divide-by-0 checking
 - Software must perform checks if required
 - Use `mfhi`, `mflo` to access result



Floating Point

- Representation for non-integral numbers
 - Including very small and very large numbers
- Like scientific notation
 - -2.34×10^{56} ← normalized
 - $+0.002 \times 10^{-4}$ ← not normalized
 - $+987.02 \times 10^9$ ← not normalized
- In binary
 - $\pm 1.xxxxxxx_2 \times 2^{yyyy}$
- Types `float` and `double` in C



Floating Point Standard

- Defined by IEEE Std 754-1985
- Developed in response to divergence of representations
 - Portability issues for scientific code
- Now almost universally adopted
- Two representations
 - Single precision (32-bit)
 - Double precision (64-bit)



IEEE Floating-Point Format

single: 8 bits
double: 11 bits

single: 23 bits
double: 52 bits

S	Exponent	Fraction
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$$x = (-1)^S \times (1 + \text{Fraction}) \times 2^{(\text{Exponent} - \text{Bias})}$$

- S: sign bit (0 \Rightarrow non-negative, 1 \Rightarrow negative)
- Normalize significand: $1.0 \leq |\text{significand}| < 2.0$
 - Always has a leading pre-binary-point 1 bit, so no need to represent it explicitly (hidden bit)
 - Significand is Fraction with the “1.” restored
- Exponent: excess representation: actual exponent + Bias
 - Ensures exponent is unsigned
 - Single: Bias = 127; Double: Bias = 1023



Floating-Point Example

- Represent -0.75
 - $-0.75 = (-1)^1 \times 1.1_2 \times 2^{-1}$
 - $S = 1$
 - Fraction = $1000...00_2$
 - Exponent = $-1 + \text{Bias}$
 - Single: $-1 + 127 = 126 = 01111110_2$
 - Double: $-1 + 1023 = 1022 = 01111111110_2$
- Single: $1011111101000...00$
- Double: $1011111111101000...00$



Floating-Point Example

- What number is represented by the single-precision float

110000000101000...00

– $S = 1$

– Fraction = $01000...00_2$

– Exponent = $10000001_2 = 129$

- $$\begin{aligned} x &= (-1)^1 \times (1 + 01_2) \times 2^{(129 - 127)} \\ &= (-1) \times 1.25 \times 2^2 \\ &= -5.0 \end{aligned}$$



Interpretation of Data

- Bits have no inherent meaning
 - Interpretation depends on the instructions applied
- Computer representations of numbers
 - Finite range and precision
 - Need to account for this in programs



Concluding Remarks

- ISAs support arithmetic
 - Signed and unsigned integers
 - Floating-point approximation to reals
- Bounded range and precision
 - Operations can overflow and underflow
- MIPS ISA
 - Core instructions: 54 most frequently used
 - 100% of SPECINT, 97% of SPECFP
 - Other instructions: less frequent