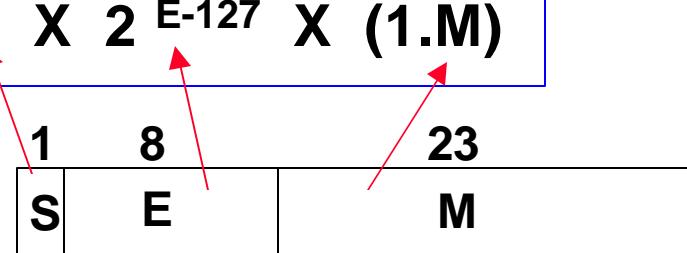


Representation of Floating Point Numbers in Single Precision IEEE 754 Standard

$$\text{Value} = N = (-1)^S \times 2^{E-127} \times (1.M)$$



$0 < E < 255$
Actual exponent is:
 $e = E - 127$

sign

1

8

23

S

E

M

exponent:
excess 127
binary integer
added

mantissa:
sign + magnitude, normalized
binary significand with
a hidden integer bit: 1.M

Example: $0 = 0\ 00000000\ 0\dots 0$

$-1.5 = 1\ 01111111\ 10\dots 0$

Magnitude of numbers that can be represented is in the range:

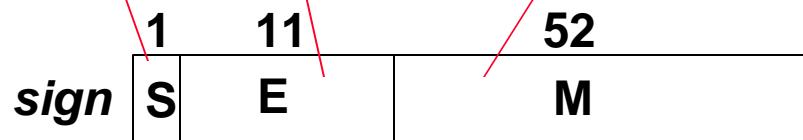
$2^{-126} (1.0)$ to $2^{127} (2 \cdot 2^{-23})$

Which is approximately:

1.8×10^{-38} to 3.40×10^{38}

Representation of Floating Point Numbers in Double Precision *IEEE 754 Standard*

$$\text{Value} = N = (-1)^S \times 2^{E-1023} \times (1.M)$$



$0 < E < 2047$
Actual exponent is:
 $e = E - 1023$

sign: 1
exponent: excess 1023 binary integer added

mantissa: sign + magnitude, normalized binary significand with a hidden integer bit: 1.M

Example: $0 = 0\ 00000000000\ 0\dots 0$ $-1.5 = 1\ 01111111111\ 10\dots 0$

Magnitude of numbers that can be represented is in the range:

$$2^{-1022} (1.0) \text{ to } 2^{1023} (2 \cdot 2^{-52})$$

Which is approximately:

$$2.23 \times 10^{-308} \text{ to } 1.8 \times 10^{308}$$

IEEE 754 Format Parameters

	Single Precision	Double Precision
p (bits of precision)	24	53
Unbiased exponent e_{\max}	127	1023
Unbiased exponent e_{\min}	-126	-1022
Exponent bias	127	1023

IEEE 754 Special Number Representation

Single Precision		Double Precision		Number Represented
Exponent	Significand	Exponent	Significand	
0	0	0	0	0
0	nonzero	0	nonzero	Denormalized number ¹
1 to 254	anything	1 to 2046	anything	Floating Point Number
255	0	2047	0	Infinity ²
255	nonzero	2047	nonzero	NaN (Not A Number) ³

¹ May be returned as a result of underflow in multiplication

² Positive divided by zero yields “infinity”

³ Zero divide by zero yields NaN “not a number”

Floating Point Conversion Example

- The decimal number $.75_{10}$ is to be represented in the *IEEE 754* 32-bit single precision format:

$$-2345.125_{10} = 0.11_2 \quad (\text{converted to a binary number})$$

$$= 1.1 \times 2^{-1} \quad (\text{normalized a binary number})$$

Hidden

- The mantissa is positive so the sign S is given by:

$$S = 0$$

- The biased exponent E is given by $E = e + 127$

$$E = -1 + 127 = 126_{10} = 01111110_2$$

- Fractional part of mantissa M :

$$M = .1000000000000000000000000 \quad (\text{in 23 bits})$$

The *IEEE 754* single precision representation is given by:

0	01111110	1000000000000000000000000
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S	E	M
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1 bit

8 bits

23 bits

Floating Point Conversion Example

- The decimal number -2345.125_{10} is to be represented in the *IEEE 754* 32-bit single precision format:

$$-2345.125_{10} = -100100101001.001_2 \quad (\text{converted to binary})$$

$$= -1.00100101001001 \times 2^{11} \quad (\text{normalized binary})$$

Hidden

- The mantissa is negative so the sign S is given by:

$$S = 1$$

- The biased exponent E is given by $E = e + 127$

$$E = 11 + 127 = 138_{10} = 10001010_2$$

- Fractional part of mantissa M :

$$M = .0010010100100100000000000 \quad (\text{in 23 bits})$$

The *IEEE 754* single precision representation is given by:

