

# Chapter 3

## Arithmetic for Computers

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

# MIPS Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)

- Must support the Arithmetic/Logic operations of the ISA

add, addi, addiu, addu

sub, subu

mult, multu, div, divu

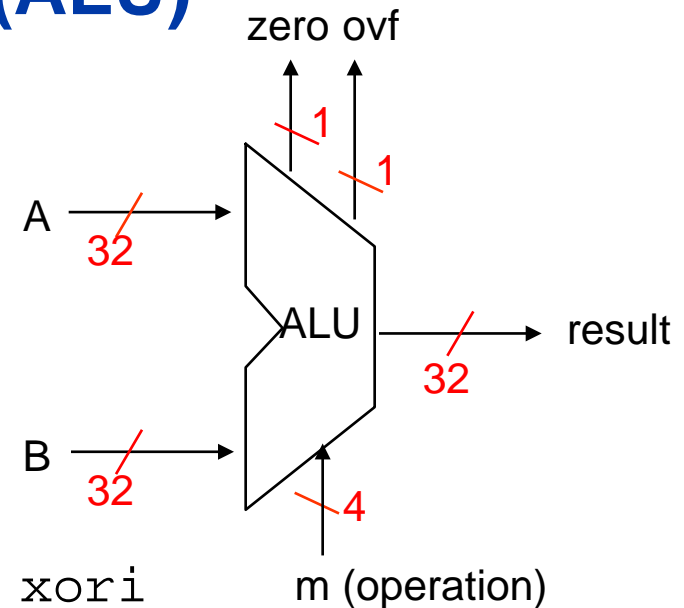
sqrt

and, andi, nor, or, ori, xor, xori

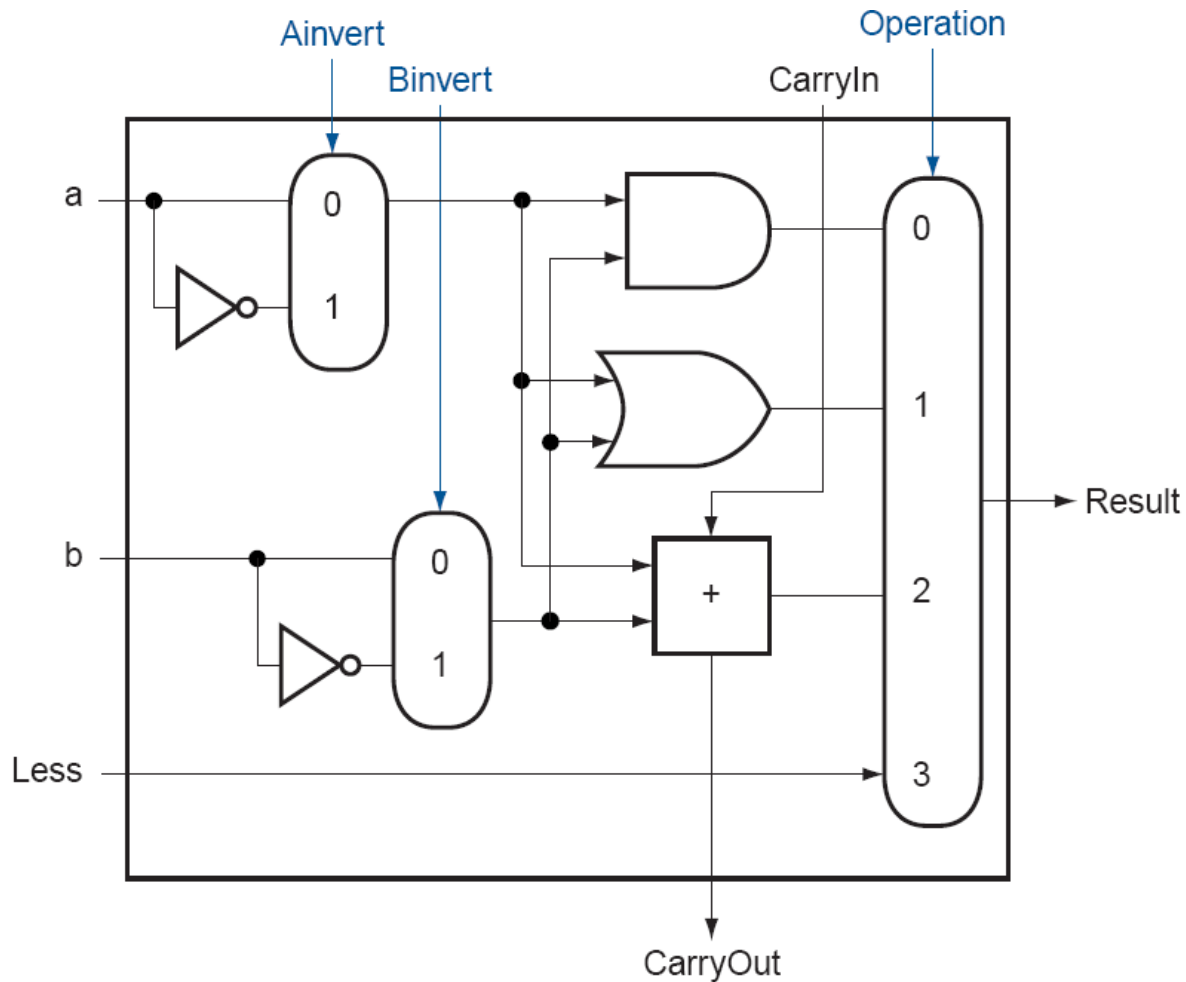
beq, bne, slt, slti, sltiu, sltu

- With special handling for

- sign extend – addi, addiu, slti, sltiu
- zero extend – andi, ori, xori
- overflow detection – add, addi, sub

