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Digital Arithmetic & Circuits

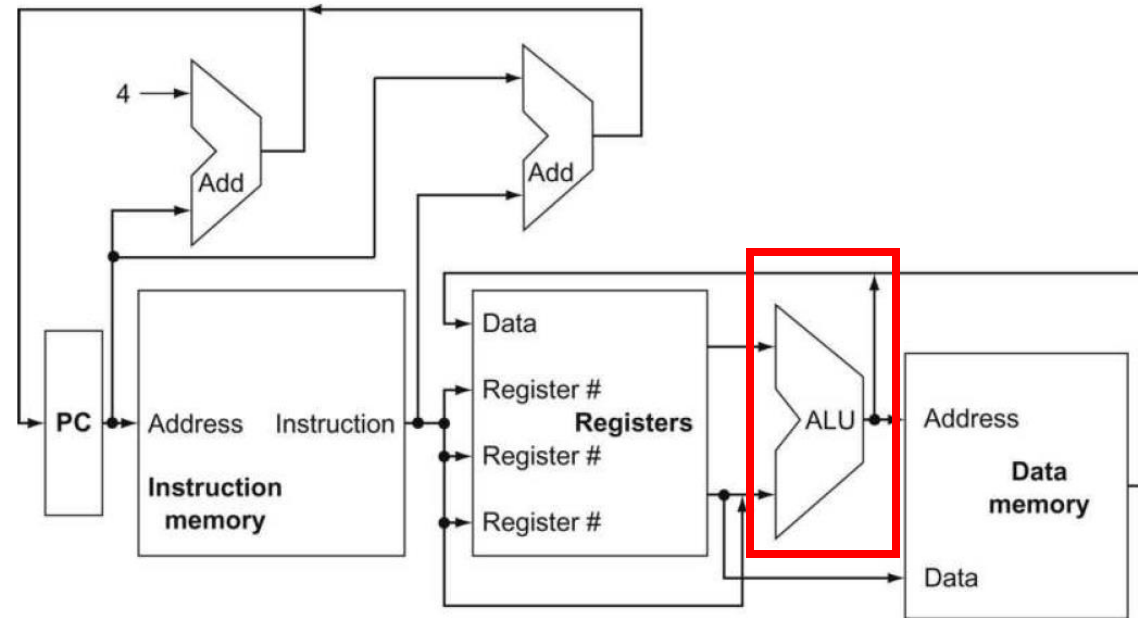
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Outline

- Number Systems
 - Integer
 - Fixed-Point
 - Floating-Point
- Arithmetic
- Circuits & Implementation



Why We Need to Introduce Arithmetic

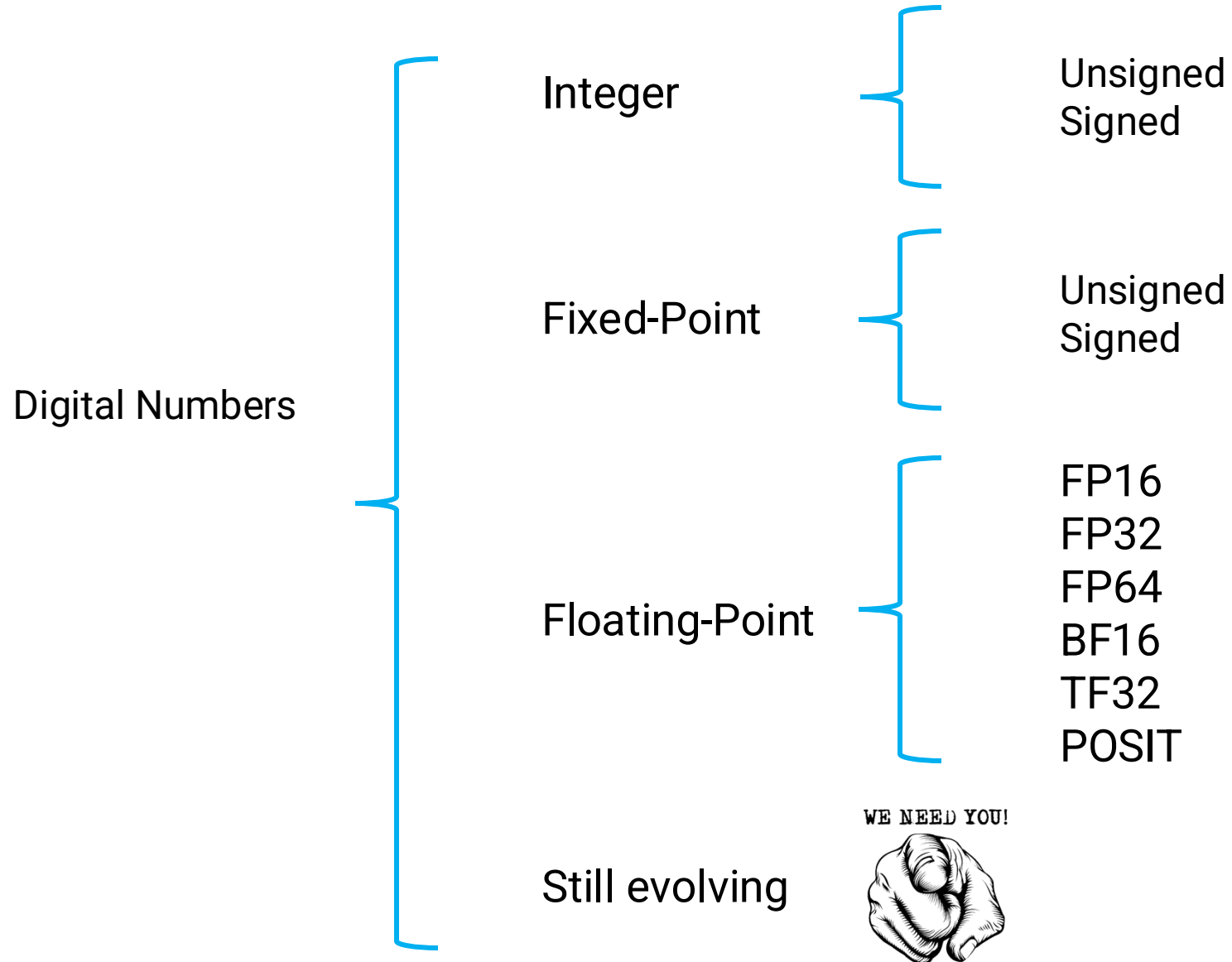


- Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU): heart of von Neumann architecture
- Deal with various precisions: decimals, fractions, integers, ...

Part 1

Unsigned Integers

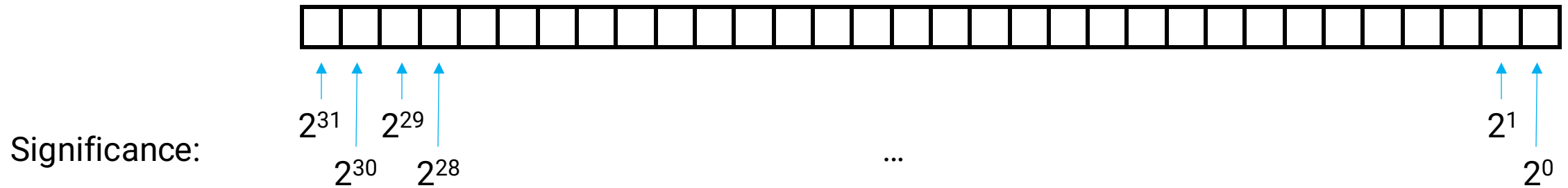
Number System of Digital Computers



Unsigned Integer



- Unsigned INT32



- INT16, INT8, ...

- Example:

$32'd7$ (=32'h0000_0007)
 $8'b1100_1101$ (=8'hCD)

Recommend tool:
programmer's calculator

Unsigned Integer Arithmetic – Add & Subtract

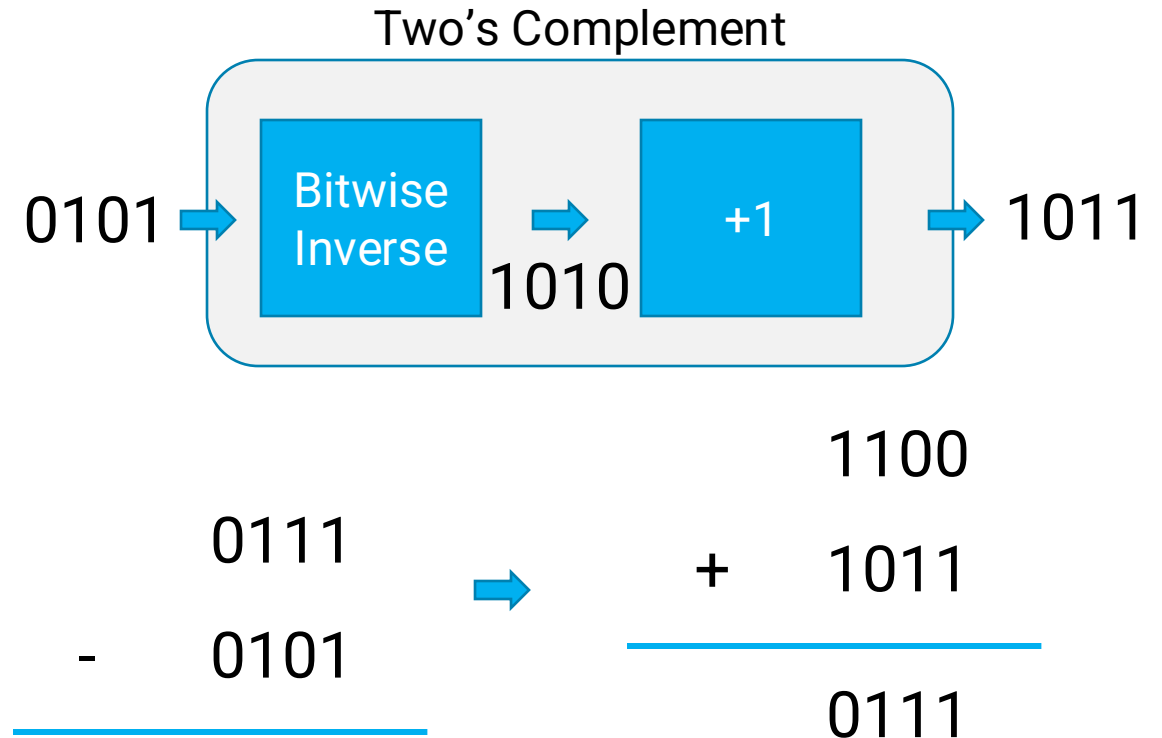


- INT4 as example:

$$\text{Add: } 4'd7 + 4'd5 = 4'd12$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0111 \\ + 0101 \\ \hline 1100 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Subtract: } 4'd12 - 4'd5 = 4'd7$$



Unsigned Integer Arithmetic – Multiply & Divide

Numbers

Arithmetic

Circuits

- INT4 as example:

Multiply: $4'd3 * 4'd5 = 4'd15$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0011 \\ * 0101 \\ \hline 0011 \\ 0000 \\ 0011 \\ + 0000 \\ \hline 1111 \end{array}$$

Divide: $4'd15 / 4'd3 = 4'd5$

$$\begin{array}{r} 101 \\ 11 \overline{) 1111} \\ - 11 \\ \hline 01 \\ 00 \\ \hline 11 \\ 11 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

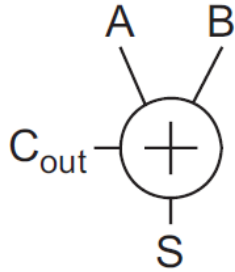
Unsigned Integer Circuits – Adder

Numbers

Arithmetic

Circuits

Half-Adder

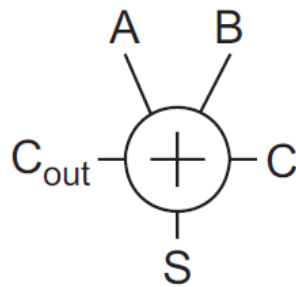


A	B	C_{out}	S
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

$$S = A \oplus B$$

$$C_{out} = A \cdot B$$

Full-Adder



A	B	C	G	P	K	C_{out}	S
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
		1				0	1
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
		1				1	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
		1				1	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
		1				1	1

$$S = \overline{A}\overline{B}C + \overline{A}B\overline{C} + A\overline{B}\overline{C} + ABC$$

$$= (A \oplus B) \oplus C = P \oplus C$$

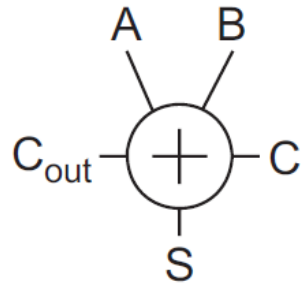
$$C_{out} = AB + AC + BC$$

$$= AB + C(A + B)$$

$$= \overline{\overline{A}\overline{B} + \overline{C}(\overline{A} + \overline{B})}$$

$$= \text{MAJ}(A, B, C)$$

Unsigned Integer Circuits – Adder (Cont.)