1	10001010	00100101001001000000000
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S	E	M
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1 bit

8 bits

23 bits

Basic Floating Point Addition Algorithm

Assuming that the operands are already in the IEEE 754 format, performing floating point addition: $\text{Result} = X + Y = (X_m \times 2^{X_e}) + (Y_m \times 2^{Y_e})$ involves the following steps:

(1) Align binary point:

- Initial result exponent: the larger of X_e , Y_e
- Compute exponent difference: $Y_e - X_e$
- If $Y_e > X_e$ Right shift X_m that many positions to form $X_m 2^{X_e-Y_e}$
- If $X_e > Y_e$ Right shift Y_m that many positions to form $Y_m 2^{Y_e-X_e}$

(2) Compute sum of aligned *mantissas*:

$$\text{i.e. } X_m 2^{X_e-Y_e} + Y_m \quad \text{or} \quad X_m + X_m 2^{Y_e-X_e}$$

(3) If normalization of result is needed, then a normalization step follows:

- Left shift result, decrement result exponent (e.g., if result is 0.001xx...) or
- Right shift result, increment result exponent (e.g., if result is 10.1xx...)

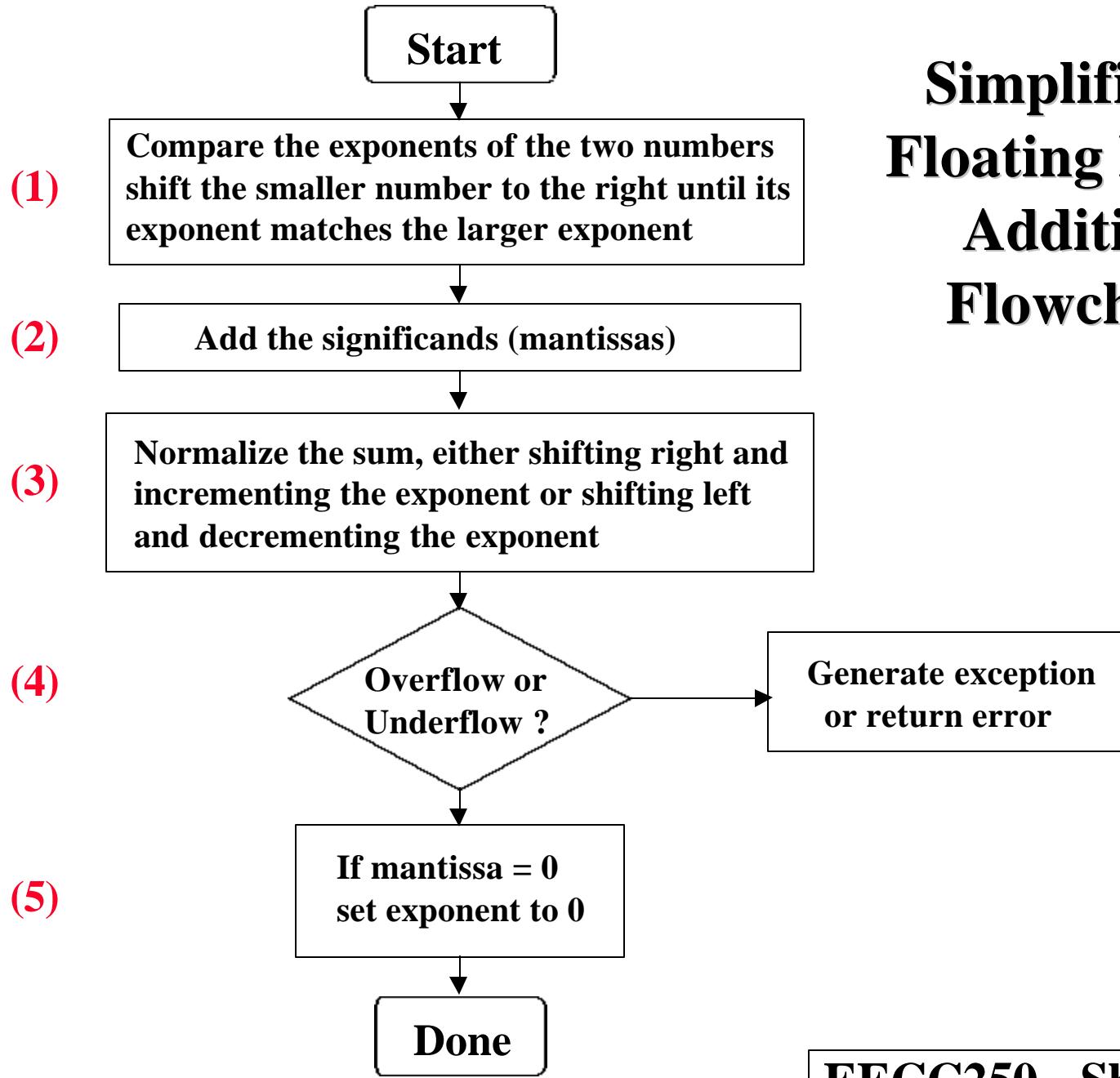
Continue until MSB of data is 1 (NOTE: Hidden bit in IEEE Standard)

