

Chapter 3

Arithmetic for Computers

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Announcement

- Project #1
 - Due by this Friday (Oct. 5)

Floating Point Numbers

- 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



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

- 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

Single-Precision Range

- Exponents 00000000 and 11111111 reserved
- Smallest value
 - Exponent: 00000001
 \Rightarrow actual exponent = $1 - 127 = -126$
 - Fraction: 000...00 \Rightarrow significand = 1.0
 - $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-126} \approx \pm 1.2 \times 10^{-38}$
- Largest value
 - exponent: 11111110
 \Rightarrow actual exponent = $254 - 127 = +127$
 - Fraction: 111...11 \Rightarrow significand ≈ 2.0
 - $\pm 2.0 \times 2^{+127} \approx \pm 3.4 \times 10^{+38}$

Double-Precision Range

- Exponents 0000...00 and 1111...11 reserved
- Smallest value
 - Exponent: 000000000001
⇒ actual exponent = $1 - 1023 = -1022$
 - Fraction: 000...00 ⇒ significand = 1.0
 - $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-1022} \approx \pm 2.2 \times 10^{-308}$
- Largest value
 - Exponent: 111111111110
⇒ actual exponent = $2046 - 1023 = +1023$
 - Fraction: 111...11 ⇒ significand ≈ 2.0
 - $\pm 2.0 \times 2^{+1023} \approx \pm 1.8 \times 10^{+308}$

Floating-Point Example

- Represent -0.75
 - $-0.75 = (-1)^1 \times 1.1_2 \times 2^{-1}$
 - $S = 1$
 - Fraction = $1000\dots00_2$
 - Exponent = $-1 + \text{Bias}$
 - Single: $-1 + 127 = 126 = 01111110_2$
 - Double: $-1 + 1023 = 1022 = 01111111110_2$
- Single: $1011111101000\dots00$
- Double: $1011111111101000\dots00$

Floating-Point Example

- What number is represented by the single-precision float

11000000101000...00

- $S = 1$
 - Fraction = $01000...00_2$
 - Exponent = $10000001_2 = 129$
- $x = (-1)^1 \times (1 + .01_2) \times 2^{(129 - 127)}$
 $= (-1) \times 1.25 \times 2^2$
 $= -5.0$

Denormal Numbers

- Exponent = 000...0 \Rightarrow hidden bit is 0


$$x = (-1)^S \times (0 + \text{Fraction}) \times 2^{-\text{Bias}}$$

- Bias = 126 = 1-127

- Smaller than normal numbers
- Denormal with fraction = 000...0

$$x = (-1)^S \times (0 + 0) \times 2^{-\text{Bias}} = \pm 0.0$$

Two representations
of 0.0!



Infinites and NaNs

- Exponent = 111...1, Fraction = 000...0
 - \pm Infinity
- Exponent = 111...1, Fraction \neq 000...0
 - Not-a-Number (NaN)
 - Indicates illegal or undefined result
 - e.g., 0.0 / 0.0

Floating-Point Addition

- Consider a 4-digit decimal example
 - $9.999 \times 10^1 + 1.610 \times 10^{-1}$
- 1. Align decimal points
 - Shift number with smaller exponent
 - $9.999 \times 10^1 + 0.016 \times 10^1$
- 2. Add significands
 - $9.999 \times 10^1 + 0.016 \times 10^1 = 10.015 \times 10^1$
- 3. Normalize result & check for over/underflow
 - 1.0015×10^2
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
 - 1.002×10^2