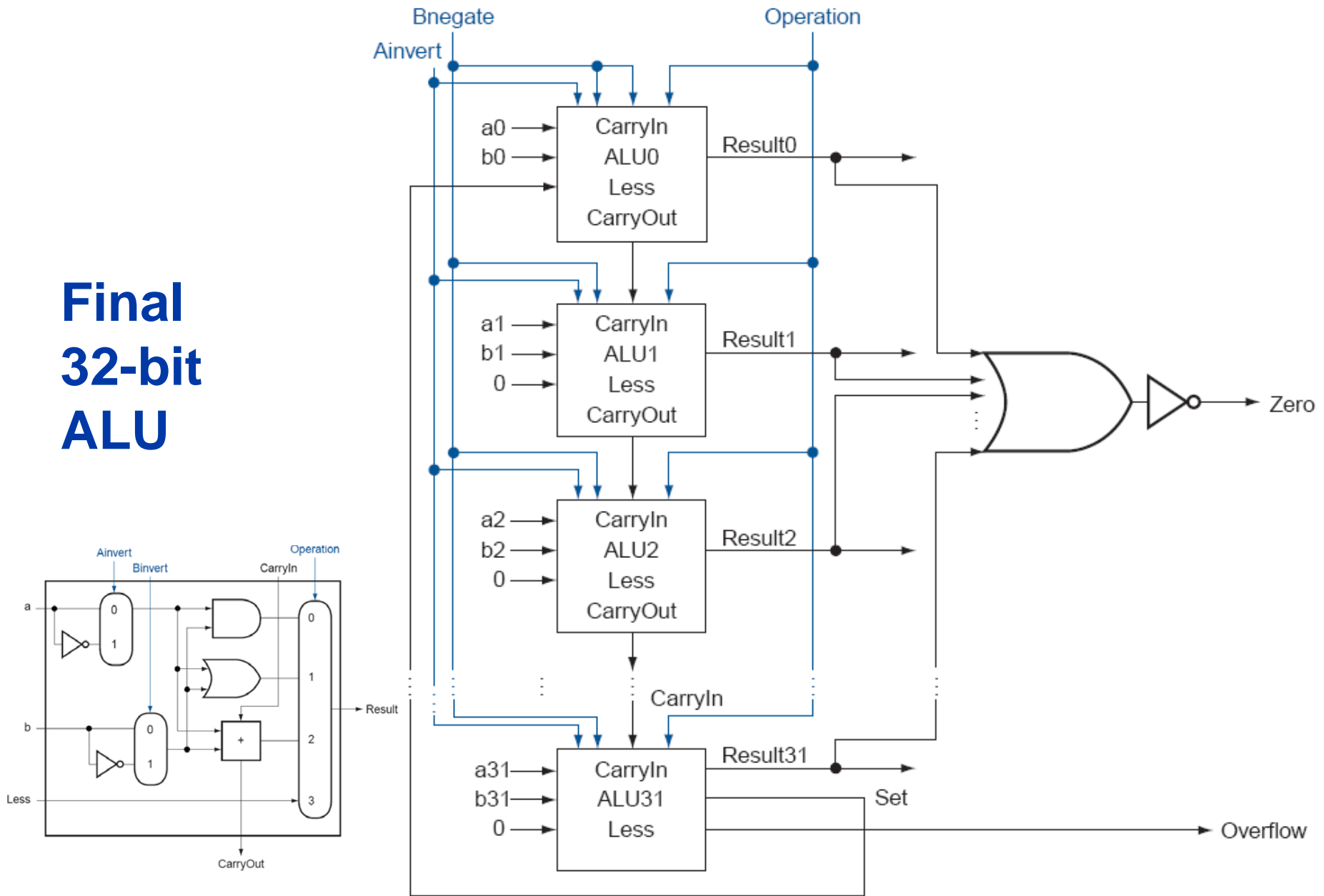


# (Simplified) 1-bit MIPS ALU



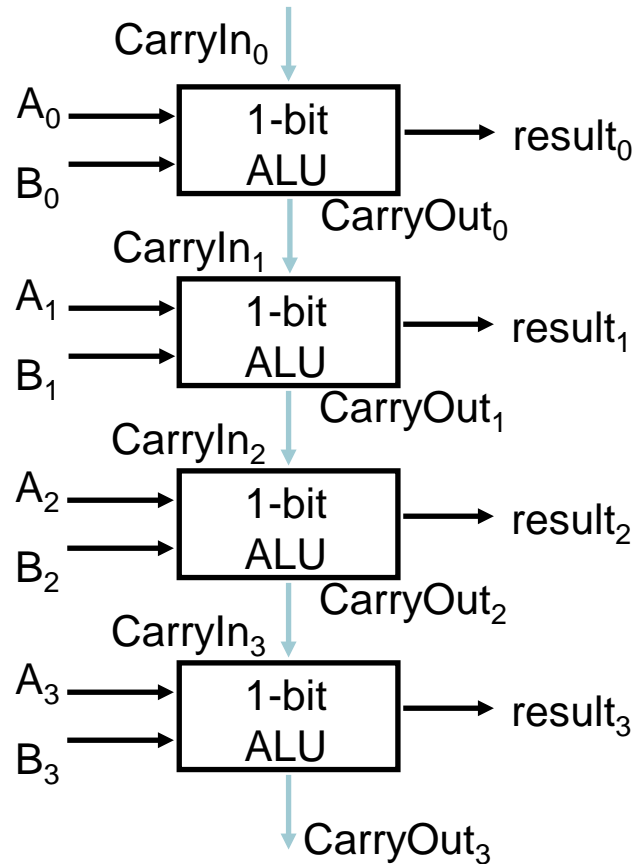
AND, OR,  
ADD,  
SLT

# Final 32-bit ALU



# Performance issues

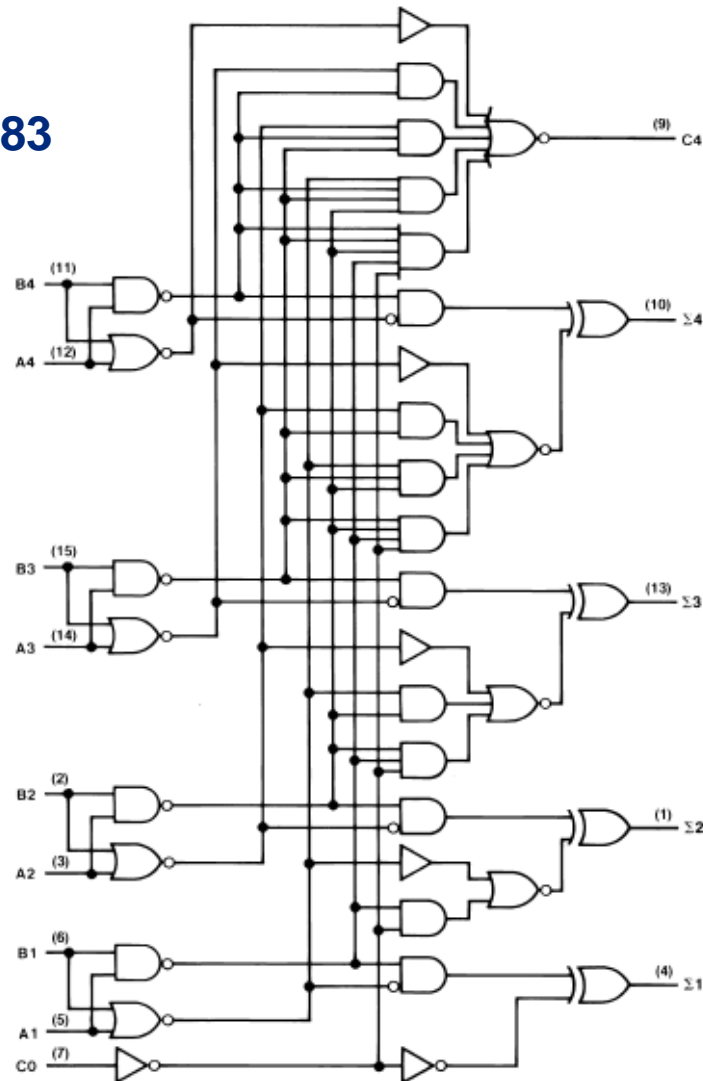
- Critical path of n-bit ripple-carry adder is  $n \cdot CP$



➔ Design trick – throw hardware at it (Carry Lookahead)

# Carry Lookahead Logic (4 bit adder)

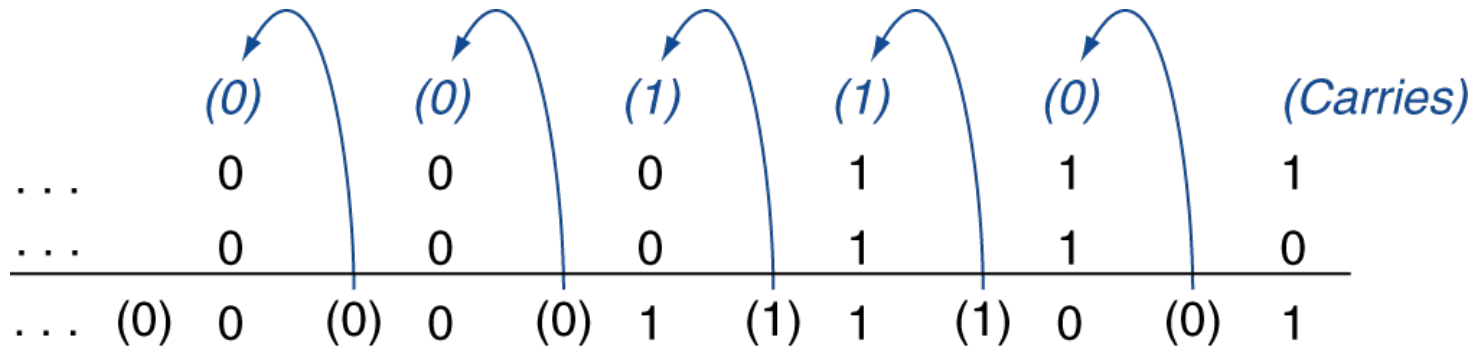
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# Integer Addition