(4) Check result exponent:

- If larger than maximum exponent allowed return exponent overflow
- If smaller than minimum exponent allowed return exponent underflow

(5) If result mantissa is 0, may need to set the exponent to zero by a special step to return a proper zero.

Simplified Floating Point Addition Flowchart



Floating Point Addition Example

- Add the following two numbers represented in the *IEEE 754* single precision format: $X = 2345.125_{10}$ represented as:

0	10001010	001001010010010000000000
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to $Y = .75_{10}$ represented as:

0	01111110	100000000000000000000000
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(1) Align binary point:

- $X_e > Y_e$ initial result exponent = $Y_e = \boxed{10001010} = 138_{10}$
- $X_e - Y_e = 10001010 - 01111110 = 00000110 = 12_{10}$
- Shift Y_m 12_{10} positions to the right to form

$$Y_m 2^{Y_e-X_e} = Y_m 2^{-12} = 0.00000000000110000000000$$

(2) Add mantissas:

$$X_m + Y_m 2^{-12} = 1.00100101001001000000000$$

$$+ 0.00000000000110000000000 =$$

$$\boxed{1.0010010100111000000000}$$

(3) Normalized? Yes

(4) Overflow? No. Underflow? No (5) zero result? No

Result

0	10001010	0010010100111000000000
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IEEE 754 Single precision Addition Notes

- If the exponents differ by more than 24, the smaller number will be shifted right entirely out of the mantissa field, producing a zero mantissa.
 - The sum will then equal the larger number.
 - Such truncation errors occur when the numbers differ by a factor of more than 2^{24} , which is approximately 1.6×10^7 .
 - Thus, the precision of IEEE single precision floating point arithmetic is approximately 7 decimal digits.
- Negative mantissas are handled by first converting to 2's complement and then performing the addition.
 - After the addition is performed, the result is converted back to sign-magnitude form.
- When adding numbers of opposite sign, cancellation may occur, resulting in a sum which is arbitrarily small, or even zero if the numbers are equal in magnitude.
 - Normalization in this case may require shifting by the total number of bits in the mantissa, resulting in a large loss of accuracy.
- Floating point subtraction is achieved simply by inverting the sign bit and performing addition of signed mantissas as outlined above.

Basic Floating Point Subtraction Algorithm

Assuming that the operands are already in the IEEE 754 format, performing floating point addition: $\text{Result} = X - Y = (X_m \times 2^{X_e}) - (Y_m \times 2^{Y_e})$ involves the following steps:

(1) Align binary point:

- Initial result exponent: the larger of X_e , Y_e
- Compute exponent difference: $Y_e - X_e$
- If $Y_e > X_e$ Right shift X_m that many positions to form $X_m 2^{X_e-Y_e}$
- If $X_e > Y_e$ Right shift Y_m that many positions to form $Y_m 2^{Y_e-X_e}$

(2) Subtract the aligned *mantissas*:

$$\text{i.e. } X_m 2^{X_e-Y_e} - Y_m \quad \text{or} \quad X_m - X_m 2^{Y_e-X_e}$$

(3) If normalization of result is needed, then a normalization step follows:

- Left shift result, decrement result exponent (e.g., if result is 0.001xx...) or
- Right shift result, increment result exponent (e.g., if result is 10.1xx...)

