

EE 3755

Computer Arithmetic

Handout # 2

Fixed Point Multiplication

In this handout we present sequential algorithms for multiplying two fixed point numbers. Both cases of unsigned and signed-number multiplication are presented.

Ⓐ Unsigned-number multiplication

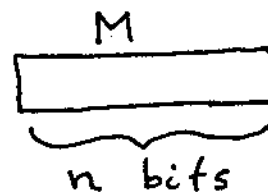
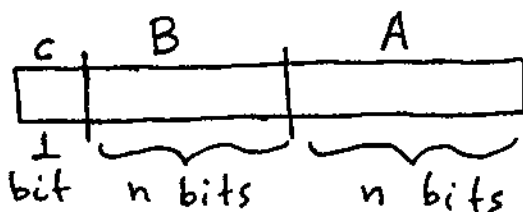
The sequential add/shift algorithm for unsigned multiplication

Consider two  $n$ -bit unsigned numbers  $X = x_{n-1} x_{n-2} \dots x_1 x_0$  and  $Y = y_{n-1} y_{n-2} \dots y_1 y_0$  with  $x_{n-1}$  and  $y_{n-1}$  being their most significant bits (MSBs) while  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  their least significant bits (LSBs). We are interested in computing the product  $P = X \times Y$ . The number  $X$  is called the multiplicand while  $Y$  is the multiplier. The product  $P$  will be a  $2n$ -bit unsigned number.

Consider the following fields:

- An  $n$ -bit field  $A$  (the multiplier field);
- an  $n$ -bit field  $B$  (the field left of multiplier field);
- a  $1$ -bit field  $c$  (the carry-out field);
- an  $n$ -bit field  $M$  (the multiplicand field).

These fields involved in the multiplication are shown below



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The sequential add/shift algorithm for unsigned multiplication is now as follows:

- Initialization: Initialize the field A with the multiplier (or  $A \leftarrow Y$ ); initialize the field B with zeros (or  $B \leftarrow 0, 0, \dots, 0$ ); initialize field c with zero (or  $c \leftarrow 0$ ); initialize field M with multiplicand (or  $M \leftarrow X$ ).

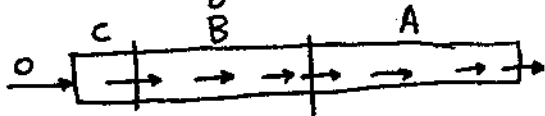
- The add/shift algorithm for unsigned multiplication:

After initialization you have to perform  $n$  cycles of add/shift as follows:

— If the right most bit of field A is 1 (one) then do the following two:

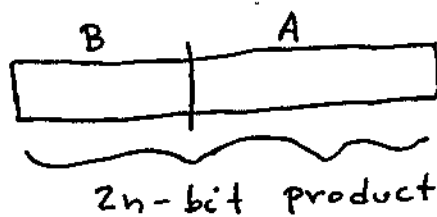
(i)  $c, B \leftarrow B + M$  (carry out goes into c)

(ii) shift c, B, A one bit to the right with zero filling at left



— Else if right most bit of field A is 0 (zero) then only shift c, B, A one bit to the right with zero filling at left

After the completion of the  $n$ -th add/shift cycle the final  $2n$ -bit unsigned product is found in B, A or



Example 1: Using the add/shift algorithm for 3 b  
 unsigned multiplication perform the multiplication with  
 multiplier =  $(6)_{10} = (0110)_2$ , multiplicand =  $(13)_{10} = (1101)_2$   
 and wordlength  $n=4$ .

Initialization 

c	B	A
0	0000	0110

 $\rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  shift

result after 1<sup>st</sup> shift 

c	B	A
0	0000	0011

  
 $+)$  1101  $\rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow$  add multiplicand and shift

result of addition 

0	1101	0011
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result after 2<sup>nd</sup> shift 

0	0110	1001
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 $+)$  1101  $\rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow$  add multiplier and shift

result of addition 

1	0011	1001
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result after 3<sup>rd</sup> shift 

0	1001	1100
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 $\rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  shift

result after 4<sup>th</sup> shift 

0	0100	1110
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↓  
 Final product  
 $= (01001110)_2 = (78)_{10}$   
 $= 13 \times 6$

## (B) Signed-number multiplication

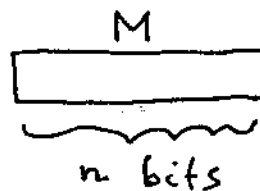
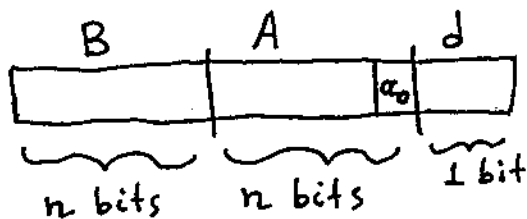
Here, several efficient algorithms for multiplying signed numbers are presented. The system used for representing signed numbers is going to be the 2's complement system.