## ■ 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

# Dealing with Overflow (1)

- Overflow occurs when the result of an operation cannot be represented in 32-bits, i.e., when the sign bit contains a **value** bit of the result and not the proper **sign** bit
  - When adding operands with different signs or when subtracting operands with the same sign, overflow can *never* occur

Operation	Operand A	Operand B	Result indicating overflow
A + B	$\geq 0$	$\geq 0$	$< 0$
A + B	$< 0$	$< 0$	$\geq 0$
A - B	$\geq 0$	$< 0$	$< 0$
A - B	$< 0$	$\geq 0$	$\geq 0$

- MIPS signals overflow with an exception (aka interrupt) – an unscheduled procedure call where the EPC contains the address of the instruction that caused the exception

# Dealing with Overflow (2)

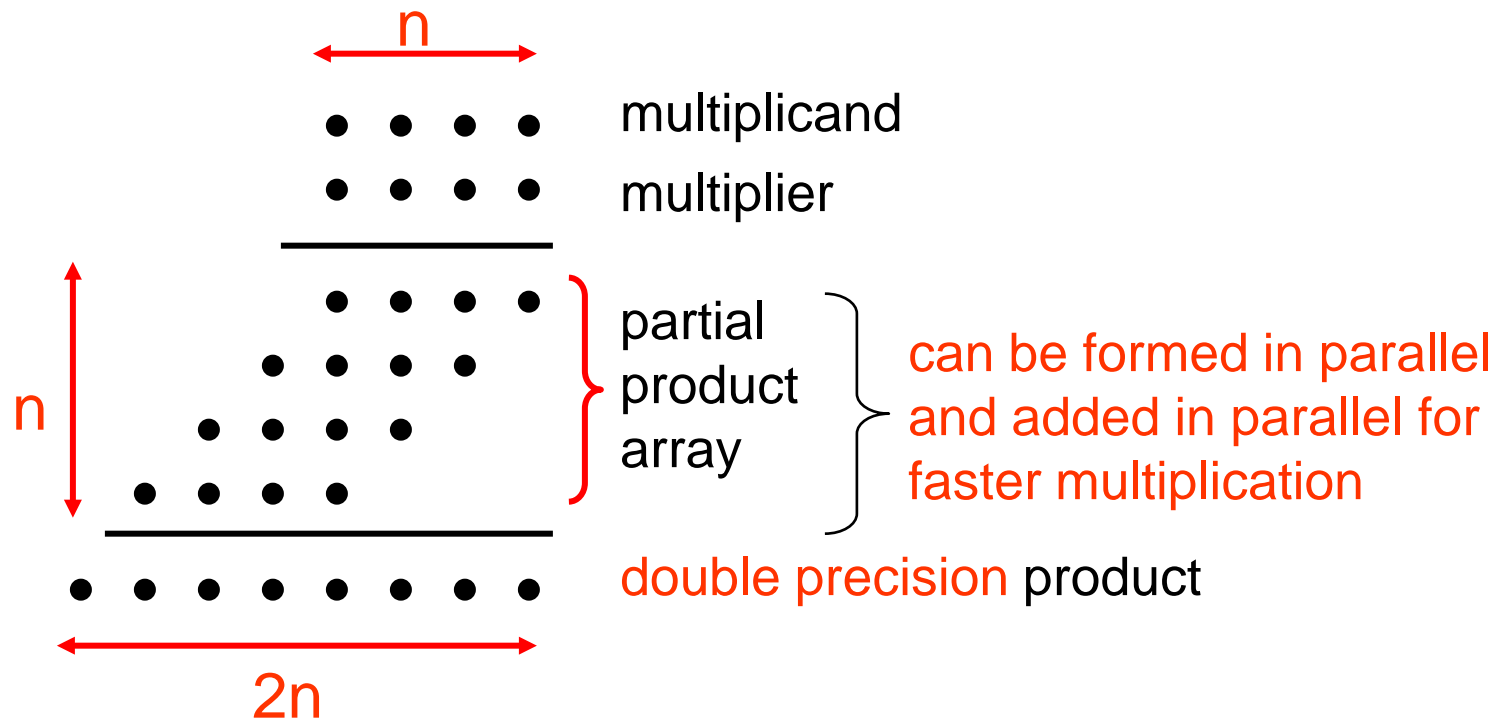
- Some languages (e.g., C) ignore overflow
  - Use MIPS `addu`, `addui`, `subu` instructions
- Other languages (e.g., Ada, Fortran) require raising an exception
  - Use MIPS `add`, `addi`, `sub` instructions
  - On overflow, invoke exception handler
    - Save PC in exception program counter (EPC) register
    - Jump to predefined handler address
    - `mfhc0` (move from system control) instruction can retrieve EPC value, to return after corrective action

# Arithmetic for Multimedia

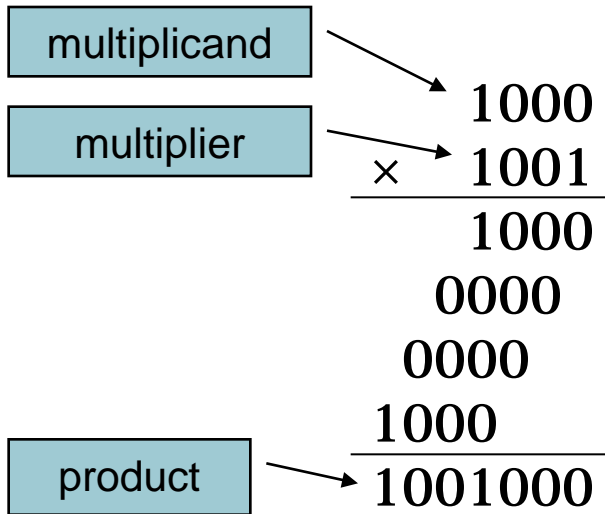
- Graphics and media processing operates on vectors of 8-bit and 16-bit data
  - Use 64-bit adder, with partitioned carry chain
    - Operate on 8×8-bit, 4×16-bit, or 2×32-bit vectors
  - SIMD (single-instruction, multiple-data)
- Saturating operations
  - On overflow, result is largest representable value
    - c.f. 2s-complement modulo arithmetic
  - E.g., clipping in audio, saturation in video