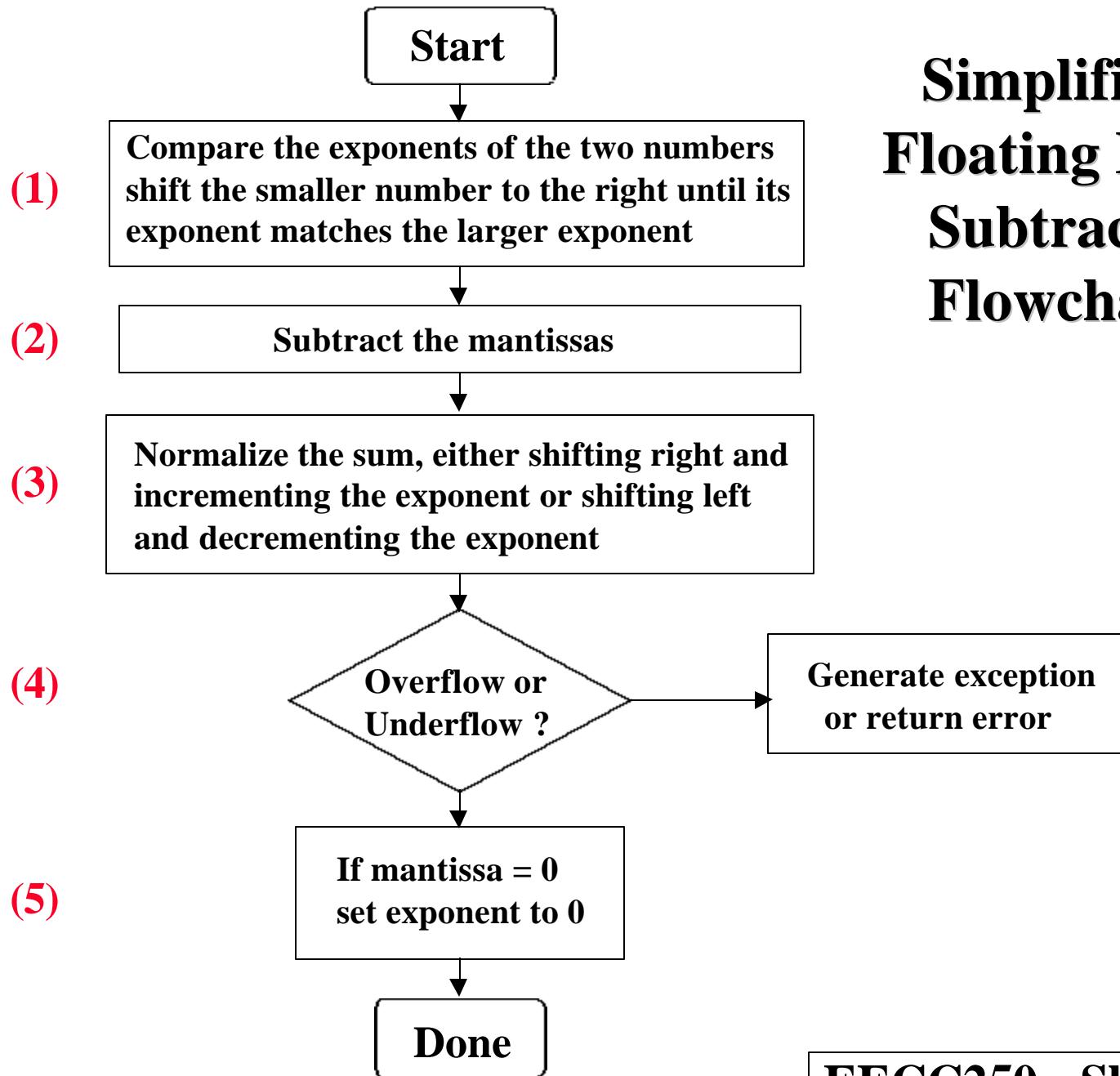
Continue until MSB of data is 1 (NOTE: Hidden bit in IEEE Standard)

(4) Check result exponent:

- If larger than maximum exponent allowed return exponent overflow
- If smaller than minimum exponent allowed return exponent underflow

(5) If result mantissa is 0, may need to set the exponent to zero by a special step to return a proper zero.

