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ABSTRACT

Many scientific applications require more accurate computations than double precision or double-extended precision floating-point arithmetic. This thesis presents the design of dualmode quadruple precision floating-point division and square-root units that also supports two parallel double precision operations. A radix-4 SRT division and square-root algorithms are used to design the dual-mode quadruple precision floating-point division and squareroot units. The implementation details of the divider presented in this thesis show how a conventional quadruple precision divider is modified and the datapath can be divided into two parts to support both a quadruple precision and two parallel double precision operations. To estimate area and worst case delay, a double, a quadruple, a dual-mode double, and a dual-mode quadruple precision floating-point division units are implemented in VHDL and synthesized. Similar to the dual-mode division unit, it is shown that how the datapath of conventional quadruple precision square-root unit is modified and can be divided into two parts to support both a quadruple precision and two parallel double precision operations. The correctness of all the designs was tested and verified through extensive simulation. The synthesis results show that the dual-mode quadruple precision divider requires 22%more area than the quadruple precision divider and the worst case delay is 1% longer. Also the dual-mode quadruple precision square-root unit requires 22% more area than the conventional quadruple precision square-root unit and the worst case delay is 2% longer. A quadruple precision division and square-root operations take fifty nine cycles and two parallel double precision division and square-root operations take twenty nine cycles.

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NOMENCLATURE

- CPU Central Processing Unit
- FPU Floating-Point Unit
- FGEN F-Generation Unit
- ILP Instruction Level Parallelism
- OTF On-the-Fly Conversion and Rounding
- CSA Carry-Save Adder
- QDS Quotient Digit Selection
- QUAD Quadruple Precision

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Need for Reliable Computing

The speed of digital computers is increasing as a result of advances in VLSI technology and innovative computer design. Increasing computer speeds provide the ability to perform trillions of arithmetic operations per second [1]. Although there have been significant advances in VLSI technology, the precision and arithmetic used in floating-point operations has not changed over the past two decades. Today, most modern processors support IEEE double and/or double-extended precision floating-point arithmetic [28], which was defined in 1985 [29, 48].

Despite the improvement on the speed of the arithmetic computations, the precision obtained has not improved over the past two decades. Today, most modern processors have hardware support for double precision (64-bit) or double-extended precision (typically 80bit) floating-point arithmetic operations. However, double and double-extended precision are not enough for many scientific applications including climate modeling [5], computational physics [6], and computational geometry [6].

A floating-point number contains no accuracy information and moreover, it is impossible to represent most real numbers using finite precision floating-point format. Since floatingpoint arithmetic provides limited accuracy, it can lead to large errors after a few consecutive operations. As an example, the dot product of the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -10^{18} \\ 2246 \\ 10^{27} \\ 10^{25} \\ 22 \\ 10^{5} \end{bmatrix} \qquad and \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{38} \\ 33 \\ 10^{29} \\ -10^{22} \\ 1044 \\ 10^{42} \end{bmatrix}$$

yields the result

 $A \bullet B = 0$

using IEEE-754 double precision floating-point arithmetic. However, the correct result is as follows:

$$A \bullet B = 97,086$$

Catastrophic cancelation and round-off error introduced by floating-point arithmetic may cause such inaccurate results. In today's world, a wide range of researchers -from astronomy to genetics- contain mass computations with long computation times and as a consequence reliable computing is extremely important in arithmetic operations.

The accuracy and reliability of numerical computations can be increased using extended precision arithmetic. For example, quadruple precision arithmetic increases the accuracy and reliability of numerical computations by providing floatingpoint numbers that have more than twice the precision of double precision numbers. To be exact, the accuracy of double precision numbers is roughly fifteen decimal digits. On the other hand, accuracy of quadruple precision floating-point numbers is about thirty-three decimal digits. This comes in handy in applications such as computational fluid dynamics and physical modeling, which require accurate numerical computations. The use of quadruple precision arithmetic can greatly improve the numerical stability and reproducibility of many of these applications.

1.2 Motivation

1.2.1 Dual-Mode

A processor can be preferred by many users to satisfy different needs. For example, as of today, a computer games programmer would most probably be not too much interested in the precision of the FPU in a processor. On the other hand, a researcher who is trying simulate the behavior of some certain atmospherical event happening hundreds of years in the future, will importance to the FPU precision being high. Having these different needs, one can conclude that even for home PC users, specific purpose processors would be a necessity. Considering the current state of commercial market for processors, such a thought is not too practical. However, a way to address a specific processor to people with totally different precision needs would be to design one with a handle capacity of multiple precision modes [50, 49].