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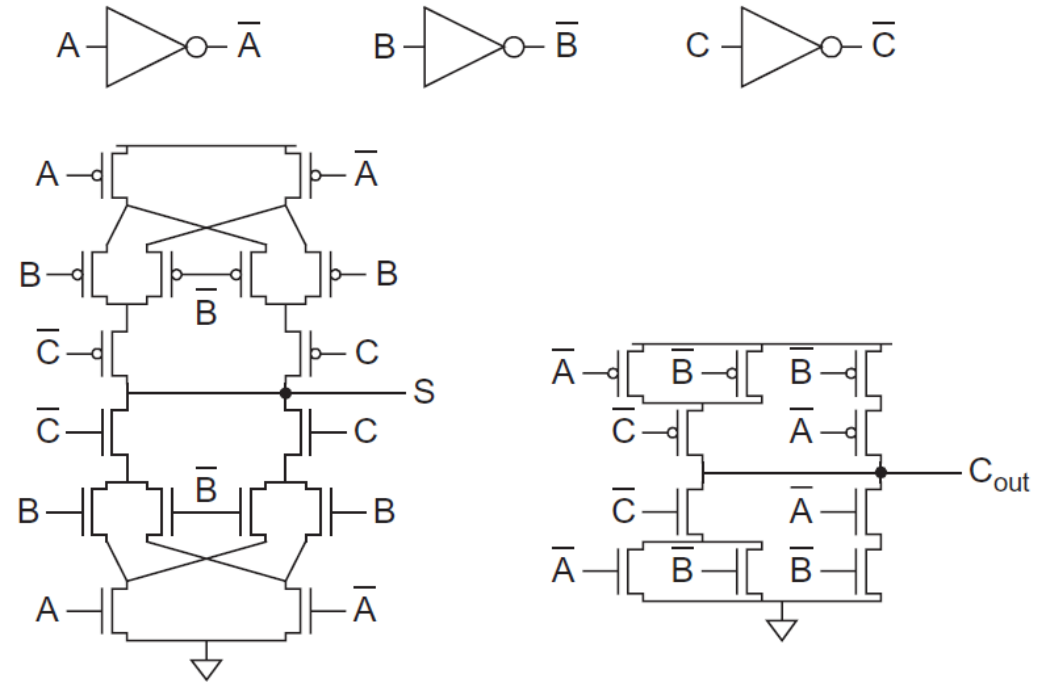
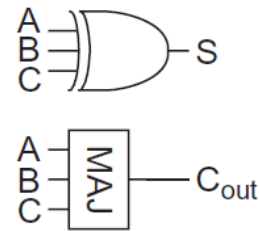
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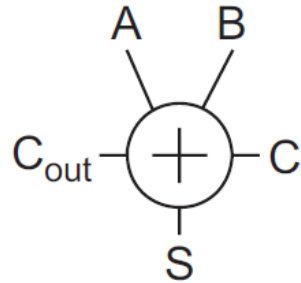
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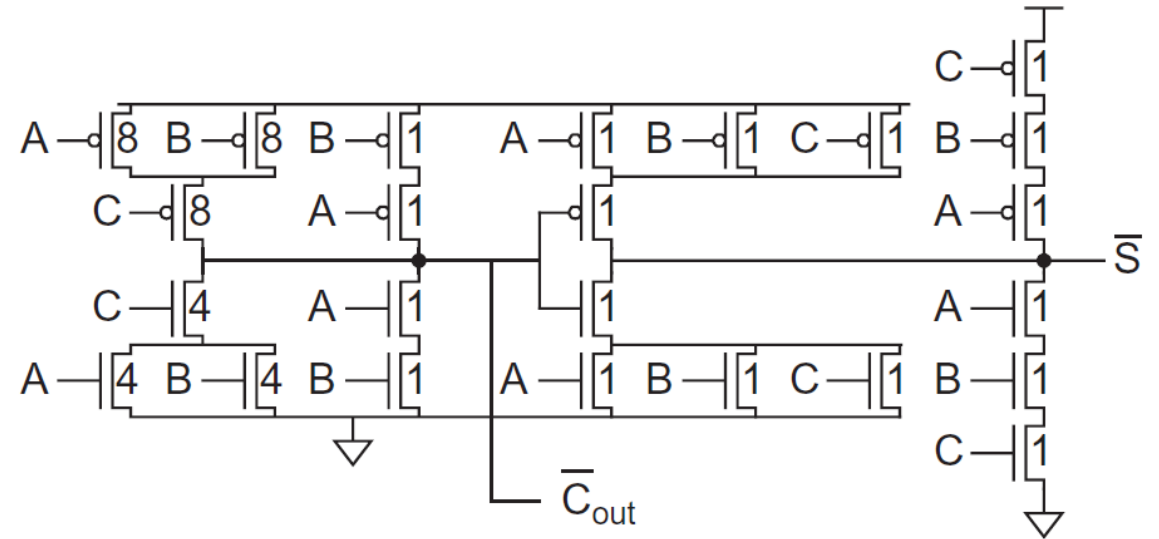
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Unsigned Integer Circuits – Adder (Cont.)



Improved:



$$S = ABC + (A + B + C)\bar{C}_{out}$$

Idea behind:

Reuse Cout compute circuits to obtain both S

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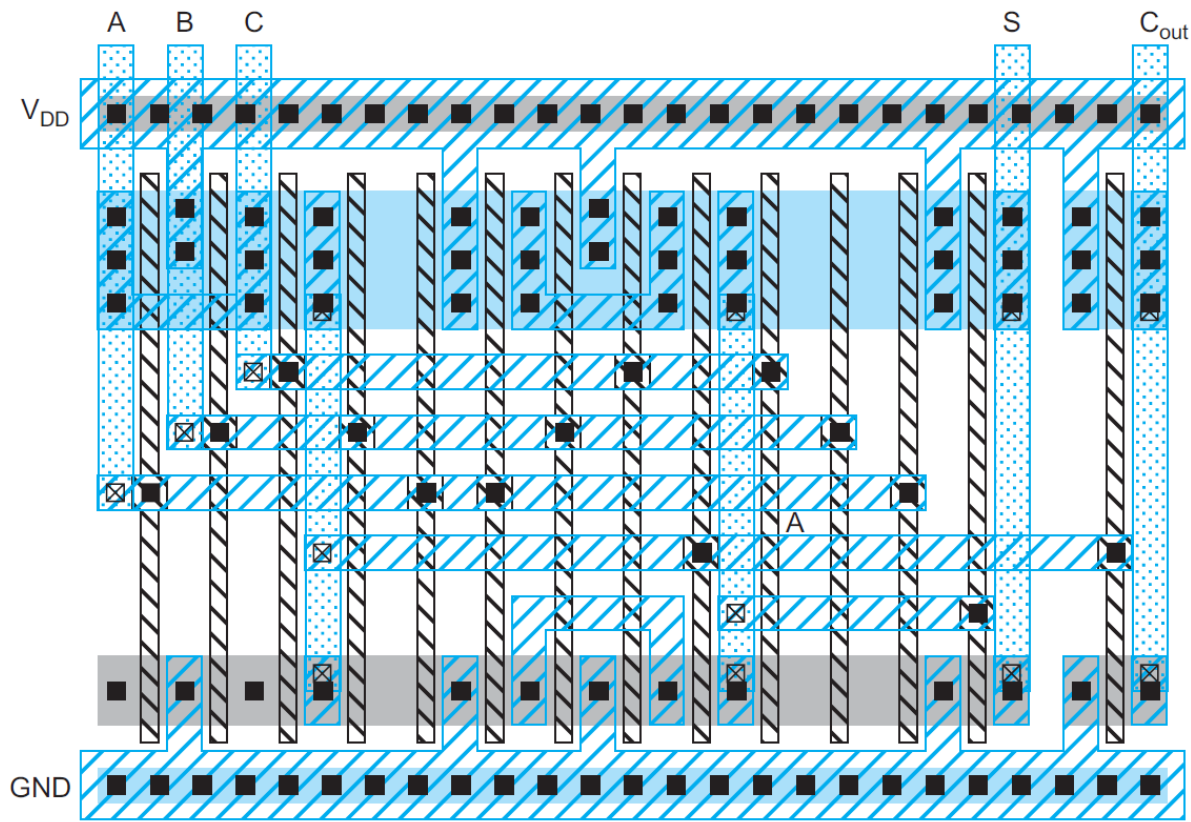
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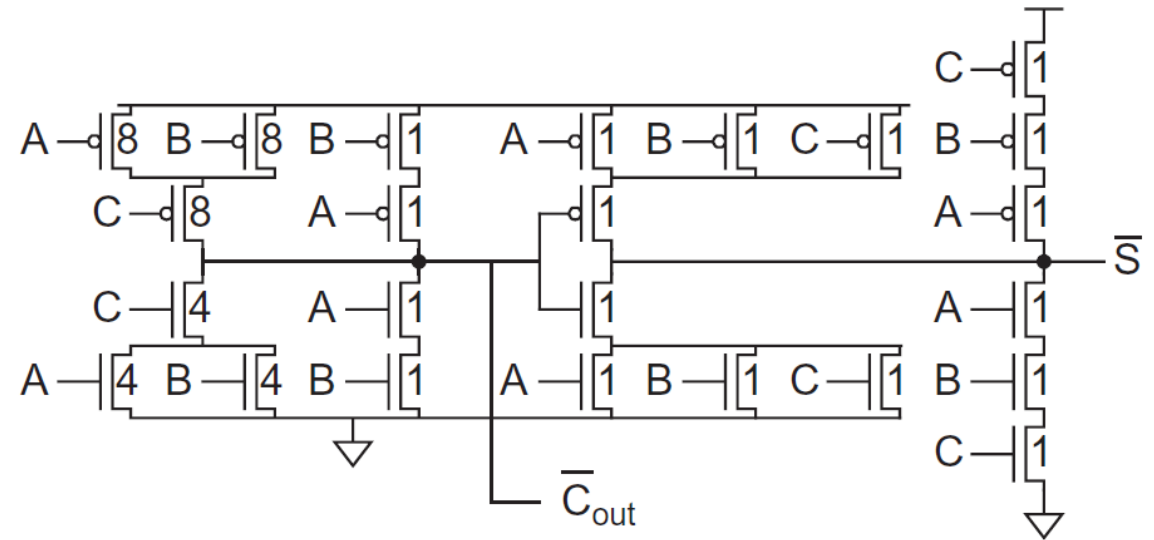
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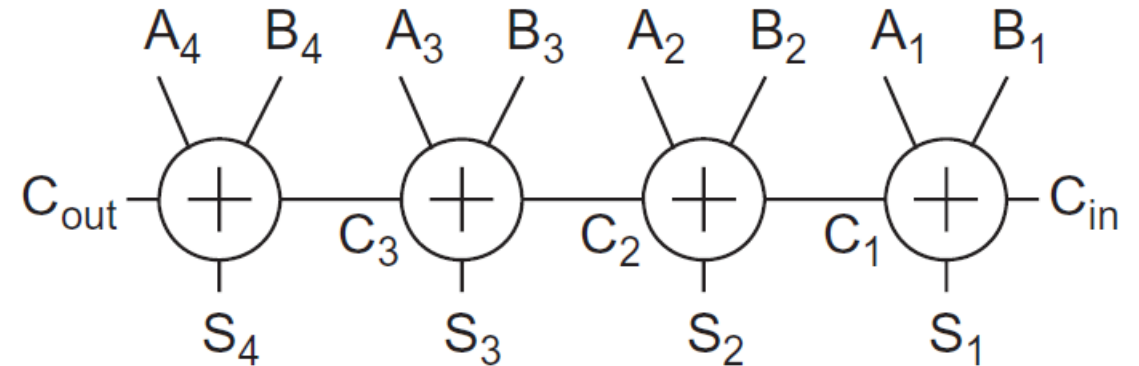
Adder Family – Carry-Ripple Adder