Simplified Floating Point Subtraction Flowchart



Basic Floating Point Multiplication Algorithm

Assuming that the operands are already in the IEEE 754 format, performing floating point multiplication:

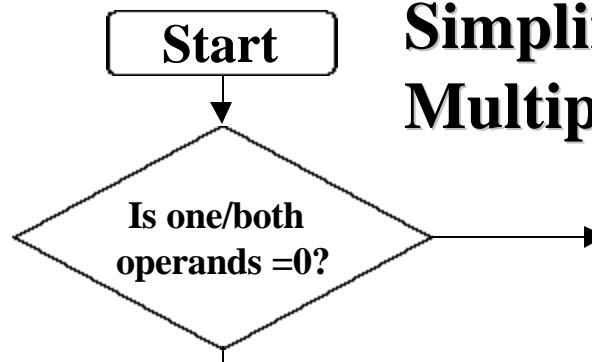
$$\text{Result} = R = X * Y = (-1)^{X_s} (X_m \times 2^{X_e}) * (-1)^{Y_s} (Y_m \times 2^{Y_e})$$

involves the following steps:

- (1) If one or both operands is equal to zero, return the result as zero, otherwise:
- (2) Compute the sign of the result $X_s \text{ XOR } Y_s$
- (3) Compute the mantissa of the result:
 - Multiply the mantissas: $X_m * Y_m$
 - Round the result to the allowed number of mantissa bits
- (4) Compute the exponent of the result:
$$\text{Result exponent} = \text{biased exponent}(X) + \text{biased exponent}(Y) - \text{bias}$$
- (5) Normalize if needed, by shifting mantissa right, incrementing result exponent.
- (6) Check result exponent for overflow/underflow:
 - If larger than maximum exponent allowed return exponent overflow
 - If smaller than minimum exponent allowed return exponent underflow

Simplified Floating Point Multiplication Flowchart

(1)



(2)



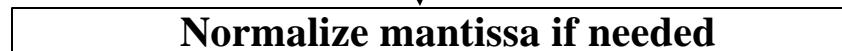
(3)



(4)



(5)



(6)

Generate exception
or return error



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Floating Point Multiplication Example

- Multiply the following two numbers represented in the *IEEE 754* single precision format: $X = -18_{10}$ represented as:

1	10000011	00100000000000000000000000000000
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and $Y = 9.5_{10}$ represented as:

0	10000010	00110000000000000000000000000000
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- (1) Value of one or both operands = 0? No, continue with step 2
- (2) Compute the sign: $S = X_s \text{ XOR } Y_s = 1 \text{ XOR } 0 = 1$
- (3) Multiply the mantissas: The product of the 24 bit mantissas is 48 bits with two bits to the left of the binary point:

(01).0101011000000...000000

Truncate to 24 bits:

hidden \rightarrow (1).010101100000000000000000

- (4) Compute exponent of result:
 $X_e + Y_e - 127_{10} = 1000\ 0011 + 1000\ 0010 - 0111111 = 1000\ 0110$
- (5) Result mantissa needs normalization? No
- (6) Overflow? No. Underflow? No

Result

1	10000110	01010101100000000000000000000000
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IEEE 754 Single precision Multiplication Notes

- Rounding occurs in floating point multiplication when the mantissa of the product is reduced from 48 bits to 24 bits.
 - The least significant 24 bits are discarded.
- Overflow occurs when the sum of the exponents exceeds 127, the largest value which is defined in bias-127 exponent representation.
 - When this occurs, the exponent is set to 128 ($E = 255$) and the mantissa is set to zero indicating + or - infinity.
- Underflow occurs when the sum of the exponents is more negative than -126, the most negative value which is defined in bias-127 exponent representation.
 - When this occurs, the exponent is set to -127 ($E = 0$).
 - If $M = 0$, the number is exactly zero.
 - If M is not zero, then a denormalized number is indicated which has an exponent of -127 and a hidden bit of 0.
 - The smallest such number which is not zero is 2^{-149} . This number retains only a single bit of precision in the rightmost bit of the mantissa.

Basic Floating Point Division Algorithm

Assuming that the operands are already in the IEEE 754 format, performing floating point multiplication:

$$\text{Result} = R = X / Y = (-1)^{X_s} (X_m \times 2^{X_e}) / (-1)^{Y_s} (Y_m \times 2^{Y_e})$$

involves the following steps:

(1) If the divisor Y is zero return “Infinity”, if both are zero return “NaN”

(2) Compute the sign of the result $X_s \text{ XOR } Y_s$

(3) Compute the mantissa of the result:

- The dividend mantissa is extended to 48 bits by adding 0's to the right of the least significant bit.
- When divided by a 24 bit divisor Y_m , a 24 bit quotient is produced.

(4) Compute the exponent of the result:

$$\text{Result exponent} = [\text{biased exponent}(X) - \text{biased exponent}(Y)] + \text{bias}$$

(5) Normalize if needed, by shifting mantissa left, decrementing result exponent.