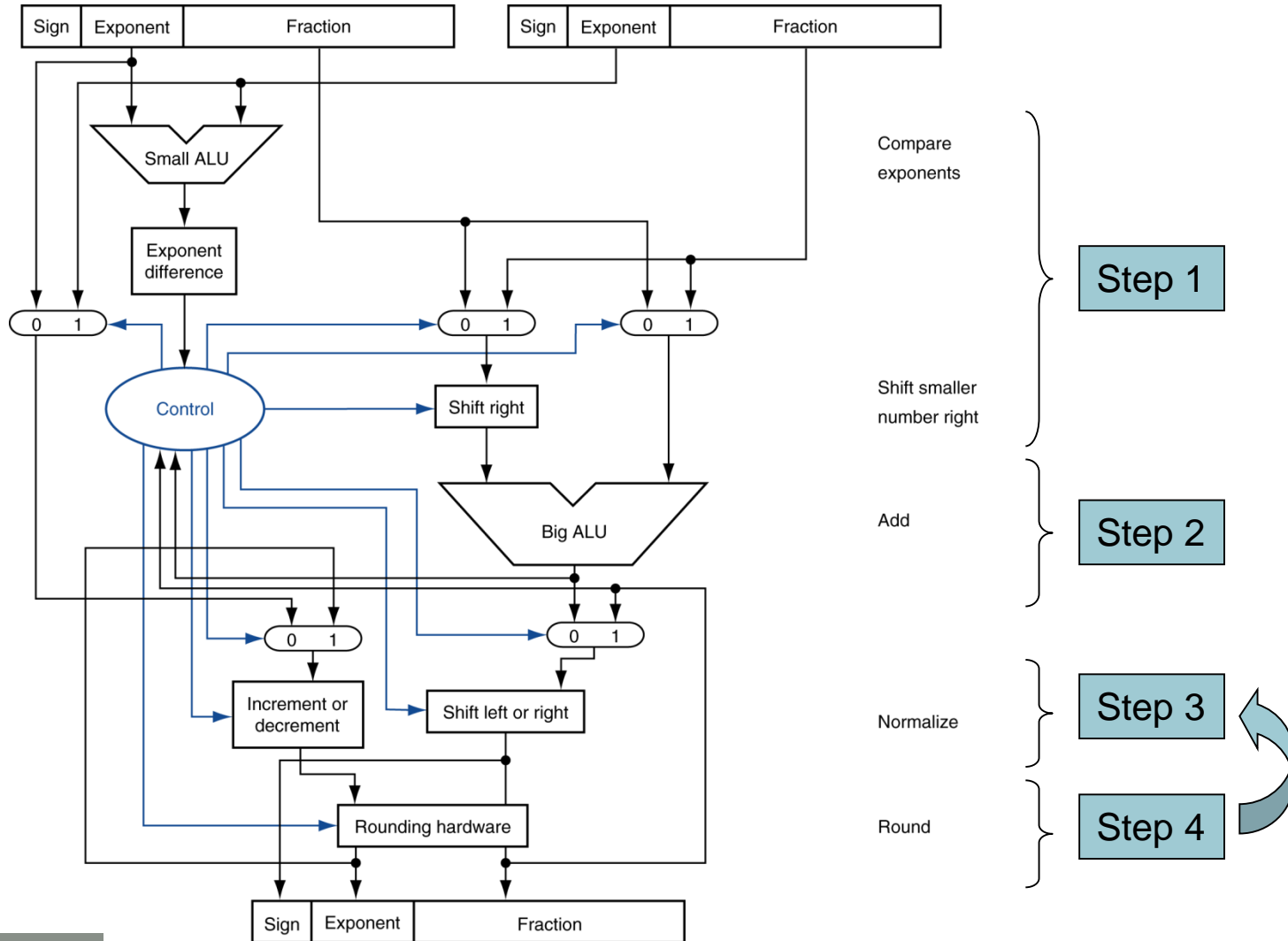
Floating-Point Addition

- Now consider a 4-digit binary example
 - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -1.110_2 \times 2^{-2}$ (0.5 + -0.4375)
- 1. Align binary points
 - Shift number with smaller exponent
 - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -0.111_2 \times 2^{-1}$
- 2. Add significands
 - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -0.111_2 \times 2^{-1} = 0.001_2 \times 2^{-1}$
- 3. Normalize result & check for over/underflow
 - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-4}$, with no over/underflow
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
 - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-4}$ (no change) = 0.0625

FP Adder Hardware

- Much more complex than integer adder
- Doing it in one clock cycle would take too long
 - Much longer than integer operations
 - Slower clock would penalize all instructions
- FP adder usually takes several cycles
 - Can be pipelined

FP Adder Hardware



Floating-Point Multiplication

- Consider a 4-digit decimal example
 - $1.110 \times 10^{10} \times 9.200 \times 10^{-5}$
- 1. Add exponents
 - For biased exponents, subtract bias from sum
 - New exponent = $10 + -5 = 5$
- 2. Multiply significands
 - $1.110 \times 9.200 = 10.212 \Rightarrow 10.212 \times 10^5$
- 3. Normalize result & check for over/underflow
 - 1.0212×10^6
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
 - 1.021×10^6
- 5. Determine sign of result from signs of operands
 - $+1.021 \times 10^6$

Floating-Point Multiplication

- Now consider a 4-digit binary example
 - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} \times -1.110_2 \times 2^{-2}$ (0.5×-0.4375)
- 1. Add exponents
 - Unbiased: $-1 + -2 = -3$
 - Biased: $(-1 + 127) + (-2 + 127) = -3 + 254 - 127 = -3 + 127$
- 2. Multiply significands
 - $1.000_2 \times 1.110_2 = 1.110_2 \Rightarrow 1.110_2 \times 2^{-3}$
- 3. Normalize result & check for over/underflow
 - $1.110_2 \times 2^{-3}$ (no change) with no over/underflow
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
 - $1.110_2 \times 2^{-3}$ (no change)
- 5. Determine sign: $+ve \times -ve \Rightarrow -ve$
 - $-1.110_2 \times 2^{-3} = -0.21875$

FP Arithmetic Hardware

- FP multiplier is of similar complexity to FP adder
 - But uses a multiplier for significands instead of an adder
- FP arithmetic hardware usually does
 - Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, reciprocal, square-root
 - FP \leftrightarrow integer conversion
- Operations usually take several cycles
 - Can be pipelined

FP Instructions in MIPS

- FP hardware is coprocessor 1
 - Adjunct processor that extends the ISA
- Separate FP registers
 - 32 single-precision: \$f0, \$f1, ... \$f31
 - Paired for double-precision: \$f0/\$f1, \$f2/\$f3, ...
 - Release 2 of MIPS ISA supports 32×64 -bit FP reg's
- FP instructions operate only on FP registers
 - Programs generally don't do integer ops on FP data, or vice versa
 - More registers with minimal code-size impact
- FP load and store instructions
 - lwc1, ldc1, swc1, sdc1
 - e.g., ldc1 \$f8, 32(\$sp)

FP Instructions in MIPS

- Single-precision arithmetic
 - `add.s`, `sub.s`, `mul.s`, `div.s`
 - e.g., `add.s $f0, $f1, $f6`
- Double-precision arithmetic
 - `add.d`, `sub.d`, `mul.d`, `div.d`
 - e.g., `mul.d $f4, $f4, $f6`
- Single- and double-precision comparison
 - `c.xx.s`, `c.xx.d` (`xx` is `eq`, `lt`, `le`, ...)
 - Sets or clears FP condition-code bit
 - e.g. `c.lt.s $f3, $f4`
- Branch on FP condition code true or false
 - `bc1t`, `bc1f`
 - e.g., `bc1t TargetLabel`