Current processors can handle both single and double precision operations in hardware but they are not considered as *Dual-Mode*. The reason is that such FPU's hardware is designed to operate only in exact double precision. When single precision operation is required, FPU pads twenty-nine zeros at the end of the single precision mantissa and convert the exponent to its double precision equivalent. After computing the result in double precision, the result exponent will be converted back to single precision and twenty-nine bits will be dropped from the least significant bits of the mantissa. A dual-mode double precision FPU supports both one double precision operation or two single precision operations in parallel. When software requests a single precision operation, dual-mode FPU sets the mode flag to single and works just like two conventional single precision FPUs. With a small amount of compromise in area, the throughput can be doubled when working in lower precision mode.

For a summation operation, just like any other basic operations, precision of the floatingpoint numbers affects the overall delay directly. Consider a very simple addition algorithm where carrying out happens in linear O(n) time where n is the number of bits. This algorithm is implemented on a conventional double precision FPU and a conventional single precision FPU. Also consider software requests two single precision numbers to be summed. In this case, lower(single) precision FPU has an advantage since higher precision FPU starts to add padded zeros when single precision FPU is finished with the request. Carrying-out of the lower precision FPU's operands finish half way through which results in nearly doubling the overall speed of the operation.

It is understood from above that, when a low precision operation is requested, lowerprecision FPU design overruns the higher precision design. In the same scenario, now lets compare conventional single precision FPU and a dual-mode double precision FPU. Since dual-mode double precision FPU can be considered as two conventional single precision FPUs, dual-mode design can do twice the amount of single precision FPU design. In these terms, dual-mode double precision FPU, when single precision operations is requested, can roughly be at least two times faster than a conventional double precision FPU. This great delay advantage of dual-mode design over the conventional only brings a twenty percent area increase disadvantage which seems acceptable. In the case where a double precision designs work nearly identical. Basically, "why lose extra time when there is no need for high precision" is the motivation behind the dual-mode design.

1.2.2 Quadruple Precision Operations

Double and double-extended precision are not enough for many scientific applications including climate modeling [5], computational physics [6], and computational geometry [6]. Since floating-point arithmetic provides finite accuracy, it can lead to fatal errors after several consecutive operations. Main components of these errors are catastrophic cancelation and round-off errors. The higher accuracy (precision) of the operands are, the less errors will be in magnitude. Due to the advantages of quadruple precision arithmetic in scientific computing applications, specifications for quadruple precision numbers are being added to the revised version of the IEEE 754 Standard for Floating-Point Arithmetic [7, 31, 33, 47].

Quadruple precision operations are usually supported by software, such as on Sun's Sparc processors. Software support, however, has performance problems for numerically intensive applications. Therefore, hardware support for quadruple precision arithmetic is essential. The most modern microprocessors provide multiple identical functional units to speed up numerical computations [8]. For example, high performance processors Power4 and Sparc have identical two floatingpoint units for addition and multiplication operations [9, 10]. Another trend in microprocessor architectures is to have wide 128-bit internal datapaths [8, 11], which can support quadruple precision operands.

1.3 Dual-Mode Quadruple Precision SRT Radix-4 Division Overview

Although floating-point division is not the most frequent operation among floating-point arithmetic operations, the speed of it is important for the overall speed of the FPU especially because it is the most time consuming floating-point operation [36, 40, 41, 43] and it is difficult to pipeline. Significant research has been done to develop efficient floatingpoint division algorithms [2, 3, 16, 17], but there is very limited contributions to literature for dualmode hardware implementation of extended precision floating-point arithmetic (i.e., quadruple precision). Recently, dual-mode floating-point multipliers [12, 13] and adders [14, 15] have been designed.

Chapter 3 shows how a datapath of quadruple precision floating-point divider implemented with the SRT radix-4 algorithm can be split into two parts in order to support both one quadruple precision and two parallel double precision division operations. The technique and modifications used to design the dual-mode quadruple precision divider was also applied to implement a dualmode double precision divider that supports both one double precision and two parallel single precision operations. Both the dualmode double and quadruple precision division units were tested for four different rounding modes specified by IEEE 754 Standard.

1.4 Dual-Mode Quadruple Precision SRT Radix-4 Square-Root Overview

The implementation of square-root is very similar to division. Most of the units are identical and a look-up table used for the division can also be used by the square-root unit. Having all these common points, building a dual-mode square-root unit, unlike the division unit, was not too much challenging.