(6) Check result exponent for overflow/underflow:

- If larger than maximum exponent allowed return exponent overflow
- If smaller than minimum exponent allowed return exponent underflow

IEEE 754 Error Rounding

- In integer arithmetic, the result of an operation is well-defined:
 - Either the exact result is obtained or overflow occurs and the result cannot be represented.
- In floating point arithmetic, rounding errors occur as a result of the limited precision of the mantissa. For example, consider the average of two floating point numbers with identical exponents, but mantissas which differ by 1. Although the mathematical operation is well-defined and the result is within the range of representable numbers, the average of two adjacent floating point values cannot be represented exactly.
- The IEEE FPS defines four rounding rules for choosing the closest floating point when a rounding error occurs:
 - **RN** - Round to Nearest. Break ties by choosing the least significant bit = 0.
 - **RZ** - Round toward Zero. Same as truncation in sign-magnitude.
 - **RP** - Round toward Positive infinity.
 - **RM** - Round toward Minus infinity. Same as truncation in integer 2's complement arithmetic.
- RN is generally preferred and introduces less systematic error than the other rules.

Floating Point Error Rounding Observations

- The absolute error introduced by rounding is the actual difference between the exact value and the floating point representation.
- The size of the absolute error is proportional to the magnitude of the number.
 - For numbers in single Precision IEEE 754 format, the absolute error is less than 2^{-24} .
 - The largest absolute rounding error occurs when the exponent is 127 and is approximately 10^{31} since $2^{-24} \cdot 2^{127} = 10^{31}$
- The relative error is the absolute error divided by the magnitude of the number which is approximated. For normalized floating point numbers, the relative error is approximately 10^{-7}
- Rounding errors affect the outcome of floating point computations in several ways:
 - Exact comparison of floating point variables often produces incorrect results. Floating variables should not be used as loop counters or loop increments.
 - Operations performed in different orders may give different results. On many computers, $a+b$ may differ from $b+a$ and $(a+b)+c$ may differ from $a+(b+c)$.
 - Errors accumulate over time. While the relative error for a single operation in single precision floating point is about 10^{-7} , algorithms which iterate many times may experience an accumulation of errors which is much larger.

68000 FLOATING POINT ADD/SUBTRACT (FFPADD/FFPSUB) Subroutine

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*****
*          FFPADD/FFPSUB                         *
*          FAST FLOATING POINT ADD/SUBTRACT      *
*          *
*          *  FFPADD/FFPSUB - FAST FLOATING POINT ADD AND SUBTRACT   *
*          *
*          *  INPUT:                                         *
*          *          FFPADD                           *
*          *          D6 - FLOATING POINT ADDEND        *
*          *          D7 - FLOATING POINT ADDER         *
*          *          FFPSUB                           *
*          *          D6 - FLOATING POINT SUBTRAHEND    *
*          *          D7 - FLOATING POINT MINUEND       *
*          *
*          *  OUTPUT:                                         *
*          *          D7 - FLOATING POINT ADD RESULT     *
*          *
*          *  CONDITION CODES:                         *
*          *          N - RESULT IS NEGATIVE           *
*          *          Z - RESULT IS ZERO              *
*          *          V - OVERFLOW HAS OCCURED        *
*          *          C - UNDEFINED                 *
*          *          X - UNDEFINED                 *
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*           REGISTERS D3 THRU D5 ARE VOLATILE           *
*
*           CODE SIZE: 228 BYTES          STACK WORK AREA: 0 BYTES   *
*
*           NOTES:                                     *
*               1) ADDEND/SUBTRAHEND UNALTERED (D6).      *
*               2) UNDERFLOW RETURNS ZERO AND IS UNFLAGGED.  *
*               3) OVERFLOW RETURNS THE HIGHEST VALUE WITH THE   *
*                   CORRECT SIGN AND THE 'V' BIT SET IN THE CCR.  *
*
*           TIME: (8 MHZ NO WAIT STATES ASSUMED)        *
*
*           COMPOSITE AVERAGE 20.625 MICROSECONDS       *
*
*           ADD:             ARG1=0          7.75 MICROSECONDS   *
*                     ARG2=0          5.25 MICROSECONDS   *
*
*                     LIKE SIGNS 14.50 - 26.00 MICROSECONDS   *
*                     AVERAGE    18.00 MICROSECONDS   *
*                     UNLIKE SIGNS 20.13 - 54.38 MICROSECONDS   *
*                     AVERAGE    22.00 MICROSECONDS   *
*
*           SUBTRACT:          ARG1=0          4.25 MICROSECONDS   *
*                     ARG2=0          9.88 MICROSECONDS   *
*
*                     LIKE SIGNS 15.75 - 27.25 MICROSECONDS   *
*                     AVERAGE    19.25 MICROSECONDS   *
*                     UNLIKE SIGNS 21.38 - 55.63 MICROSECONDS   *
*                     AVERAGE    23.25 MICROSECONDS   *
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*****
* SUBTRACT ENTRY POINT *
*****