# Multiply

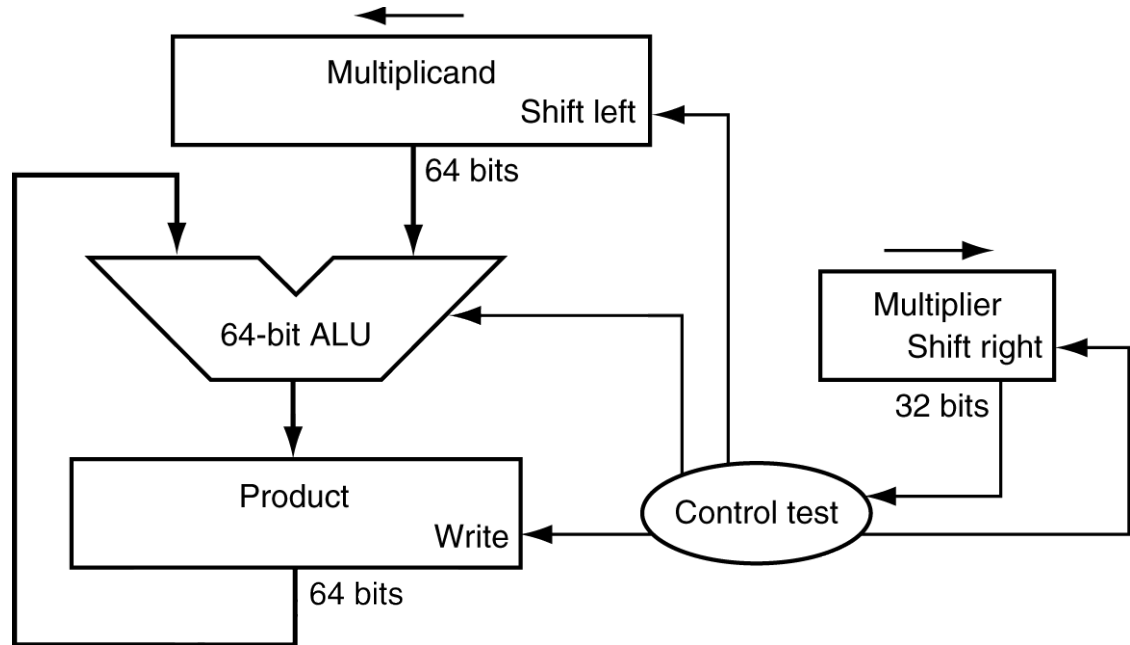
- Binary multiplication is just a *bunch* of right shifts and adds