$$\begin{array}{r} 00000 \\ 1111 \\ +0000 \\ \hline 1111 \end{array}$$

C_{out} (pointing to the first 0)
 C_{in} (pointing to the last 0)

$$\begin{array}{r} 11111 \\ 1111 \\ +0000 \\ \hline 0000 \end{array}$$

carries
 $A_{4...1}$
 $B_{4...1}$
 $S_{4...1}$



Natural & Intuitive

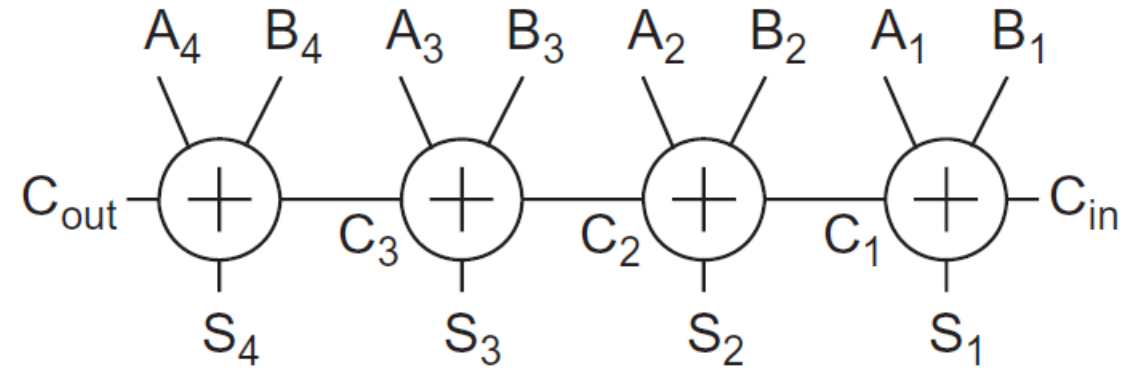
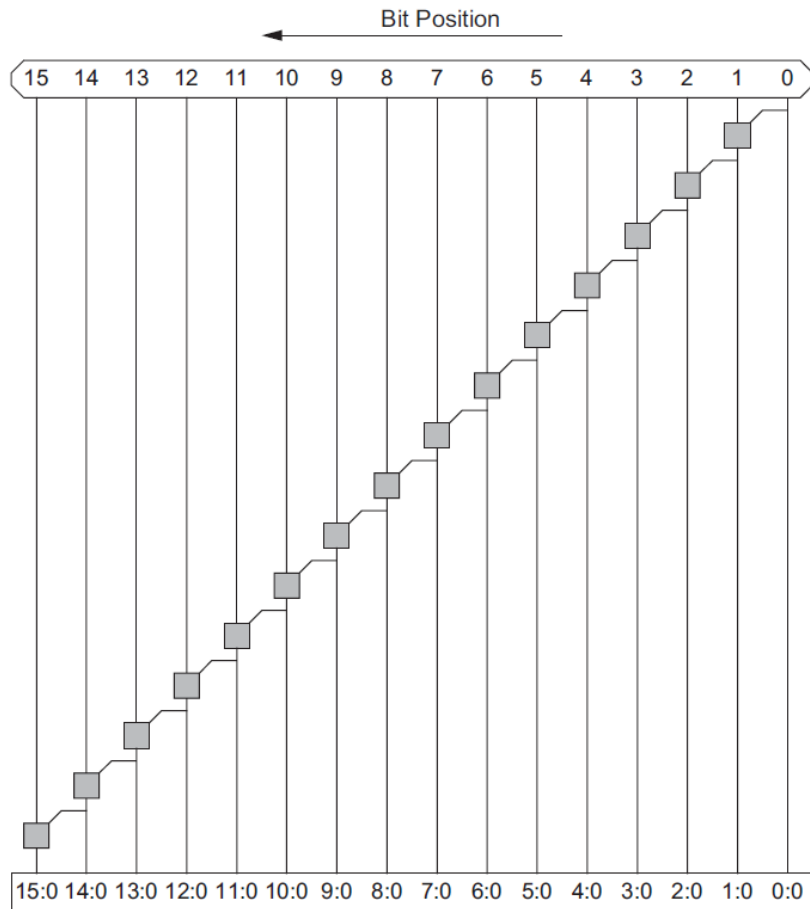
However, carry propagation path too long

Adder Family – Carry-Ripple Adder

Numbers

Arithmetic

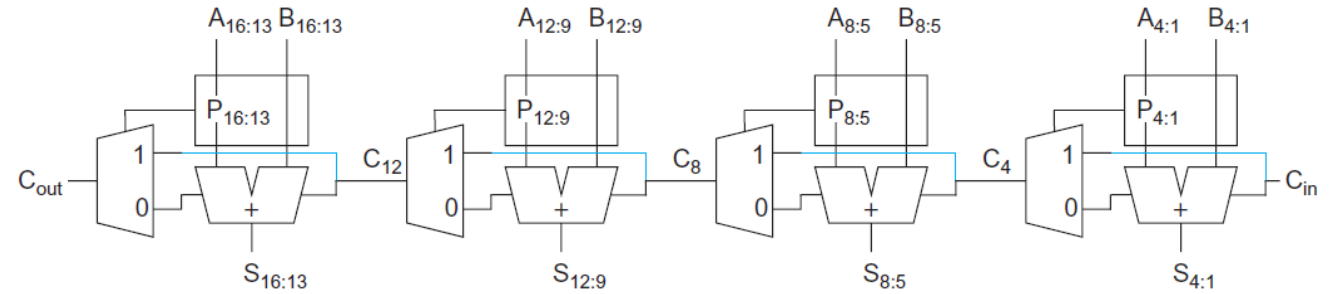
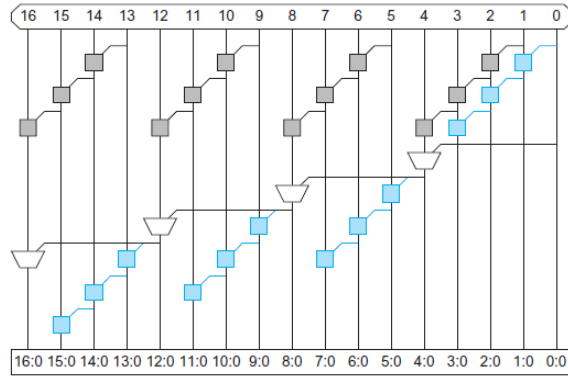
Circuits



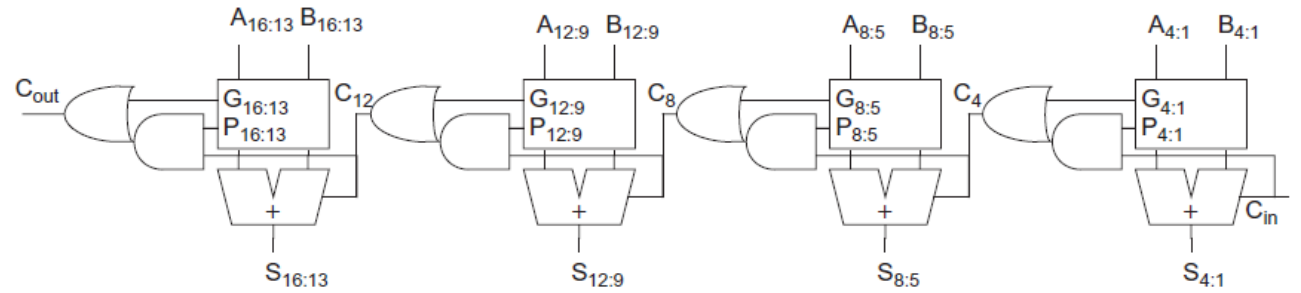
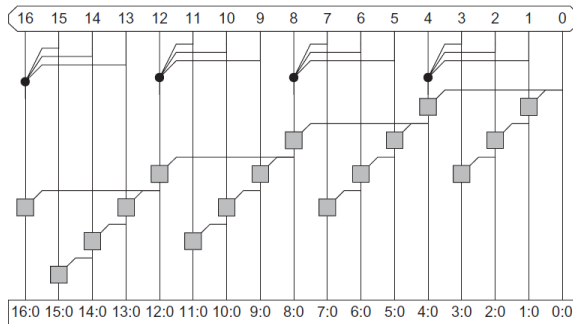
Adder Family – Carry-Skip Adder



Carry-Skip Adder



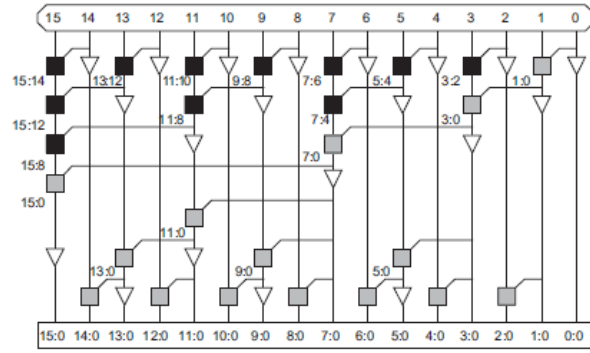
Carry-Lookahead Adder



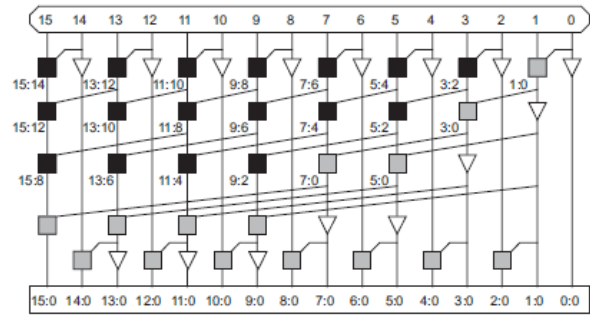
Idea Behind: Group and Divide!