### 1). The sequential Booth algorithm for signed (2's complement) multiplication (examining two bits at a time).

Consider two  $n$ -bit signed numbers (the 2's complement system is used for representing signed numbers). Let the two signed numbers be  $X = x_{n-1}x_{n-2} \dots x_1x_0$  and  $Y = y_{n-1}y_{n-2} \dots y_1y_0$  with  $x_{n-1}$  and  $y_{n-1}$  being their sign bits. We are interested in computing the product  $P = X \times Y$ . The number  $X$  is the multiplicand while  $Y$  is the multiplier. The product  $P$  will be a  $2n$ -bit signed number.

Consider the following fields:

An  $n$ -bit field  $A$  (the multiplier field); an  $n$ -bit field  $B$  (the field left of the multiplier field); a 1-bit field  $d$  (the dummy field) which is right of the multiplier field; an  $n$ -bit field  $M$  (the multiplicand field). These fields involved in the signed multiplication are shown below



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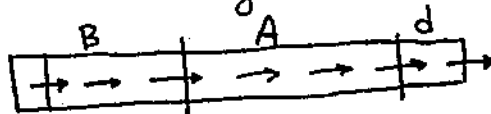
The sequential Booth algorithm for signed multiplication (examining two bits at a time) is now as follows:

- Initialization: Initialize the field A with the multiplier (or  $A \leftarrow Y$ ); initialize the field B with zeros (or  $B \leftarrow 0, 0, \dots, 0$ ); initialize field d with zero (or  $d \leftarrow 0$ ); initialize field M with multiplicand (or  $M \leftarrow X$ ).

- The Booth algorithm (examining two bits at a time)

After initialization you have to perform  $n$  cycles as follows. Call  $a_0$  to be the right most bit of the field A. Then

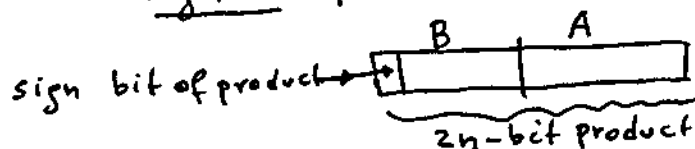
- If  $a_0, d = 0, 0$  or if  $a_0, d = 1, 1$  then shift B, A, d one bit to the right with sign extension at the left



- If  $a_0, d = 0, 1$  then do the following two:
  - (i)  $B \leftarrow B + M$  (ignore carry out of addition)
  - (ii) shift B, A, d one bit to the right with sign extension at the left.

- Else if  $a_0, d = 1, 0$  do the following two:
  - (i)  $B \leftarrow B - M$  ( $B - M$  means  $B + (2$ 's compl. of  $M)$ ); ignore carry out of addition.
  - (ii) shift B, A, d one bit to the right with sign extension at the left.

After the completion of  $n$  such cycles the final  $2n$ -bit signed product P is found in B, A or



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Example 2: Using the Booth algorithm that relies on examining two bits at a time, perform the signed multiplication with multiplier =  $(5)_{10} = (00101)_2$ , multiplicand =  $(-12)_{10} = (10100)_2$  and word length  $n = 5$

Initialization

B	A	d
00000	00101	0

+)

01100		
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↳ 1,0 ⇒ subtract multiplicand and shift

result after subtraction

01100	00101	0
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result after 1<sup>st</sup> shift

00110	00010	1
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+)

10100		
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↳ 0,1 ⇒ add multiplicand and then shift.

result after addition

11010	00010	1
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result after 2<sup>nd</sup> shift

11101	00001	0
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+)

01100		
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↳ 1,0 ⇒ subtr. multiplicand and then shift.

result after subtr.

01001	00001	0
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result after 3<sup>rd</sup> shift

00100	10000	1
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+)

10100		
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↳ 0,1 ⇒ add multiplicand and then shift

result after addition

11000	10000	1
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result after 4<sup>th</sup> shift

11100	01000	0
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↳ 0,0 ⇒ just shift

result after 5<sup>th</sup> shift

11110	00100	0
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Final product =  $(1111000100)_2$   
 $= (-60)_{10} = (-12) \times 5.$

2) The modified Booth algorithm.

Consider the Booth algorithm that has just been presented (the one that relies on examining two bits at a time). If for such a Booth algorithm we initialize the field  $d$  with one ( $d \leftarrow 1$ ) and leave everything else unchanged, then the algorithm will be computing  $\text{multiplicand} \times \text{multiplier} + \text{multiplicand}$ .