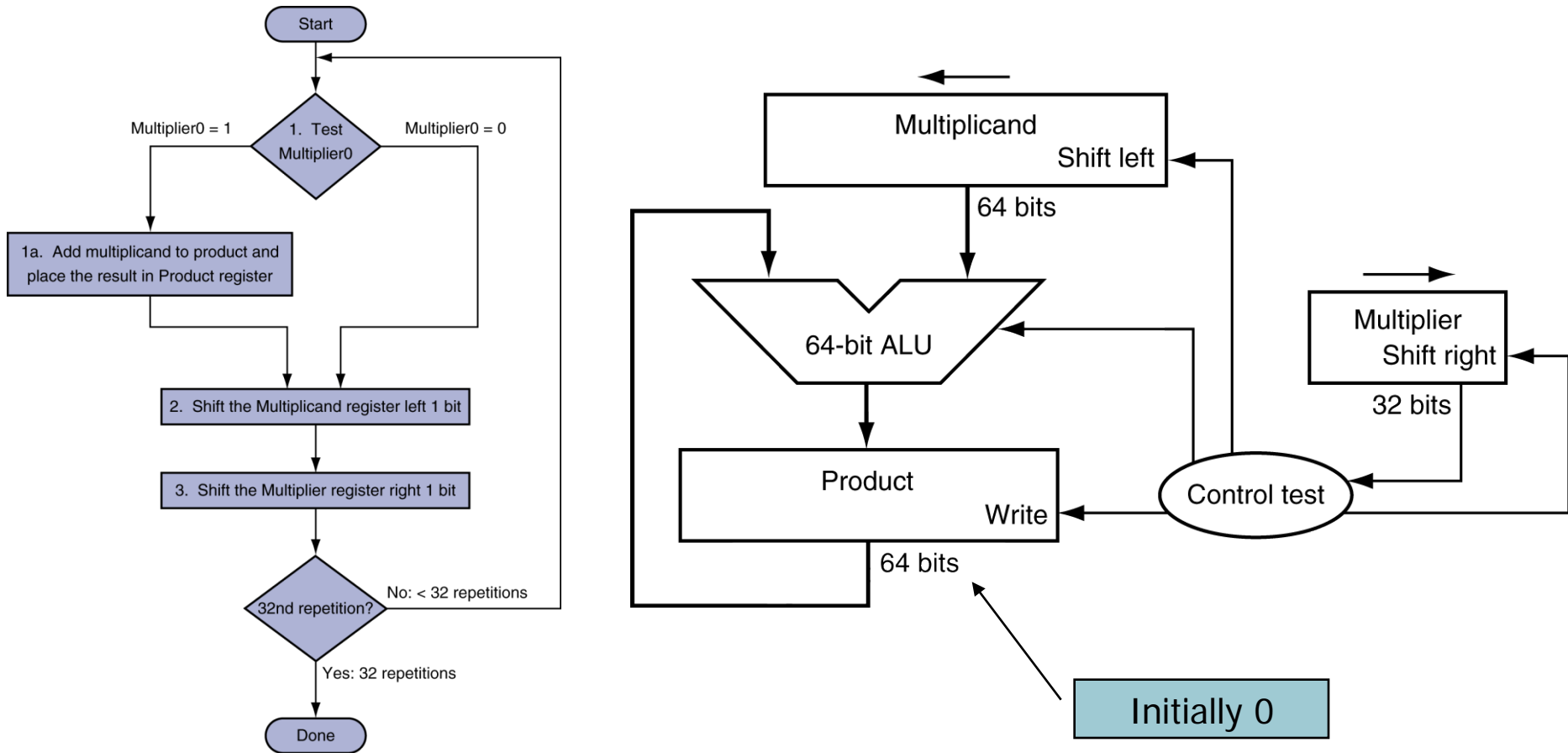
# Long-multiplication Approach



Length of product is the sum of operand lengths



# Multiplication Hardware



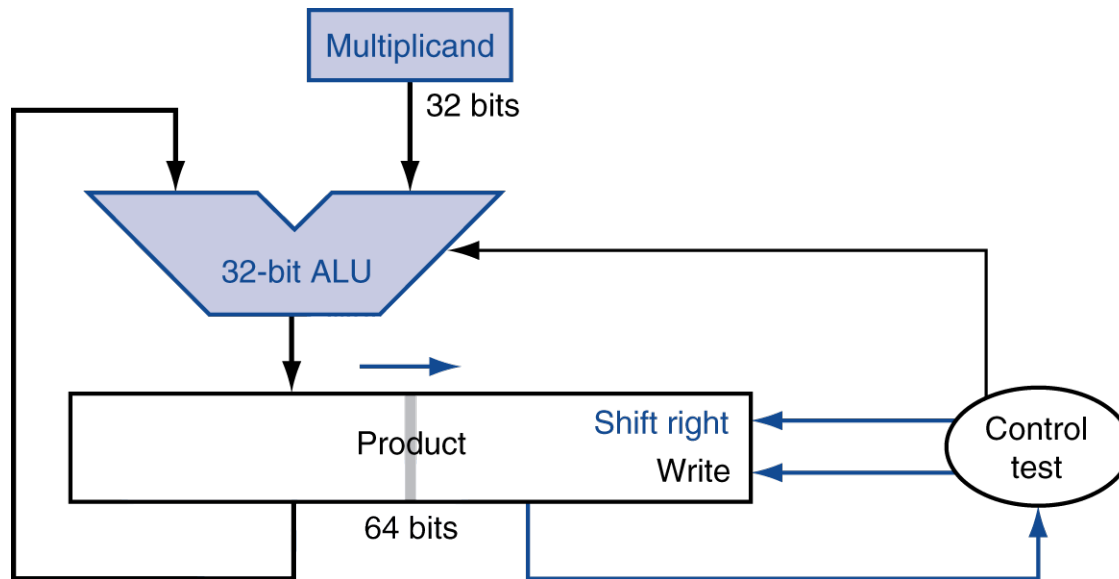
# 2 x 3 or 0010 x 0011

Iteration	Step	Multiplier	Multiplicand	Product
0	Initial values	0011	0000 0010	0000 0000
1	1a: 1 $\Rightarrow$ Prod = Prod + Mcand	0011	0000 0010	0000 0010
	2: Shift left Multiplicand	0011	0000 0100	0000 0010
	3: Shift right Multiplier	0001	0000 0100	0000 0010
2	1a: 1 $\Rightarrow$ Prod = Prod + Mcand	0001	0000 0100	0000 0110
	2: Shift left Multiplicand	0001	0000 1000	0000 0110
	3: Shift right Multiplier	0000	0000 1000	0000 0110
3	1: 0 $\Rightarrow$ No operation	0000	0000 1000	0000 0110
	2: Shift left Multiplicand	0000	0001 0000	0000 0110
	3: Shift right Multiplier	0000	0001 0000	0000 0110
4	1: 0 $\Rightarrow$ No operation	0000	0001 0000	0000 0110
	2: Shift left Multiplicand	0000	0010 0000	0000 0110
	3: Shift right Multiplier	0000	0010 0000	0000 0110



# Optimized Multiplier

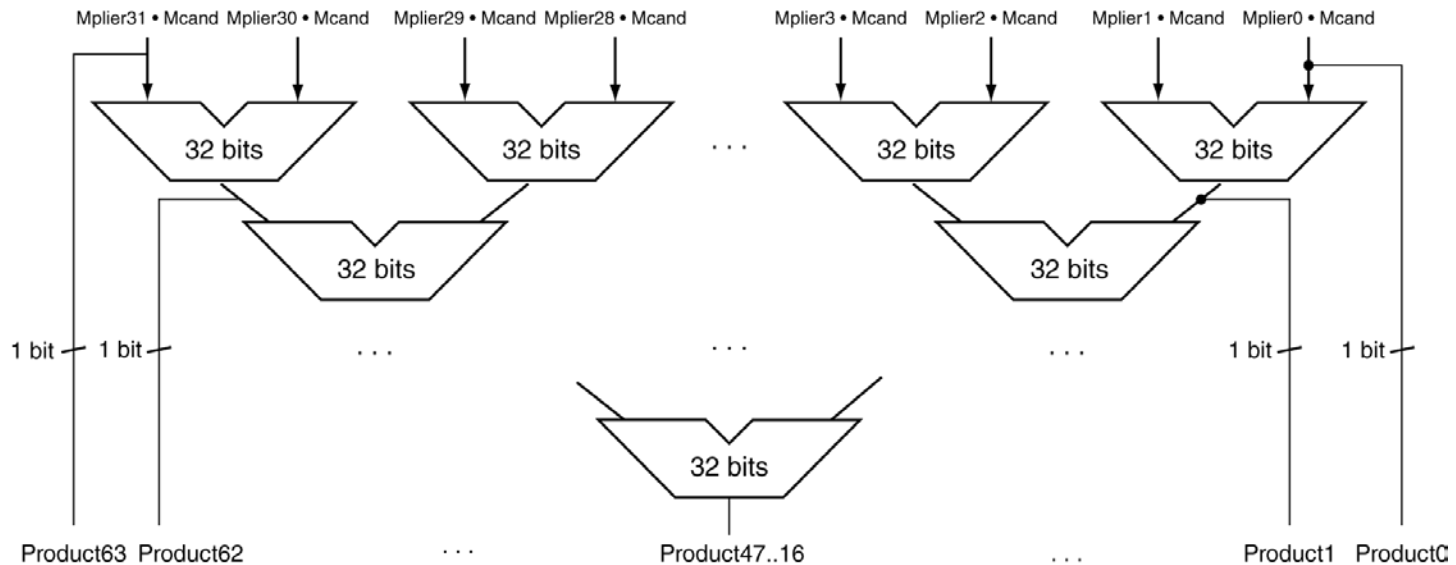
- Perform steps in parallel: add/shift



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

# Faster Multiplier

- Uses multiple adders
  - Cost/performance tradeoff



- Can be pipelined
  - Several multiplication performed in parallel

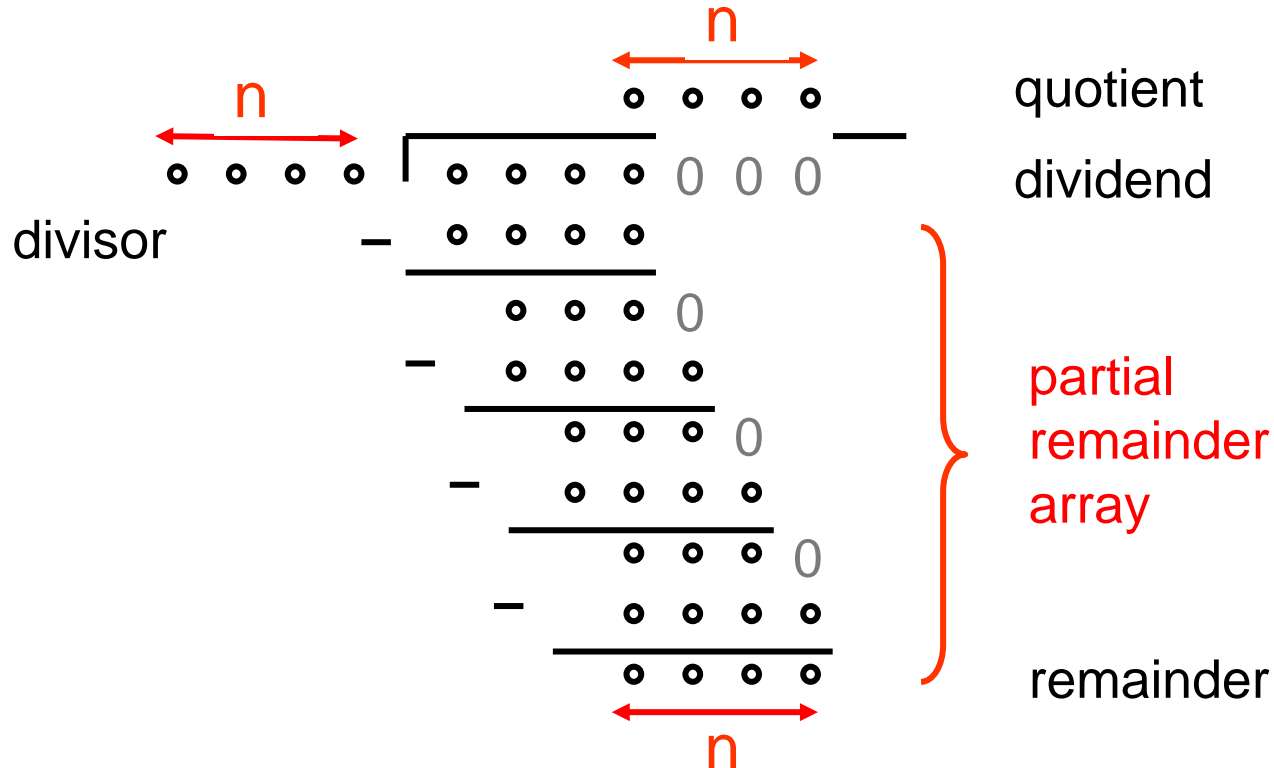
# MIPS Multiplication

- 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
  - `mghi 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