Adder Family – Big Family!

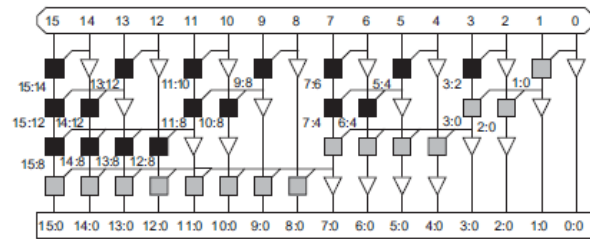
Tree Adder Family



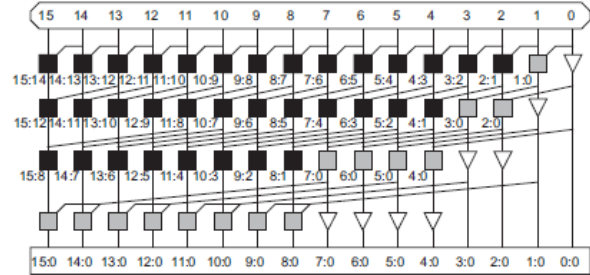
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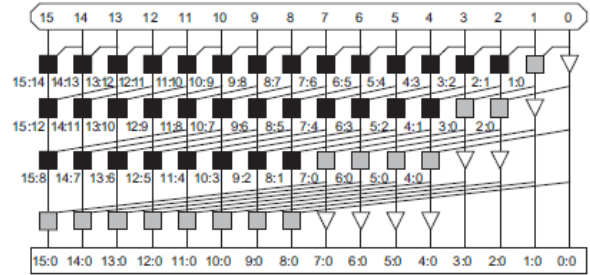
(d) Han-Carlson



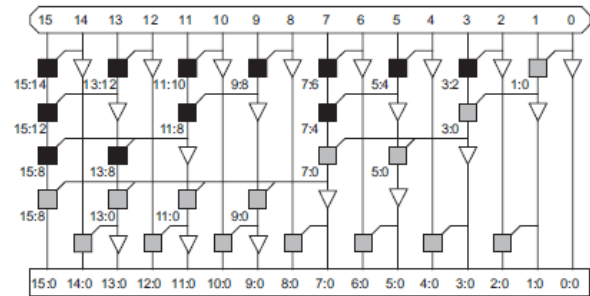
(b) Sklansky



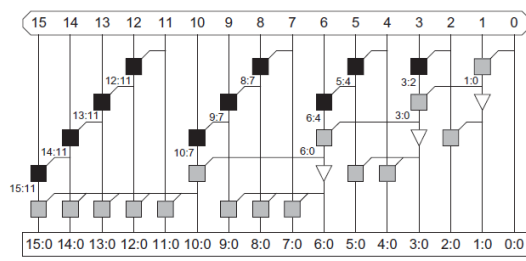
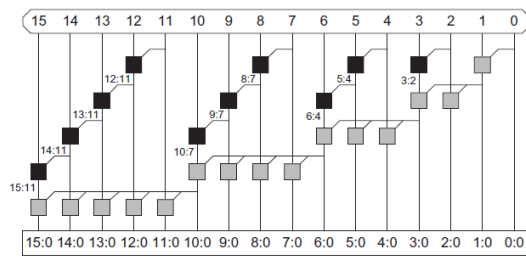
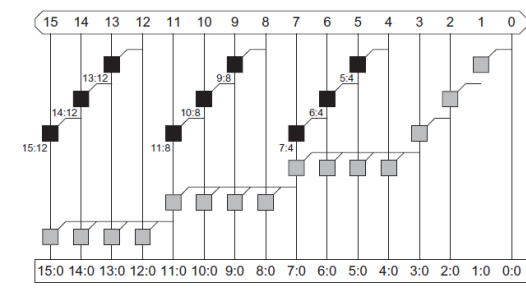
(e) Knowles [2,1,1,1]



(c) Kogge-Stone



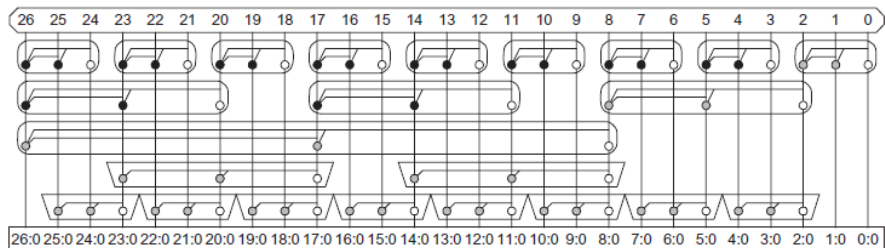
(f) Ladner-Fischer



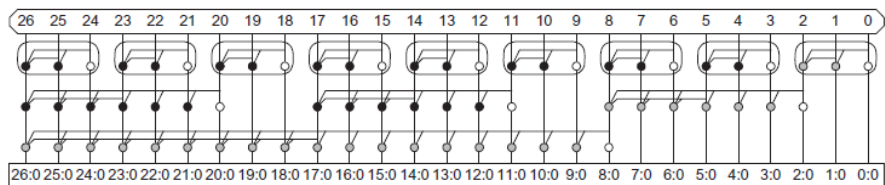
Carry-Incremental Adder

Adder Family – Big Family! (Cont.)

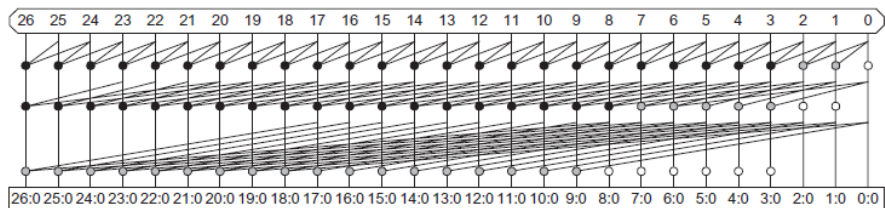
Sparse Tree Adders



(a) Brent-Kung



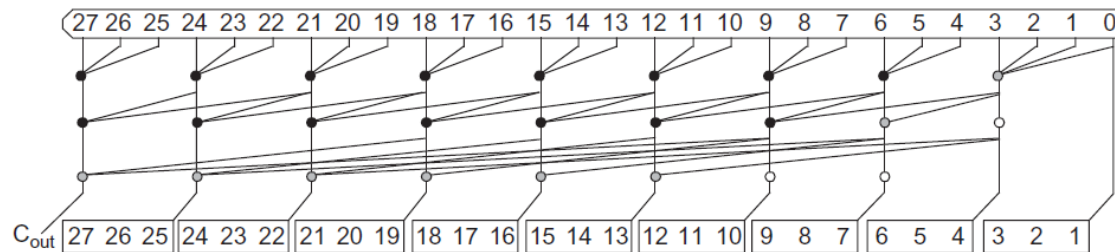
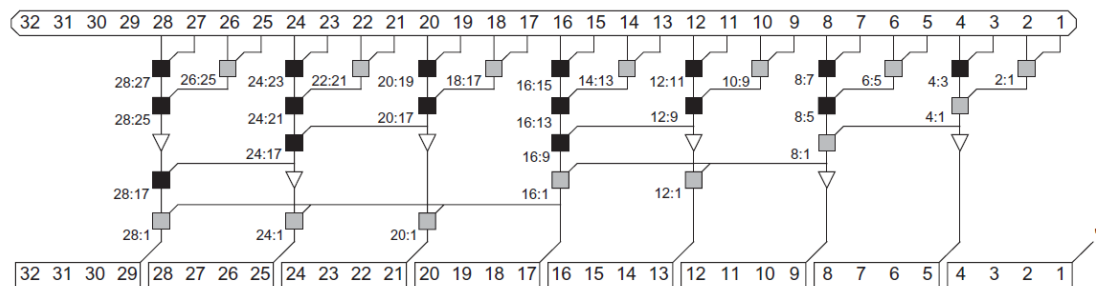
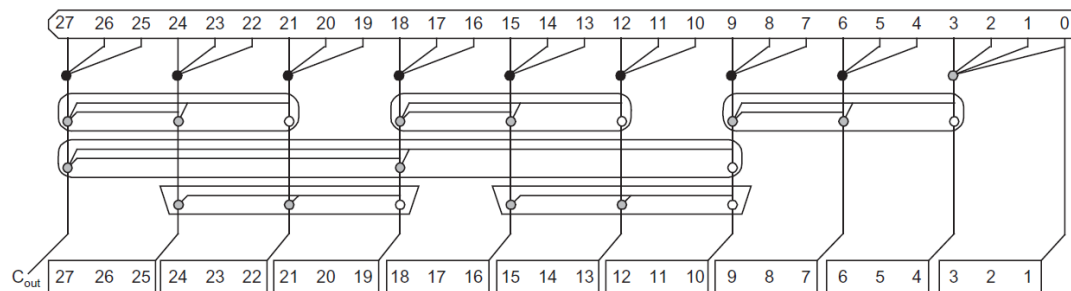
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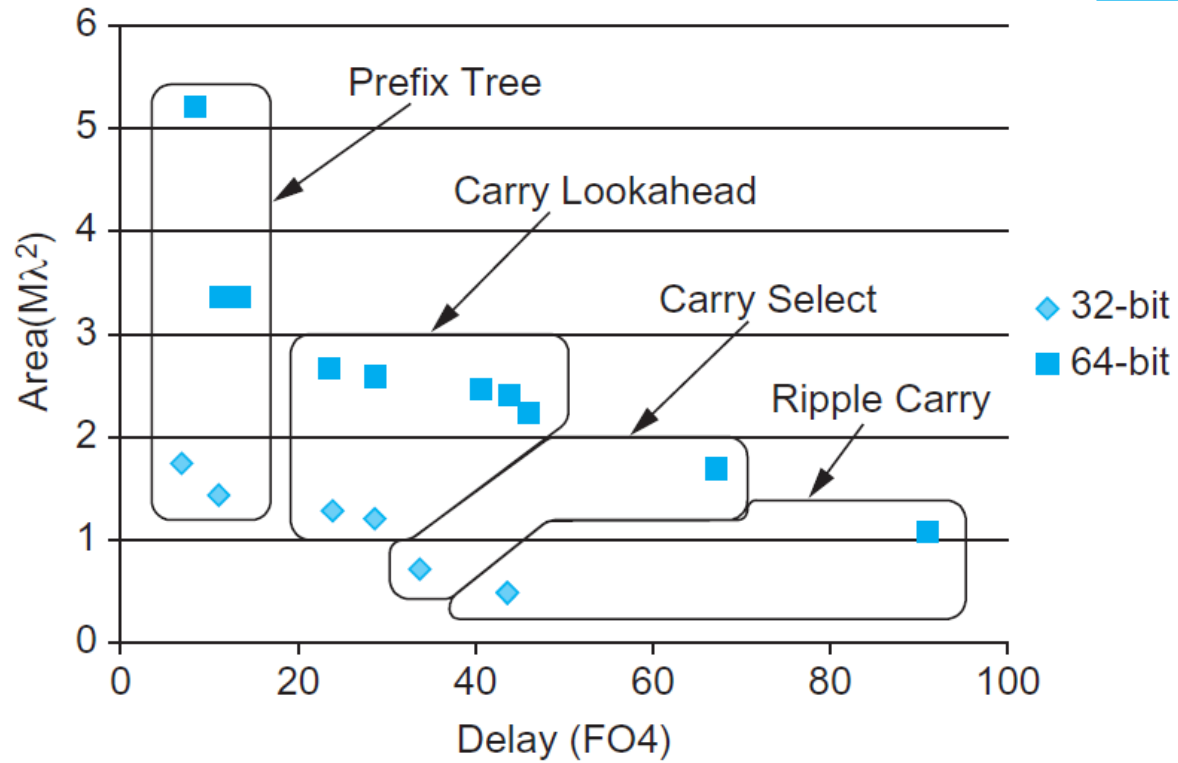
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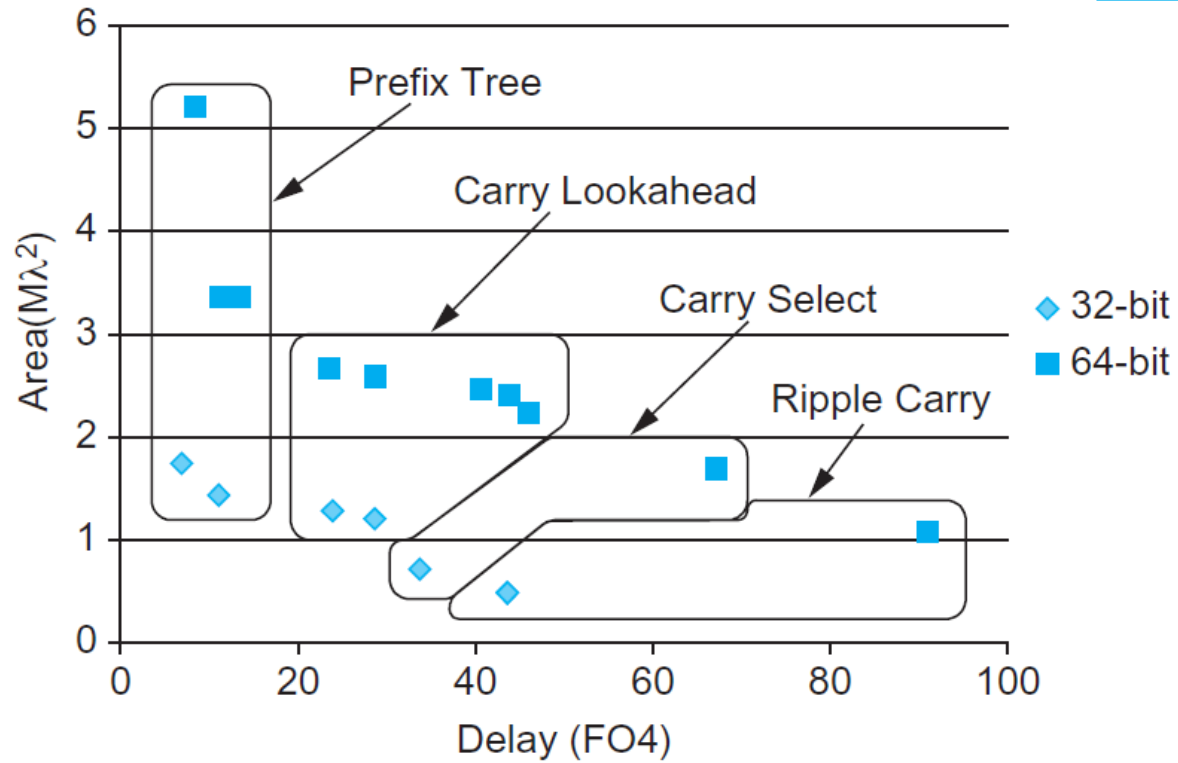
Adder Family – Choose Wisely