Example 3: Using the modified Booth compute  $\text{multiplicand} \times \text{multiplier} + \text{multiplicand}$  where  $\text{multiplicand} = (-12)_{10} = (10100)_2$ ,  $\text{multiplier} = (5)_{10} = (00101)_2$  and  $n=5$ .

Initialization 

B	A	d
00000	00101	1

result after 1<sup>st</sup> shift 

00000	00010	1
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 $\rightarrow 1,1 \Rightarrow$  just shift

+ 

10100
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 $\rightarrow 0,1 \Rightarrow$  add multiplicand and then shift

result after addition 

10100	00010	1
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result after 2<sup>nd</sup> shift 

11010	00001	0
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+ 

01100
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 $\rightarrow 1,0 \Rightarrow$  subtract multiplicand and then shift

result after subtraction 

00110	00001	0
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result after 3<sup>rd</sup> shift 

00011	00000	1
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+ 

10100
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 $\rightarrow 0,1 \Rightarrow$  add multiplicand and then shift

result after addition 

10111	00000	1
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result after 4<sup>th</sup> shift 

11011	10000	0
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$\rightarrow 0,0 \Rightarrow$  just shift

result after 5<sup>th</sup> shift 

11101	11000	0
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Final result =  $(111011000)_2 = (-72)_{10}$   
 $= (-12) \times 5 + (-12)$

Question: Assuming that the original Booth algorithm works can you prove that the modified version also works?

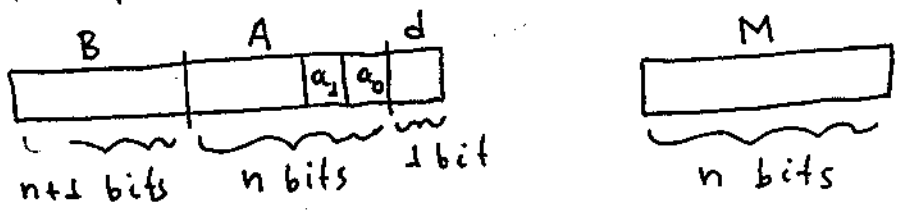


3) The sequential Booth algorithm for signed (2's complement) multiplication (examining three bits at a time).

Consider again two  $n$ -bit signed numbers (2's complement system is used for representing signed numbers) the multiplicand  $X = x_{n-1}x_{n-2} \dots x_1x_0$  and the multiplier  $Y = y_{n-1}y_{n-2} \dots y_1y_0$  ( $x_{n-1}$  and  $y_{n-1}$  are the sign bits of  $X$  and  $Y$ ). We are interested in computing the product  $P = X \times Y$ .

Consider the following fields:

An  $n$ -bit field  $A$  (the multiplier field); an  $(n+1)$ -bit field  $B$  (the field left of the multiplier field); a 1-bit field  $d$  (the dummy field) which is at the right of the multiplier field; an  $n$ -bit field  $M$  (the multiplicand field). These fields are shown below



The Booth algorithm for signed multiplication (examining three bits at a time) is now as follows:

- Initialization: Initialize the field  $A$  with the multiplier (or  $A \leftarrow Y$ ); initialize the field  $B$  with zeros (or  $B \leftarrow 0, 0, \dots, 0$ ); initialize field  $d$  with zero (or  $d \leftarrow 0$ ); initialize field  $M$  with multiplicand (or  $M \leftarrow X$ ).
- The Booth algorithm (examining three bits at a time)

Call  $a_1, a_0$  to be the two right most bits of the multiplier field  $A$ .

After initialization you have to perform  $\frac{n}{2}$  cycles (9) b  
as follows:

You will be examining the three bits  $a_1, a_0, d$  at the same time and do the following:

(i)  $B \leftarrow B + k \times M$  (ignore carry out of addition;  $k$  is a function of  $a_1, a_0, d$  and is given by the table below.)

(ii) Following the above addition shift  $B, A, d$  two bits to the right with sign extension at the left.

After the completion of  $\frac{n}{2}$  such cycles the product  $P$  is found in  $B, A$ .

The table below gives the value of  $k$  ( $k$  is the number of copies of the multiplicand to be added to  $B$ )

$a_1$	$a_0$	$d$	$k$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	2
1	0	0	-2
1	0	1	-1
1	1	0	-1
1	1	1	0

Question: The just now presented algorithm relies on  $\frac{n}{2}$  cycles which means that  $n$  must be even. What happens if  $n$  is odd?

Question: Can you prove that if the just now presented algorithm gets initialized with  $d \leftarrow 1$  (everything else unchanged) it then computes multiplicand  $\times$  multiplier + multiplicand?