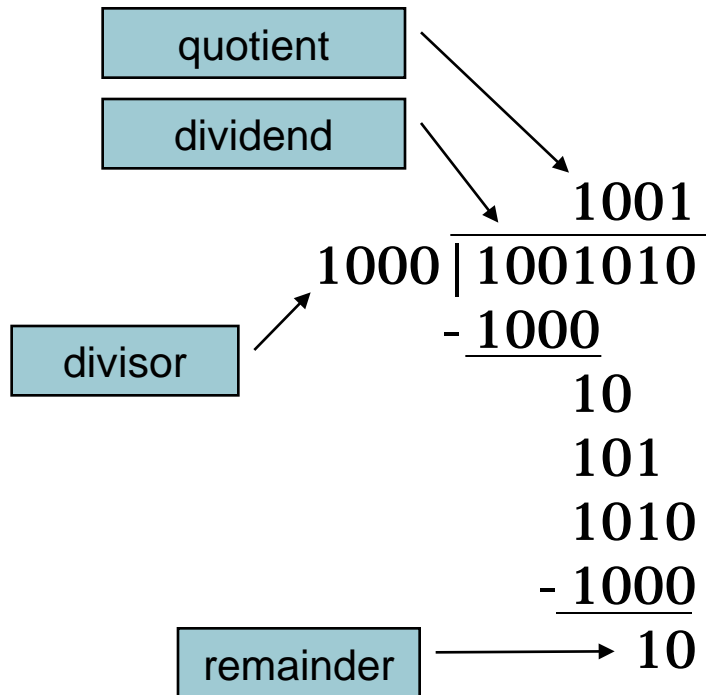
# Division

- Division is just a *bunch* of quotient digit guesses and left shifts and subtracts

$$\text{dividend} = \text{quotient} \times \text{divisor} + \text{remainder}$$



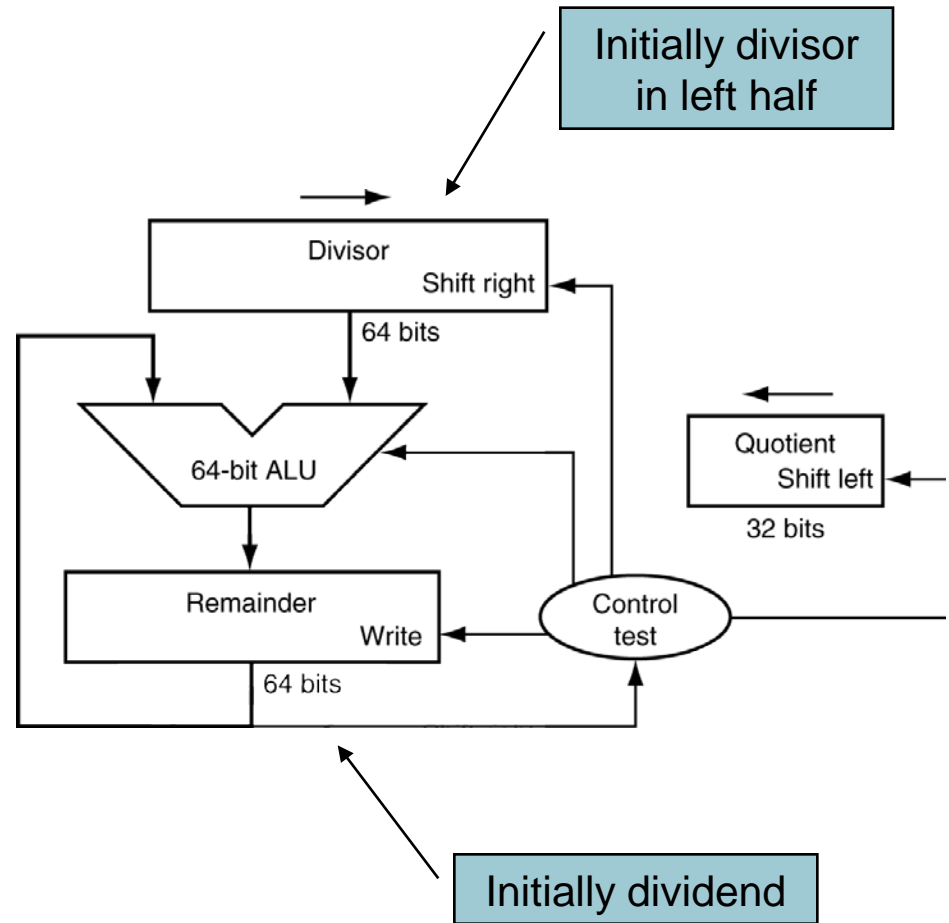
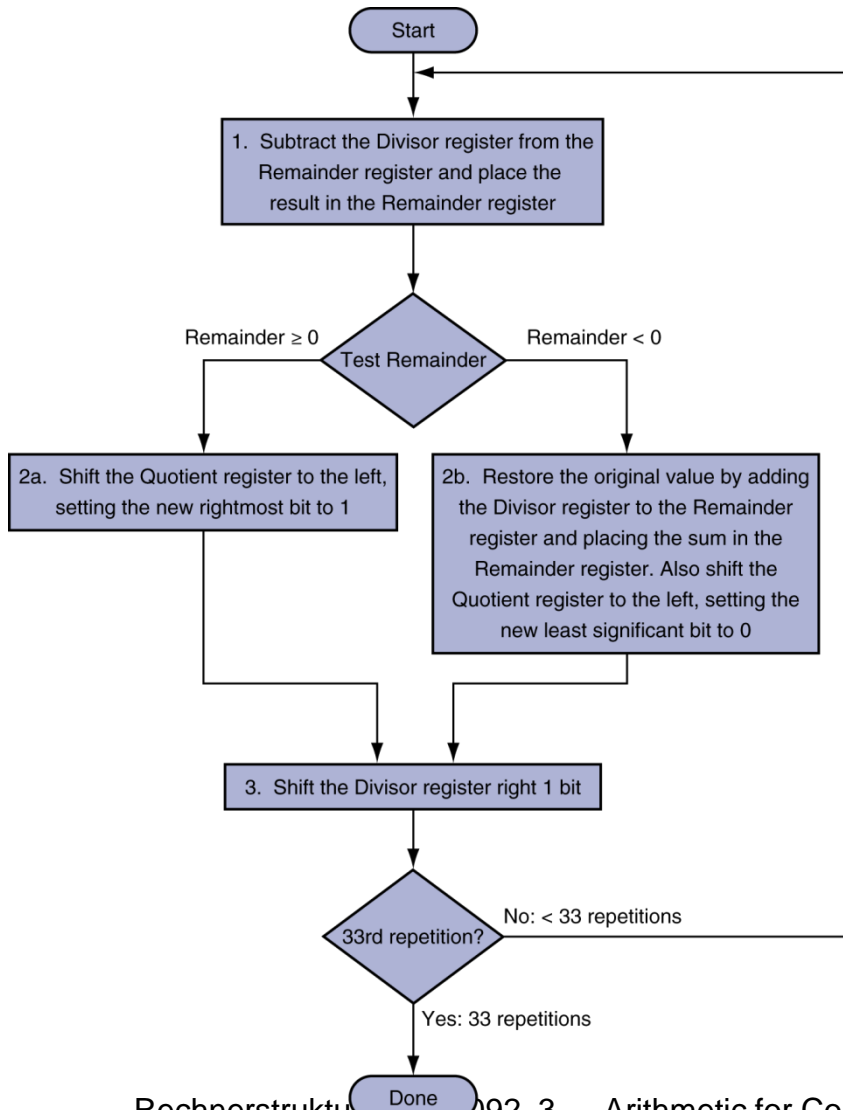
# Division