FO: Fan-Out

Everything has trade-off!

Adder Family – Choose Wisely

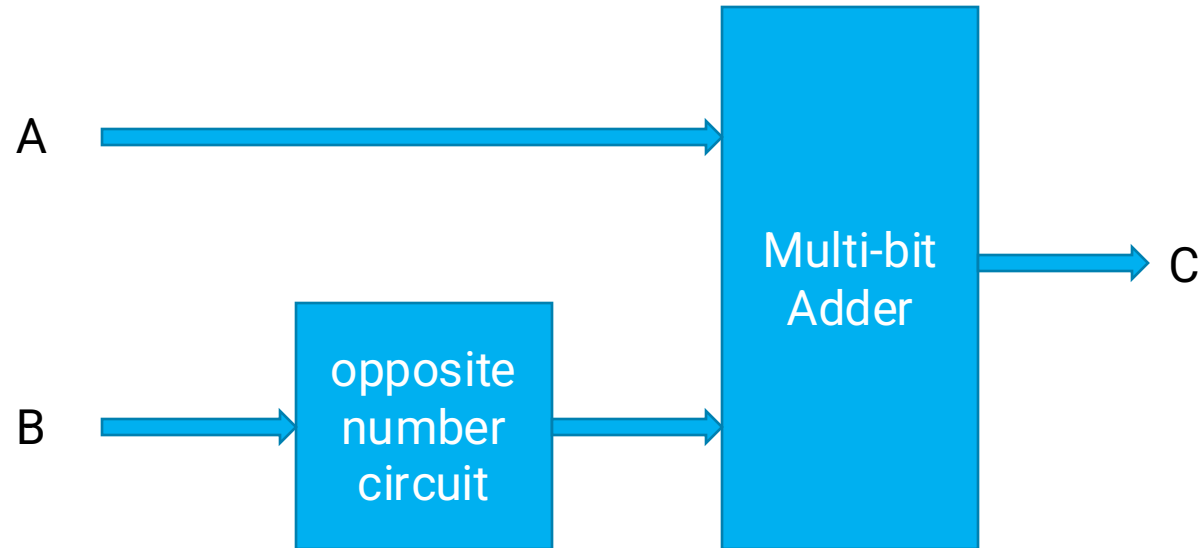


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Unsigned Integer Circuits – Subtractor

$$C = A - B = A + (-B)$$

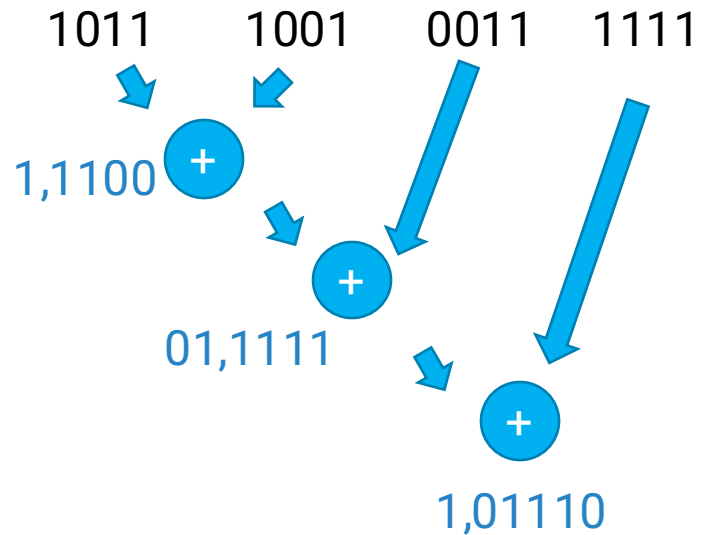


What is “opposite number circuit” though?
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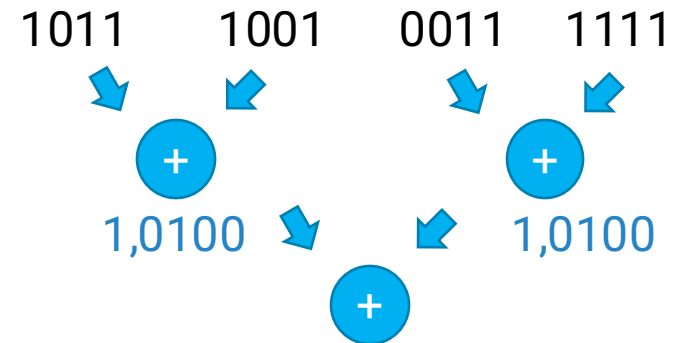
Unsigned Integer Circuits – Multiplier

Carry-Save Adder (CSA) & “carry-save redundant format”

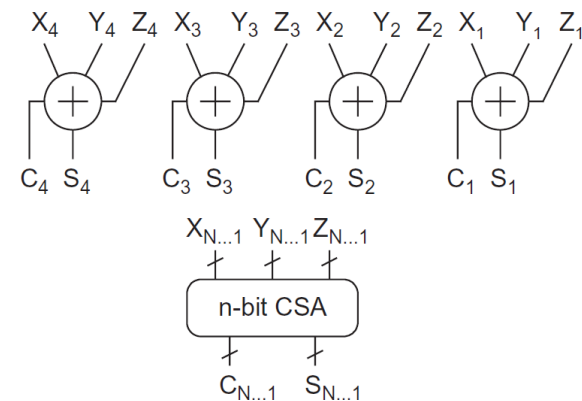
Example: Sum of 1011 1001 0011 1111 ?



(Carry, Sum)