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Example 4: Using the Booth algorithm that relies on examining three bits at a time perform the multiplication with multiplicand =  $(-3)_{10} = (111101)_2$ , multiplier =  $(29)_{10} = (011101)_2$  and  $n=6$ .

Initialization 

B	A	d
0000000	011101	0

+)  
111101  
↓x multiplicand  
010 ⇒ k=1 ⇒ add  
↓x multiplicand and then  
do 2-bit right shift

result after addition 

111101	011101	0
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result after 1<sup>st</sup> shift 

111111	010111	0
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+)  
000011  
-↓x multiplicand  
110 ⇒ k=-1 ⇒  
add -1x multiplicand  
and then do 2-bit right shift.

result after addition 

000010	010111	0
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result after 2<sup>nd</sup> shift 

000000	100101	1
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+)  
1111010  
2x multiplicand  
011 ⇒ k=2 ⇒  
add 2x multiplicand and  
then do 2-bit right  
shift

result after addition 

1111010	100101	1
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result after 3<sup>rd</sup> shift 

1111110	101001	0
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Final product =  $(111110101001)_2$   
 $= (-87)_{10} = (-3) \times 29.$

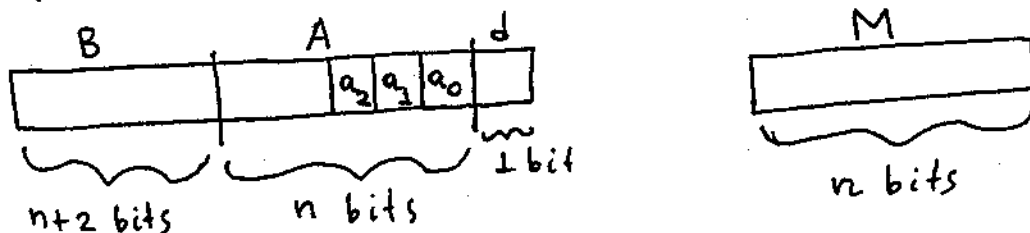
4) The sequential Booth algorithm for signed (2's complement) multiplication (examining four bits at a time).

Again consider two  $n$ -bit signed numbers (2's complement system is used for representing signed numbers):

The multiplicand  $X = x_{n-1}x_{n-2} \dots x_1x_0$  and the multiplier  $Y = y_{n-1}y_{n-2} \dots y_1y_0$  ( $x_{n-1}$  and  $y_{n-1}$  are the sign bits of  $X$  and  $Y$ ). We are again interested in computing the product  $P = X \times Y$ .

Consider the following fields:

An  $n$ -bit field  $A$  (the multiplier field); an  $(n+2)$ -bit field  $B$  (the field left of the multiplier field); a 1-bit field  $d$  (the dummy field) which is at the right of the multiplier field; an  $n$ -bit field  $M$  (the multiplicand field). These fields are shown below



The Booth algorithm that relies on examining four bits at a time is now as follows:

- Initialization: Initialize the field  $A$  with the multiplier (or  $A \leftarrow Y$ ); initialize the field  $B$  with zeros (or  $B \leftarrow 0, 0, \dots, 0$ ); initialize field  $d$  with zero (or  $d \leftarrow 0$ ); initialize field  $M$  with multiplicand (or  $M \leftarrow X$ ).

•• The Booth algorithm (examining four bits at a time)

Call  $a_2, a_1, a_0$  to be the three right most bits of the multiplier field  $A$ .

After initialization you have to perform  $\frac{n}{3}$  cycles as follows:

You will be examining the four bits  $a_2, a_1, a_0, d$  and do the following:

(i)  $B \leftarrow B + k \times M$  (ignore carry out of addition;  $k$  is a function of  $a_2, a_1, a_0, d$  and is given by the table below.)

(ii) Following the above addition shift  $B, A, d$  three bits to the right with sign extension at the left.

After the completion of  $\frac{n}{3}$  such cycles the product  $P$  is found in  $B, A$ .

The table below gives the value of  $k$  ( $k$  is the number of copies of the multiplicand to be added to  $B$ ).

$a_2$	$a_1$	$a_0$	$d$	$k$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	2
0	1	0	0	2
0	1	0	1	3
0	1	1	0	3
0	1	1	1	4
1	0	0	0	-4
1	0	0	1	-3
1	0	1	0	-3
1	0	1	1	-2
1	1	0	0	-2
1	1	0	1	-1
1	1	1	0	-1
1	1	1	1	0

- For this last algorithm  $n$  must be a multiple of 3
- Also, if this last algorithm gets initialized with  $d \leftarrow 1$  (everything else unchanged) it then computes  $\text{multiplicand} \times \text{multiplier} + \text{multiplicand}$ .