*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

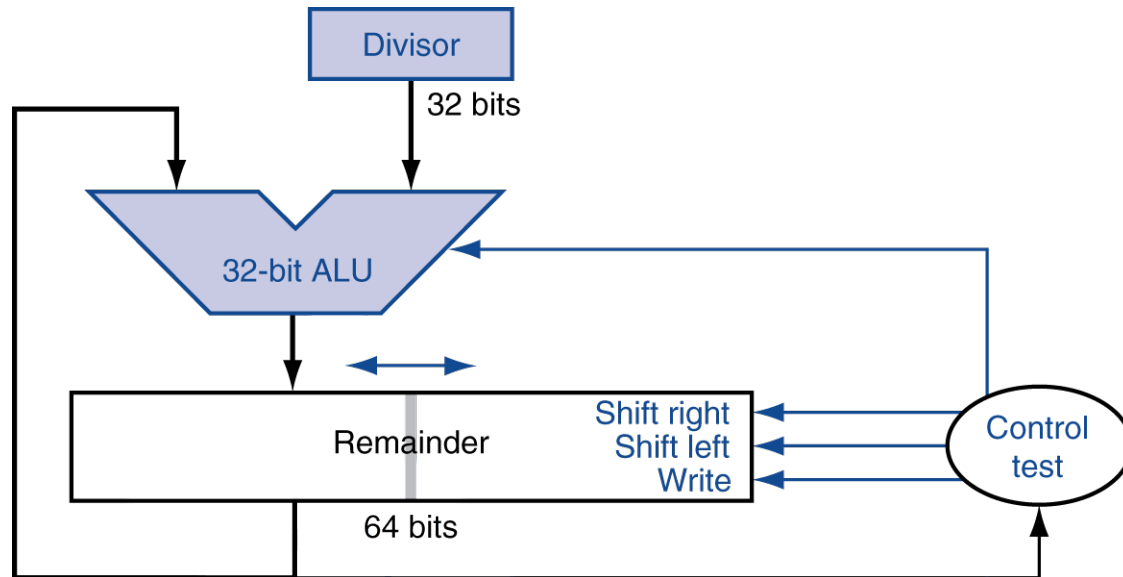
# Division Hardware



# 7:2 0111:0010

Iteration	Step	Quotient	Divisor	Remainder
0	Initial values	0000	0010 0000	0000 0111
1	1: Rem = Rem - Div	0000	0010 0000	0110 0111
	2b: Rem < 0 $\Rightarrow$ +Div, sll Q, Q0 = 0	0000	0010 0000	0000 0111
	3: Shift Div right	0000	0001 0000	0000 0111
2	1: Rem = Rem - Div	0000	0001 0000	0111 0111
	2b: Rem < 0 $\Rightarrow$ +Div, sll Q, Q0 = 0	0000	0001 0000	0000 0111
	3: Shift Div right	0000	0000 1000	0000 0111
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4	1: Rem = Rem - Div	0000	0000 0100	0000 0011
	2a: Rem $\geq$ 0 $\Rightarrow$ sll Q, Q0 = 1	0001	0000 0100	0000 0011
	3: Shift Div right	0001	0000 0010	0000 0011
5	1: Rem = Rem - Div	0001	0000 0010	0000 0001
	2a: Rem $\geq$ 0 $\Rightarrow$ sll Q, Q0 = 1	0011	0000 0010	0000 0001
	3: Shift Div right	0011	0000 0001	0000 0001

# Optimized Divider



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



# Faster Division

- Can't use parallel hardware as in multiplier
  - Subtraction is conditional on sign of remainder
- Faster dividers (e.g. Sweeney Robertson Tocher division) generate multiple quotient bits per step
  - Still require multiple steps

# 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
  - $-2.34 \times 10^{56}$  ← 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)

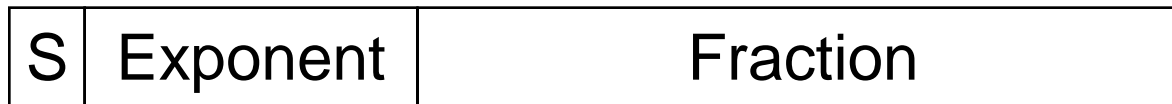
# IEEE Floating-Point Format

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 (non-negative)
  - Single: Bias = 127; Double: Bias = 1203

# Single-Precision Range

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

# 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  $\approx 2.0$
  - $\pm 2.0 \times 2^{+1023} \approx \pm 1.8 \times 10^{+308}$

# Floating-Point Precision

- Relative precision
  - all fraction bits are significant
  - Single: approx  $2^{-23}$ 
    - Equivalent to  $23 \times \log_{10} 2 \approx 23 \times 0.3 \approx 6$  decimal digits of precision
  - Double: approx  $2^{-52}$ 
    - Equivalent to  $52 \times \log_{10} 2 \approx 52 \times 0.3 \approx 16$  decimal digits of precision

0.099999999403953552 < **0.1** < 0.10000000149011612



# 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 =  $10000001_2 = 129$
- $x = (-1)^1 \times (1 + 01_2) \times 2^{(129 - 127)}$   
 $= (-1) \times 1.25 \times 2^2$   
 $= -5.0$

$$X = (-1)^s \cdot 2^{E-127} (M)$$

1. If  $E = 255$  (max.) and  $M \neq 0$ , then  $X$  is not a number (NaN)  $\frac{0}{0}$ ;  $\infty-\infty$

$E = 255$   $M \neq 0$   
 0 11111111 000000000100000000000000 = NaN  
 1 11111111 00001000000100000010000 = NaN

2. If  $E = 255$  (max.) and  $M = 0$ , then  $X = (-1)^s \cdot \infty$   $\frac{1}{0} \Rightarrow \infty$ ;  $\frac{1}{-0} \Rightarrow -\infty$

$E = 255$   $M = 0$   
 0 11111111 000000000000000000000000 =  $\infty$   
 1 11111111 000000000000000000000000 =  $-\infty$

3. If  $0 < E < 255$ , then  $X = (-1)^s \cdot 2^{E-127} (\mathbf{1.M})$  normalized

4. If  $E = 0$  and  $M \neq 0$ , then  $X = (-1)^s \cdot 2^{-126} (\mathbf{0.M})$  denormalized (fixed point)

5. If  $E = 0$  and  $M = 0$ , then  $X = (-1)^s \cdot 0$

$E = 0$   $M = 0$   
 0 00000000 000000000000000000000000 = 0  
 1 00000000 000000000000000000000000 = -0



# IEEE 754 not only a format ...

- Rounding algorithms
- Arithmetic operations (add, subtract, multiply, divide, square root, fused-multiply-add, remainder, *etc.*)
- Conversions (between formats, to and from strings, *etc.*)
- Exception handling  
Invalid ( $\sqrt{-1}$ ), /0, over/under-flow

<http://754r.ucbtest.org/standards/754.pdf>  
(ANSI/IEEE Std 754–1985)

# 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
  - $1.0015 \times 10^2$
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
  - $1.002 \times 10^2$