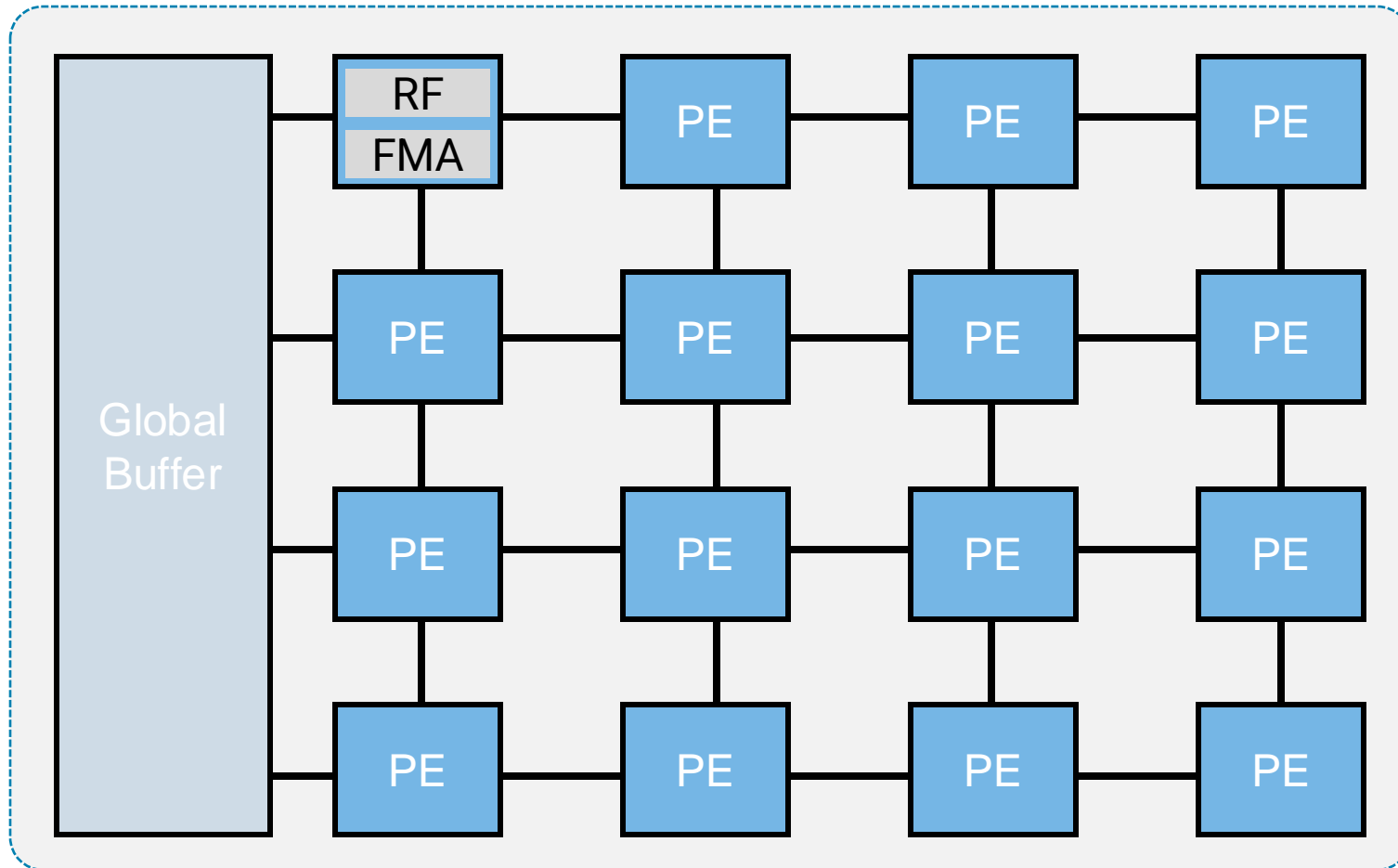


Carry add together,
Sum add together
> Final sum

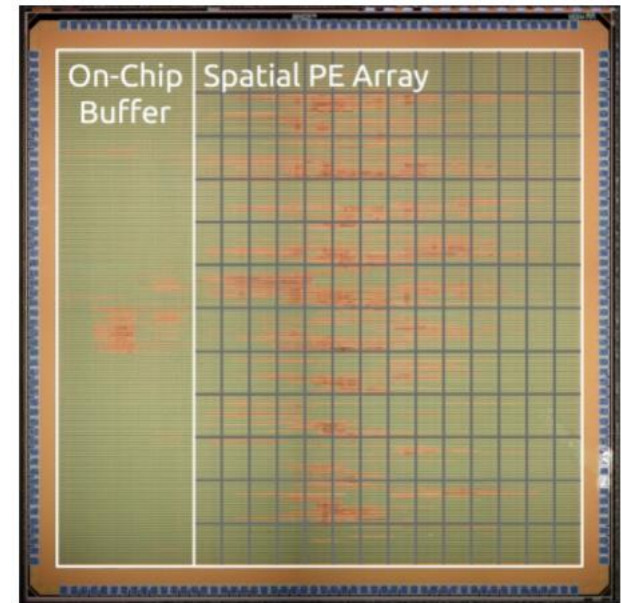


Multiply-Add Application Example

- Eyeriss: CNN Accelerator

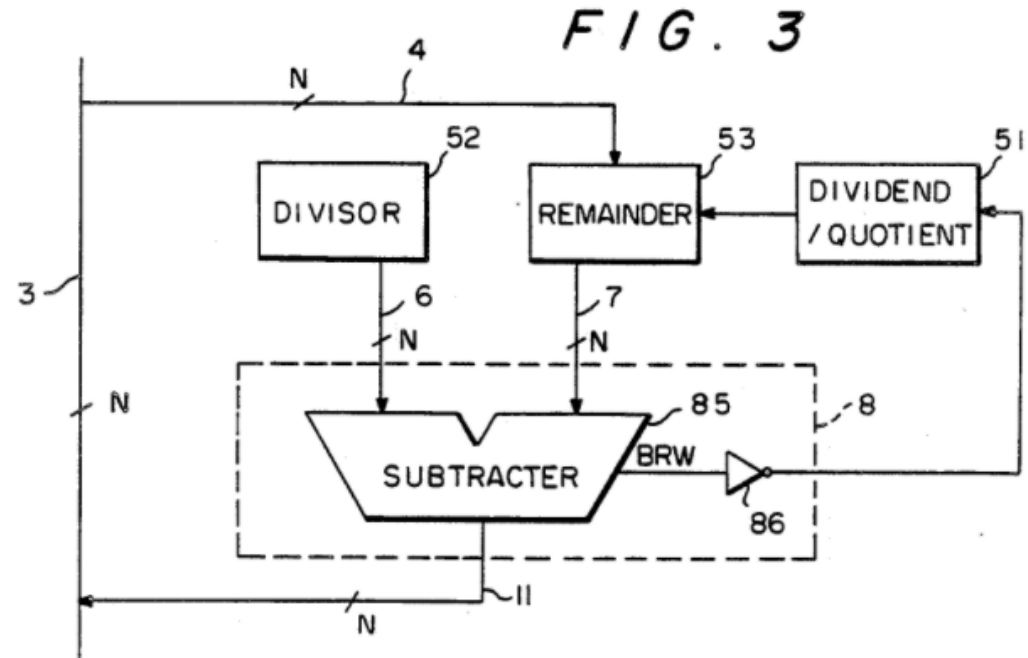
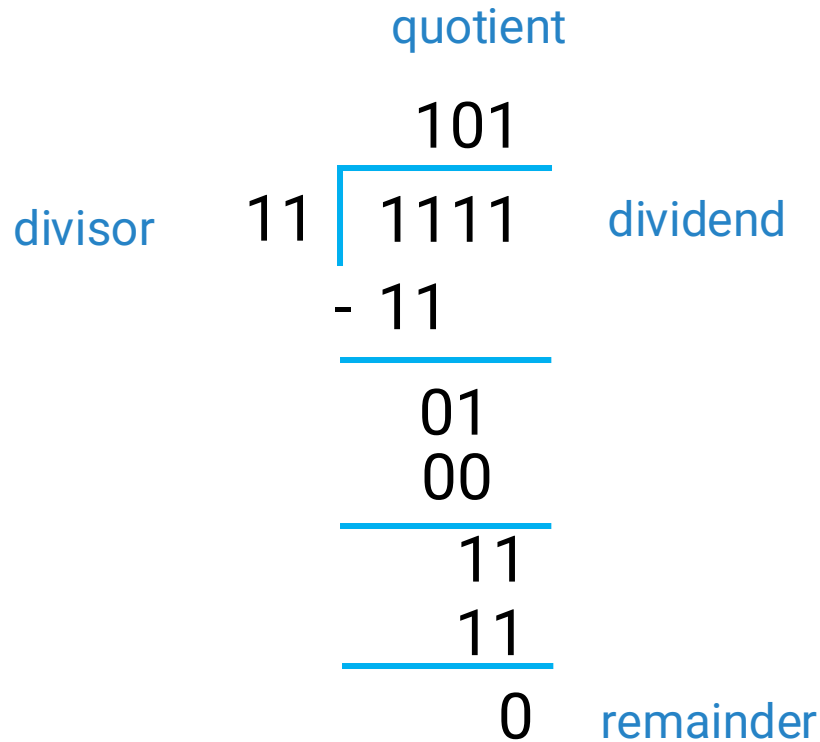


- FMA as processing elements
- local register file (RF)



Chen, Yu-Hsin, et al. "Eyeriss: An energy-efficient reconfigurable accelerator for deep convolutional neural networks." *IEEE journal of solid-state circuits* 52.1 (2016): 127-138.

Unsigned Integer Circuits - Divider



Yamahata, Hitoshi. "Integer division circuit provided with a overflow detector circuit." U.S. Patent No. 4,992,969. 12 Feb. 1991.

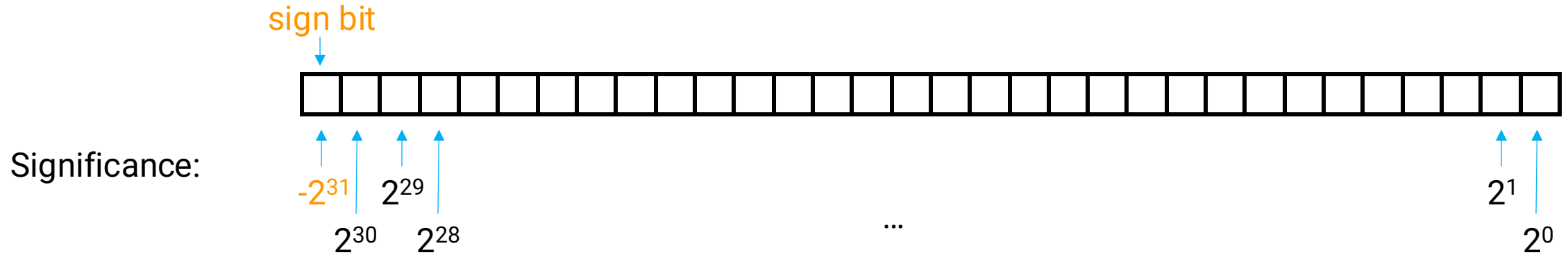
Part 2

Signed Integers

Signed Integer



- Signed INT32



- INT16, INT8, ...
- Example:

$-32'd7$ ($=32'hff_ff_ff_f9$)
 $8'b0100_1101$ ($=8'hCD$)

Signed Bit	Meaning
0	Positive
1	Negative

Signed Integer

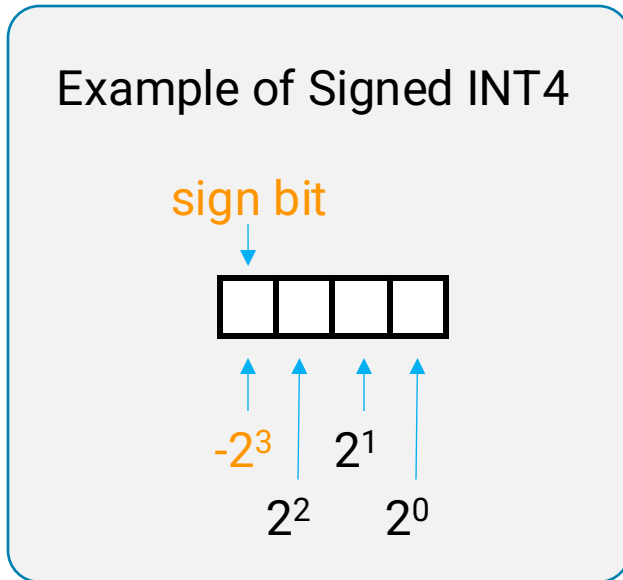
- Problem: What is the range of signed vs. unsigned integers?



For UIN_Tⁿ: $0 \sim 2^n - 1$

For IN_Tⁿ: $-2^{n-1} \sim 2^{n-1} - 1$

Here is the answer of “opposite number circuits”!