FFPSUB    MOVE.B   D6,D4      TEST ARG1
          BEQ.S    FPART2     RETURN ARG2 IF ARG1 ZERO
          EOR.B    #$80,D4     INVERT COPIED SIGN OF ARG1
          BMI.S    FPAMI1      BRANCH ARG1 MINUS

* + ARG1
          MOVE.B   D7,D5      COPY AND TEST ARG2
          BMI.S    FPAMS       BRANCH ARG2 MINUS
          BNE.S    FPALS       BRANCH POSITIVE NOT ZERO
          BRA.S    FPART1     RETURN ARG1 SINCE ARG2 IS ZERO

*****
* ADD ENTRY POINT *
*****
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FFPADD MOVE.B D6,D4 TEST ARGUMENT1
 BMI.S FPAMI1 BRANCH IF ARG1 MINUS
 BEQ.S FPART2 RETURN ARG2 IF ZERO

* + ARG1
 MOVE.B D7,D5 TEST ARGUMENT2
 BMI.S FPAMS BRANCH IF MIXED SIGNS
 BEQ.S FPART1 ZERO SO RETURN ARGUMENT1

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* +ARG1 +ARG2
* -ARG1 -ARG2
FPALS    SUB.B   D4,D5      TEST EXPONENT MAGNITUDES
          BMI.S    FPA2LT     BRANCH ARG1 GREATER
          MOVE.B   D7,D4      SETUP STRONGER S+EXP IN D4

* ARG1EXP <= ARG2EXP
          CMP.B   #24,D5     OVERBEARING SIZE
          BCC.S    FPART2     BRANCH YES, RETURN ARG2
          MOVE.L   D6,D3      COPY ARG1
          CLR.B   D3          CLEAN OFF SIGN+EXPONENT
          LSR.L   D5,D3      SHIFT TO SAME MAGNITUDE
          MOVE.B   #$80,D7     FORCE CARRY IF LSB-1 ON
          ADD.L   D3,D7      ADD ARGUMENTS
          BCS.S    FPA2GC     BRANCH IF CARRY PRODUCED
FPARSR   MOVE.B   D4,D7      RESTORE SIGN/EXPONENT
          RTS           RETURN TO CALLER

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* ADD SAME SIGN OVERFLOW NORMALIZATION

FPA2GC    ROXR.L #1,D7      SHIFT CARRY BACK INTO RESULT
            ADD.B  #1,D4      ADD ONE TO EXPONENT
            BVS.S  FPA2OS     BRANCH OVERFLOW
            BCC.S  FPARSR     BRANCH IF NO EXPONENT OVERFLOW

FPA2OS    MOVEQ  #-1,D7     CREATE ALL ONES
            SUB.B  #1,D4     BACK TO HIGHEST EXPONENT+SIGN
            MOVE.B  D4,D7     REPLACE IN RESULT
*
            OR.B   #$02,CCR SHOW OVERFLOW OCCURRED
            DC.L   $003C0002 ****ASSEMBLER ERROR****
            RTS      RETURN TO CALLER

* RETURN ARGUMENT1

FPART1   MOVE.L  D6,D7      MOVE IN AS RESULT
            MOVE.B  D4,D7      MOVE IN PREPARED SIGN+EXPONENT
            RTS      RETURN TO CALLER

* RETURN ARGUMENT2

FPART2   TST.B  D7        TEST FOR RETURNED VALUE
            RTS      RETURN TO CALLER

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* -ARG1EXP > -ARG2EXP
* +ARG1EXP > +ARG2EXP

FPA2LT    CMP.B   #-24,D5    ? ARGUMENTS WITHIN RANGE
           BLE.S    FPART1   NOPE, RETURN LARGER
           NEG.B    D5        CHANGE DIFFERENCE TO POSITIVE
           MOVE.L   D6,D3    SETUP LARGER VALUE
           CLR.B    D7        CLEAN OFF SIGN+EXPONENT
           LSR.L   D5,D7    SHIFT TO SAME MAGNITUDE
           MOVE.B   #$80,D3  FORCE CARRY IF LSB-1 ON
           ADD.L   D3,D7    ADD ARGUMENTS
           BCS.S    FPA2GC   BRANCH IF CARRY PRODUCED
           MOVE.B   D4,D7    RESTORE SIGN/EXPONENT
           RTS      D7        RETURN TO CALLER