# Floating-Point Addition

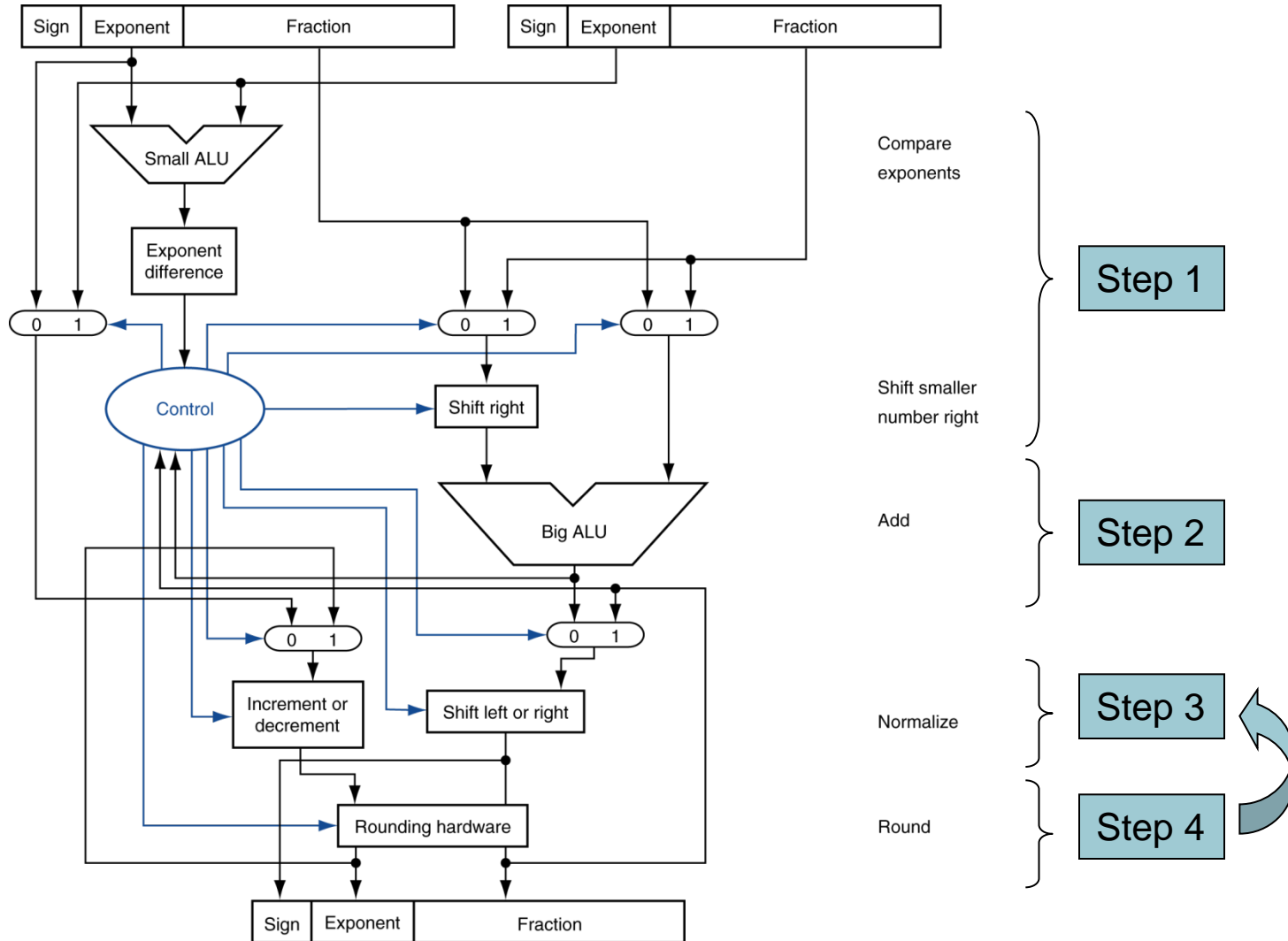
- Now consider a 4-digit binary example
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -1.110_2 \times 2^{-2}$  (0.5 + -0.4375)
- 1. Align binary points
  - Shift number with smaller exponent
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -0.111_2 \times 2^{-1}$
- 2. Add significands
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -0.111_2 \times 2^{-1} = 0.001_2 \times 2^{-1}$
- 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



# 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 takes several cycles
  - Can be pipelined

# FP Instructions in MIPS

- FP hardware is **c**oprocessor **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
  - **lw****c1**, **ld****c1**, **sw****c1**, **sd****c1**
    - e.g., **ld****c1** \$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`

# Frequency of Common MIPS Instruction

	SPECint	SPECfp
addu	5.2%	3.5%
<b>addiu</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	7.2%
or	4.0%	1.2%
sll	4.4%	1.9%
lui	3.3%	0.5%
<b>lw</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	5.8%
sw	7.6%	2.0%
lbu	3.7%	0.1%
beq	8.6%	2.2%
bne	8.4%	1.4%
<b>slt</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	2.3%
slti	3.1%	0.3%
sltu	3.4%	0.8%

	SPECint	SPECfp
add.d	0.0%	10.6%
sub.d	0.0%	4.9%
<b>mul.d</b>	0.0%	<b>15.0%</b>
add.s	0.0%	1.5%
sub.s	0.0%	1.8%
mul.s	0.0%	2.4%
<b>l.d</b>	0.0%	<b>17.5%</b>
s.d	0.0%	4.9%
l.s	0.0%	4.2%
s.s	0.0%	1.1%
lhu	1.3%	0.0%

Only included those  
with >3% and >1%

# Interpretation of Data

## The BIG Picture

- 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

# Associativity

- Parallel programs may interleave operations in unexpected orders
  - Assumptions of associativity may fail

		$(x+y)+z$	$x+(y+z)$
x	-1.50E+38		-1.50E+38
y	1.50E+38	0.00E+00	
z	1.0	1.0	1.50E+38
		1.00E+00	0.00E+00

- Need to validate parallel programs under varying degrees of parallelism

# x86 FP Architecture

- Originally based on 8087 FP coprocessor
  - 8 × 80-bit extended-precision registers
  - Used as a push-down stack
  - Registers indexed from TOS: ST(0), ST(1), ...
- FP values are 32-bit or 64 in memory
  - Converted on load/store of memory operand
  - Integer operands can also be converted on load/store
- Very difficult to generate and optimize code
  - Result: poor FP performance



# x86 FP Instructions

Data transfer	Arithmetic	Compare	Transcendental
<b>FI</b> LD mem/ST(i)	<b>FI</b> ADD <b>P</b> mem/ST(i)	<b>FI</b> COMP	FPATAN
<b>FI</b> ST <b>P</b> mem/ST(i)	<b>FI</b> SUB <b>RP</b> mem/ST(i)	<b>FI</b> UCOMP	F2XMI
FLDPI	<b>FI</b> MUL <b>P</b> mem/ST(i)	FSTSW AX/mem	FCOS
FLD1	<b>FI</b> DI <b>VRP</b> mem/ST(i)		FPTAN
FLDZ	FSQRT		FPREM
	FABS		FPSI N
	FRNDI NT		FYL2X

- Optional variations
  - **I**: integer operand
  - **P**: pop operand from stack
  - **R**: reverse operand order
  - But not all combinations allowed

# Streaming SIMD Extension 2 (SSE2)

- Adds 4 × 128-bit registers
  - Extended to 8 registers in AMD64/EM64T
- Can be used for multiple FP operands
  - 2 × 64-bit double precision
  - 4 × 32-bit double precision
  - Instructions operate on them simultaneously
    - Single-Instruction Multiple-Data

# Right Shift and Division

- Left shift by  $i$  places multiplies an integer by  $2^i$
- Right shift divides by  $2^i$ ?
  - Only for unsigned integers
- For signed integers
  - Arithmetic right shift: replicate the sign bit
  - e.g.,  $-5 / 4$ 
    - $11111011_2 \gg 2 = 11111110_2 = -2$
    - Rounds toward  $-\infty$
  - c.f.  $11111011_2 \ggg 2 = 00111110_2 = +62$

# Who Cares About FP Accuracy?

- Important for scientific code
  - But for everyday consumer use?
    - »My bank balance is out by 0.0002¢!« ☹
- The Intel Pentium FDIV bug
  - The market expects accuracy
  - See Colwell, *The Pentium Chronicles*

# 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