Binary Codeword	Unsigned INT4	Signed INT4
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7

Binary Codeword	Unsigned INT4	Signed INT4
1000	8	-8
1001	9	-7
1010	10	-6
1011	11	-5
1100	12	-4
1101	13	-3
1110	14	-2
1111	15	-1

Signed Integer – Two Types of Shift

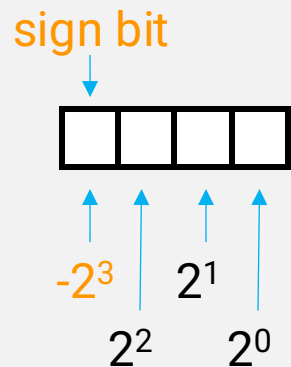
- Verilog HDL supports 2 types of shift:
- Logic Shift Operators (\ll , \gg)
- Arithmetic Shift Operators (\lll , \ggg)

Numbers

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Example of Signed INT4



- **Logic shift** \gg \ll : filling with zeros
- $3'b100 \gg 1'd1$ gives $3'b010$
- $3'b101 \gg 1'd1$ gives $3'b010$
- $3'b101 \ll 1'd2$ gives $3'b100$

Not really stable rule: $\ll 1$: multiply 2 ; $\gg 2$: divided by 2

- **Arithmetic shift:**
 - \lll : Shift left specified number of bits, filling with zero.
 - \ggg : Shift right specified number of bits, fill with value of sign bit if expression is signed, otherwise fill with zero.

Signed Integer – Two Types of Shift



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- Logic Shift Operators (<<, >>)
- Arithmetic Shift Operators (<<<, >>>)

Binary Codeword	Unsigned INT4	Signed INT4
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1001	9	-7
1010	10	-6
1011	11	-5
1100	12	-4
1101	13	-3
1110	14	-2
1111	15	-1

4'b1110 >>> 1'd1 gives 4'b1111
4'b0110 >>> 1'd1 gives 4'b0011

- **Logic shift** >> <<: filling with zeros
- 3'b100 >> 1'd1 gives 3'b010
- 3'b101 >> 1'd1 gives 3'b010
- 3'b101 << 1'd2 gives 3'b100

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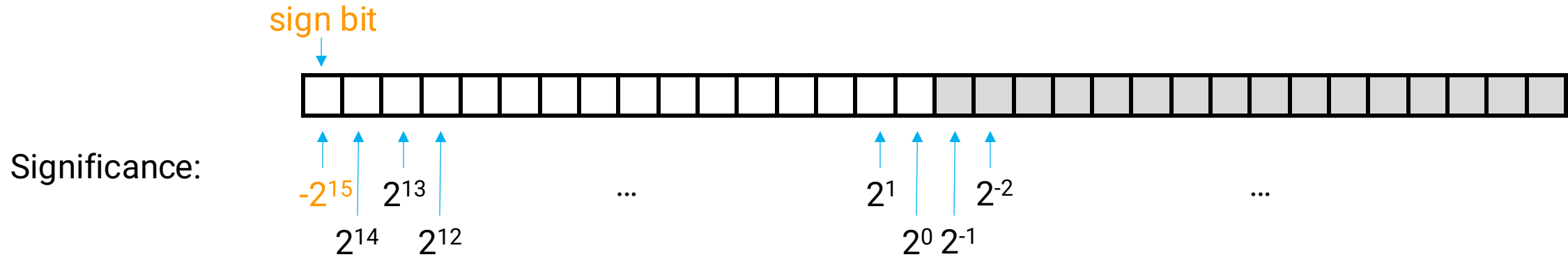
Part 3 About Fraction

Fixed-Point

Fixed-Point Number



- Fixed32



- Example:

$$(1.10)_2 = (1 \cdot 2^0 + 1 \cdot 2^{-1} + 0 \cdot 2^{-2})_{10} = (1.50)_{10}$$

Signed Bit	Meaning
0	Positive
1	Negative

Fixed-Point Number



- Arithmetic Just Works the Same Way!

Integer Arithmetic ↔ Fixed-Point Arithmetic

- Verilog HDL does not support fixed-point natively

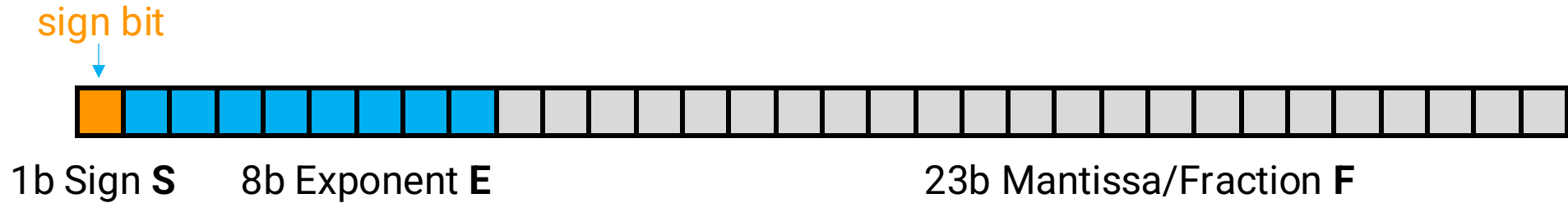
Part 4

Floating-Point

Floating-Point Number



- FP32

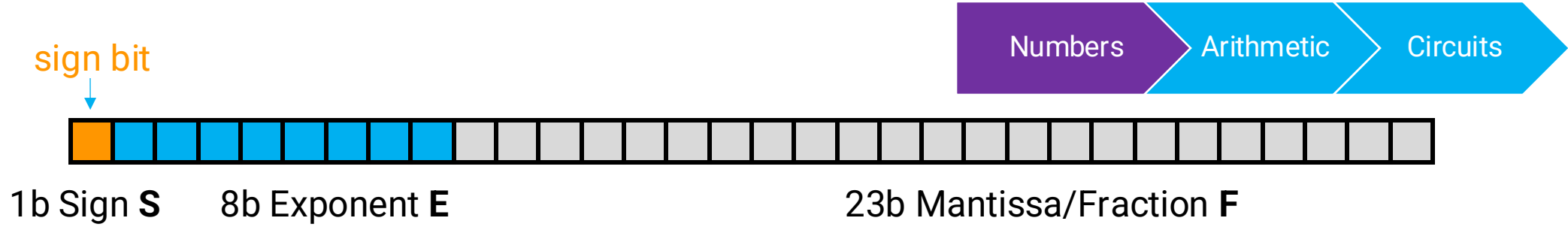


- Meaning:

Exponent	Fraction	Object	Value
0	0	0	
0	Nonzero	Denormalized number	$(-1)^S \times (0.F) \times 2^{E-B}$
Nonzero	Anything	Floating-point number	$(-1)^S \times (1.F) \times 2^{E-B}$
All "1"	0	infinity	
All "1"	Nonzero	NaN (not a number)	

Floating-Point Number

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S=1, E=0, F=0, what is the value? $-0=0$

Floating-Point Number

- FP32



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Half (IEEE 754-2008)	1	5	15	10	16
Single	1	8	B 127	23	32
Double	1	11	1023	52	64
Quad	1	15	16383	112	128

S=0, E=0,
 F=23'b10000_00000_00000_00000_000
 what is its decimal value?

$$(0.1)_2 \times 2^{-127} = 0.5 \times 2^{-127}$$

Floating-Point Number

- FP32



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S=0, E=8'b127,
 F=23'b10000_00000_00000_00000_000
 what is its decimal value?

$$(1.1)_2 \times 2^{127-127} = 1.5$$

Floating-Point Number



- Range



Exponent	Fraction	Object	Value
0	0	0	--
0	Nonzero	Denormalized number	$(-1)^S \times (0.F) \times 2^{1-B}$
Nonzero	Anything	Floating-point number	$(-1)^S \times (1.F) \times 2^{E-B}$
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All "1"	Nonzero	NaN (not a number)	--

Absolute Max: S=0, E=8'b1111_1110, F=23'h7FFFFFF: $(1.11111111111111111111111111111111)_2 * 2^{8'b1111_1110-8'b127}$
 =3.40282346639e+38

Absolute Min: S=0, E=8'b0000_0001, F=23'h0000_0001: $(1.000000000000000000000001)_2 * 2^{1-127}$

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- Range



Exponent	Fraction	Object	Value
0	0	0	--
0	Nonzero	Denormalized number	$(-1)^S \times (0.F) \times 2^{1-B}$
Nonzero	Anything	Floating-point number	$(-1)^S \times (1.F) \times 2^{E-B}$
All "1"	0	infinity	--
All "1"	Nonzero	NaN (not a number)	--

Absolute Max: S=0, E=8'b1111_1110, F=23'h7FFFFFFF: $(1.11111111111111111111111111111111)_2 \times 2^{8'b1111_1110-8'b127}$
 $= 3.40282346639e+38$

Absolute Min: S=0, E=8'b0000_0001, F=23'h0000_0000: $(1.000000000000000000000000)_2 \times 2^{1-127}$
 $= 1.17549435082e-38$

Denormalized:

Absolute Min: S=0, E=8'b0000_0000, F=23'h0000_0001: $(0.000000000000000000000001)_2 \times 2^{1-127}$
 $= 1.40129846432e-45$

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• Add

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123456.7 = 1.234567 * 10^5
101.7654 = 1.017654 * 10^2 = 0.001017654 * 10^5

Hence:
123456.7 + 101.7654 = (1.234567 * 10^5) + (1.017654 * 10^2)
                    = (1.234567 * 10^5) + (0.001017654 * 10^5)
                    = (1.234567 + 0.001017654) * 10^5
                    = 1.235584654 * 10^5

```

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E=5;  F=1.234567      (123456.7)
+ E=2;  F=1.017654    (101.7654)
-----
E=5;  F=1.234567
+ E=5;  F=0.001017654 (after shifting)
-----
E=5;  F=1.235584654 (true sum: 123558.4654)

```

Round-off error

Try by yourself:
 $(E=5, F=1.234567) + (E=-3, F=9.876543) = ??$

```

E=5;  F=1.234567
+ E=-3; F=9.876543
-----
E=5;  F=1.234567
+ E=5;  F=0.00000009876543 (after shifting)
-----
E=5;  F=1.23456709876543 (true sum)
E=5;  F=1.234567          (after rounding/normalization)

```

Actually, result is: $e=5; s=1.235585$ (final sum: 123558.5)

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- Subtract

Try by yourself:

$$(E=5, F=1.234571) - (E=5, 1.234567) = ??$$

```
E=5;  F=1.234571
- E=5;  F=1.234567
-----
E=5;  F=0.000004
E=-1; F=4.000000 (after rounding/normalization)
```

Change to normalized form of FP numbers

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- Multiply:

```
E=3;   F=4.734612
x E=5;   F=5.417242
-----
E=8;   F=25.648538980104 (true product)
E=8;   F=25.64854         (after rounding)
E=9;   F=2.564854         (after normalization)
```

Exponent: Sum Operation

Mantissa: Multiply Operation

Don't forget normalization

- Divide:

Exponent: **Subtract** Operation

Mantissa: **Divide** Operation

Don't forget normalization

Q: What if normalized number multiplies
denormalized number?