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*** -ARG1**

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FPAMI1    MOVE.B  D7,D5    TEST ARG2'S SIGN
           BMI.S   FPALS    BRANCH FOR LIKE SIGNS
           BEQ.S   FPART1   IF ZERO RETURN ARGUMENT1

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* -ARG1 +ARG2
* +ARG1 -ARG2

FPAMS    MOVEQ   #-128,D3   CREATE A CARRY MASK ($80)
          EOR.B   D3,D5   STRIP SIGN OFF ARG2 S+EXP COPY
          SUB.B   D4,D5   COMPARE MAGNITUDES
          BEQ.S   FPAEQ   BRANCH EQUAL MAGNITUDES
          BMI.S   FPATLT  BRANCH IF ARG1 LARGER

* ARG1 <= ARG2
          CMP.B   #24,D5  COMPARE MAGNITUDE DIFFERENCE
          BCC.S   FPART2  BRANCH ARG2 MUCH BIGGER
          MOVE.B  D7,D4  ARG2 S+EXP DOMINATES
          MOVE.B  D3,D7  SETUP CARRY ON ARG2
          MOVE.L  D6,D3  COPY ARG1

FPAMSS   CLR.B   D3      CLEAR EXTRANEOUS BITS
          LSR.L   D5,D3  ADJUST FOR MAGNITUDE
          SUB.L   D3,D7  SUBTRACT SMALLER FROM LARGER
          BMI.S   FPARSR  RETURN FINAL RESULT IF NO

OVERFLOW

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* MIXED SIGNS NORMALIZE

FPANOR	MOVE.B	D4,D5	SAVE CORRECT SIGN
FPANRM	CLR.B	D7	CLEAR SUBTRACT RESIDUE
	SUB.B	#1,D4	MAKE UP FOR FIRST SHIFT
	CMP.L	#\$00007FFF,D7	? SMALL ENOUGH FOR SWAP
	BHI.S	FPAXQN	BRANCH NOPE
	SWAP.W	D7	SHIFT LEFT 16 BITS REAL FAST
	SUB.B	#16,D4	MAKE UP FOR 16 BIT SHIFT
FPAXQN	ADD.L	D7,D7	SHIFT UP ONE BIT
	DBMI	D4,FPAXQN	DECREMENT AND BRANCH IF POSITIVE
	EOR.B	D4,D5	? SAME SIGN
	BMI.S	FPAZRO	BRANCH UNDERFLOW TO ZERO
	MOVE.B	D4,D7	RESTORE SIGN/EXPONENT
	BEQ.S	FPAZRO	RETURN ZERO IF EXPONENT
UNDERFLOWED			
	RTS		RETURN TO CALLER

* EXPONENT UNDERFLOWED - RETURN ZERO

FPAZRO	MOVEQ.L	#0,D7	CREATE A TRUE ZERO
	RTS		RETURN TO THE CALLER

* ARG1 > ARG2

FPATLT CMP.B #-24,D5 ? ARG1 >> ARG2
BLE.S FPART1 RETURN IT IF SO
NEG.B D5 ABSOLUTIZE DIFFERENCE
MOVE.L D7,D3 MOVE ARG2 AS LOWER VALUE
MOVE.L D6,D7 SETUP ARG1 AS HIGH
MOVE.B #\\$80,D7 SETUP ROUNDING BIT
BRA.S FPAMSS PERFORM THE ADDITION

* EQUAL MAGNITUDES

FPAEQ MOVE.B D7,D5 SAVE ARG1 SIGN
EXG.L D5,D4 SWAP ARG2 WITH ARG1 S+EXP
MOVE.B D6,D7 INSURE SAME LOW BYTE
SUB.L D6,D7 OBTAIN DIFFERENCE
BEQ.S FPAZRO RETURN ZERO IF IDENTICAL
BPL.S FPANOR BRANCH IF ARG2 BIGGER
NEG.L D7 CORRECT DIFFERENCE TO POSITIVE
MOVE.B D5,D4 USE ARG2'S SIGN+EXPONENT
BRA.S FPANRM AND GO NORMALIZE

END