Incompleteness of Floating-Point Arithmetic

- May not associative:

$$\begin{aligned} 1234.567 + 45.67844 &= 1280.245 \\ 1280.245 + 0.0004 &= 1280.245 \end{aligned}$$

but

$$\begin{aligned} 45.67840 + 0.00004 &= 45.67844 \\ 45.67844 + 1234.567 &= 1280.246 \end{aligned}$$

- May not distributive:

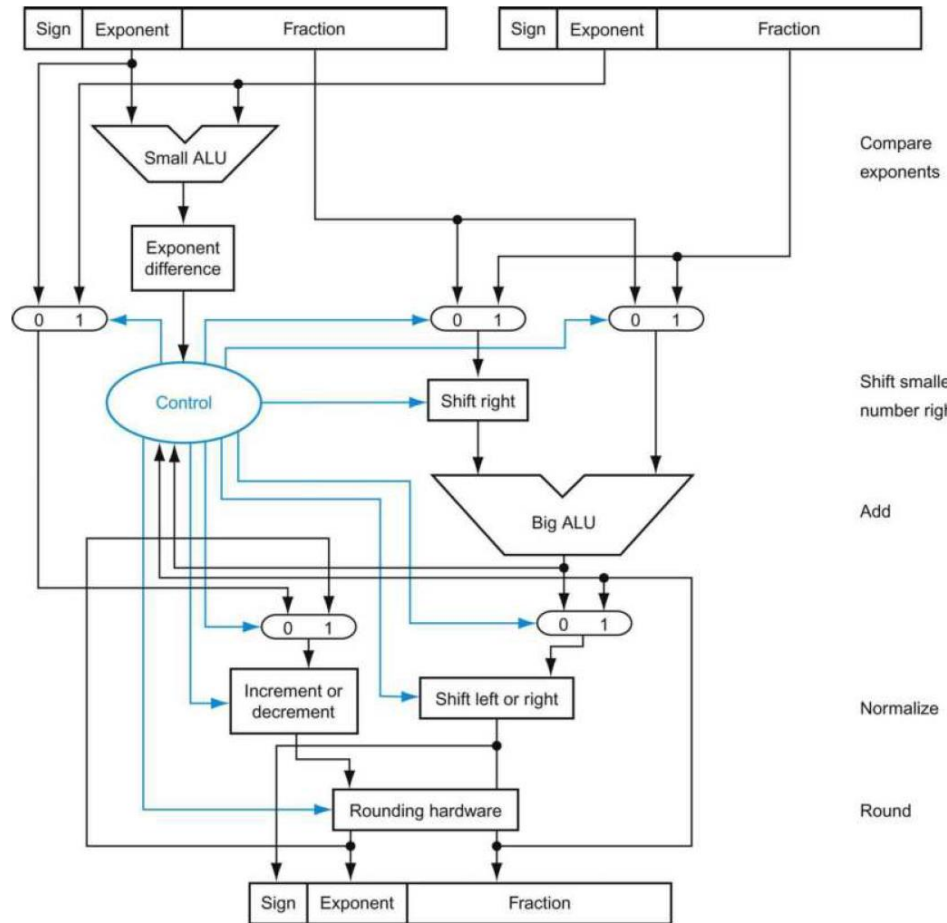
$$\begin{aligned} 1234.567 \times 3.333333 &= 4115.223 \\ 1.234567 \times 3.333333 &= 4.115223 \\ 4115.223 + 4.115223 &= 4119.338 \end{aligned}$$

but

$$\begin{aligned} 1234.567 + 1.234567 &= 1235.802 \\ 1235.802 \times 3.333333 &= 4119.340 \end{aligned}$$

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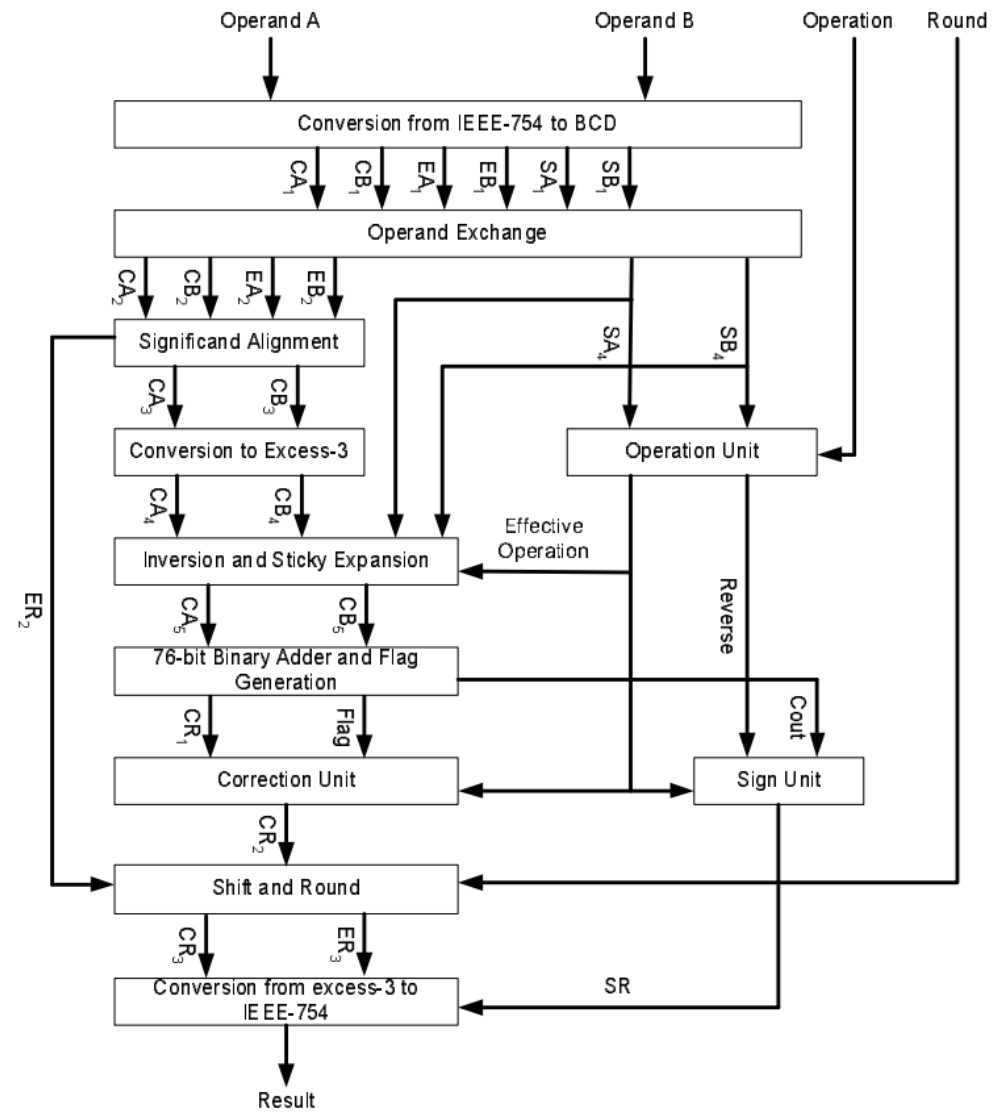
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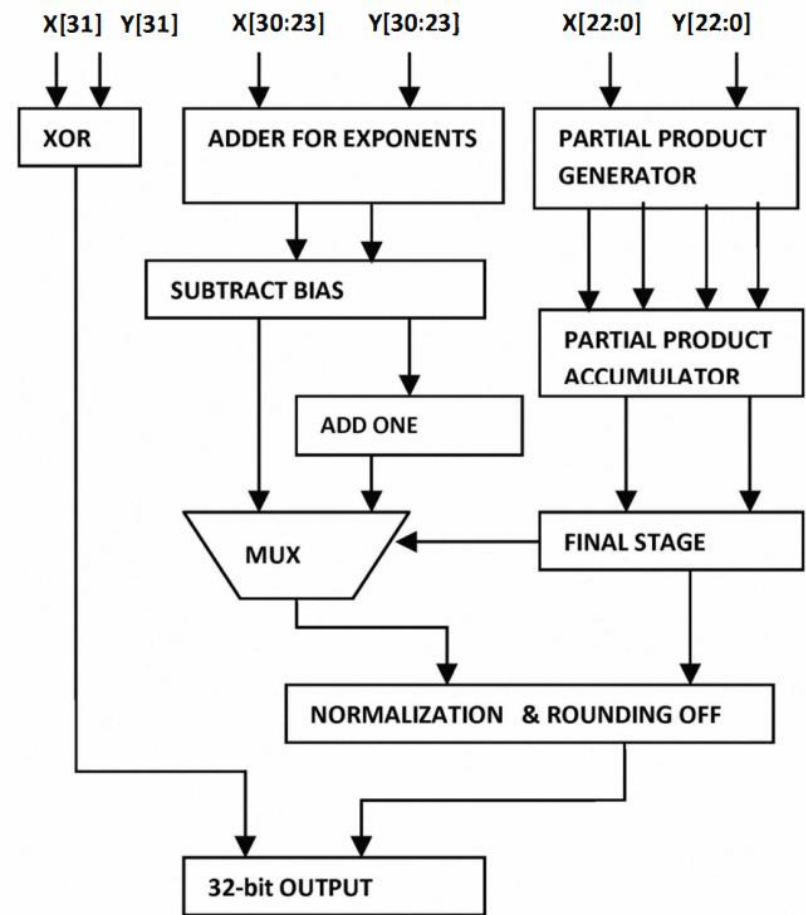
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Multiply:



- Sign: XOR
- Exponent: Add
- Mantissa: Multiply

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RISC-V floating-point assembly language

Category	Instruction	Example	Meaning	Comments
Arithmetic	FP add single	fadd.s f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 + f2$	FP add (single precision)
	FP subtract single	fsub.s f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 - f2$	FP subtract (single precision)
	FP multiply single	fmul.s f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 * f2$	FP multiply (single precision)
	FP divide single	fdiv.s f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 / f2$	FP divide (single precision)
	FP square root single	fsqrt.s f0, f1	$f0 = \sqrt{f1}$	FP square root (single precision)
	FP add double	fadd.d f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 + f2$	FP add (double precision)
	FP subtract double	fsub.d f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 - f2$	FP subtract (double precision)
	FP multiply double	fmul.d f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 * f2$	FP multiply (double precision)
	FP divide double	fdiv.d f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 / f2$	FP divide (double precision)
	FP square root double	fsqrt.d f0, f1	$f0 = \sqrt{f1}$	FP square root (double precision)
Comparison	FP equality single	feq.s x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 == f1$, else 0	FP comparison (single precision)
	FP less than single	flt.s x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 < f1$, else 0	FP comparison (single precision)
	FP less than or equals single	fle.s x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 \leq f1$, else 0	FP comparison (single precision)
	FP equality double	feq.d x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 == f1$, else 0	FP comparison (double precision)
	FP less than double	flt.d x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 < f1$, else 0	FP comparison (double precision)
	FP less than or equals double	fle.d x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 \leq f1$, else 0	FP comparison (double precision)
Data transfer	FP load word	flw f0, 4(x5)	$f0 = \text{Memory}[x5 + 4]$	Load single-precision from memory
	FP load doubleword	fld f0, 8(x5)	$f0 = \text{Memory}[x5 + 8]$	Load double-precision from memory
	FP store word	fsw f0, 4(x5)	$\text{Memory}[x5 + 4] = f0$	Store single-precision from memory
	FP store doubleword	fsd f0, 8(x5)	$\text{Memory}[x5 + 8] = f0$	Store double-precision from memory