Although floating-point square-root is not the most frequent operation among floatingpoint arithmetic operations, the speed of it is important for the overall speed of the FPU especially because it is the most time consuming floating-point operation along with division and is hard to pipeline [36]. Especially in DSP applications which use single precision floating-point arithmetic, speed of the square-root operation is essential as stated in [20, 21]

Chapter 4 shows how a datapath of quadruple precision floating-point square-root unit implemented with the SRT radix-4 algorithm can be split into two parts in order to support one quadruple precision and two parallel double precision square-root operations. Both the dualmode double and quadruple precision square-root units were tested for four different rounding modes specified by IEEE 754 Standard.

1.5 Contribution

In this thesis, my contributions are as follows:

- SRT algorithm is examined in detail in order to use the smallest number of bits (6) for the residual (which enters in the PLA or lookup table). Found that using the smallest number of bits of the residual is not optimizing the whole design. Decided to use seven bits of the residual and three bits of the divisor which resulted in the smallest table (PLA).
- An OpenGL code is written to visualize the PD-Plot (table or PLA) in order to debug quotient digit selection (QDS) function for correctness.
- SRT algorithm requires a table look-up system (PLA) in order to calculate quotient bits. Several tables were created using espresso. The one having the best area to delay ratio is embedded in to the division and square-root unit designs.
- After grasping the algorithms for division and square-root, I coded a division and a square-root simulator in C to make future VHDL debugging easier.
- Quadruple precision division unit is modified and extended in order to design dualmode quadruple precision division unit. The correctness of the quadruple precision division units are verified by the C simulator.
- Double precision division unit is modified and extended in order to design dual-mode double precision division unit.
- Quadruple precision square-root unit is extended to dual-mode quadruple precision square-root unit. The correctness of the dual-mode quadruple precision square-root units are tested by the C simulator.

- Double precision square-root unit is extended to design dual-mode double precision square-root unit.
- All designs are implemented in VHDL, simulated in ModelSim and synthesized in Leonardo to determine the clock cycle time and number of gates for each unit.

1.6 Outline

The outline for this thesis is as follows: Chapter 2 gives the required background for floatingpoint arithmetic, common division algorithms and table look-up logic. Chapter 3 presents the conventional SRT radix-4 double precision division first and then goes in detail to quadruple precision dual-mode design implementation. Furthermore, the area and delay estimates of the implementations are also compared in this chapter. Similarly, Chapter 4 presents the conventional SRT double precision radix-4 square-root unit first and then goes into the implementation details of dual-mode quadruple precision design. Area and delay estimates of the implementations are also stated and compared in this chapter. Chapter 5 gives our final conclusions. Appendix A and B includes simulation results of the C code and VHDL simulations of division and square-root units respectively.

Chapter 2

BACKGROUND

In this chapter, floating-point, rounding modes, SRT division and square-root algorithms are described. IEEE-754 Standard for floating-point number is the most common representation today for real numbers on computers, including Intel-based PC's, Macintoshes, and the most Unix platforms.

2.1 Floating-Point Numbers

Among several representations, floating-point is the most commonly utilized representation to approximate real numbers on computers. Floating-point representation basically represents real numbers in scientific notation.

In order to compare with fixed-point representation, floating-point employs a sort of sliding window of precision, appropriate to the scale of the number, which allows it to span numbers approximately in a range of 1.17×10^{-38} to 3.40×10^{38} for single precision and 2.22×10^{-308} to 1.79×10^{308} for double precision standard representation, excluding infinite values [6], [7], [8], [9]. On the other hand, fixed-point representation has a fixed window of precision, which limits it from representing very large or very small numbers. Also, loss of precision is unavoidable when two large numbers are divided using fixed-point representation.

After a history of confusing and complex representations of numbers in computers [10], both as in terms of hardware and software; nowadays, most of the general purpose computer architectures are based on IEEE-754 Standard [9] and support single, double and doubleextended floating-point numbers [29, 30, 31, 36].

The IEEE-754 single precision floating-point number requires a 32-bit word, which may be represented as numbered from 31 to 0, left to right, as shown in Figure 2.1. The first bit from left, which is annotated as the 31^{st} bit, is the sign bit, S. The next 8 bits represent the exponent bits. The remaining 23 bits are the fraction bits, in other words Mantissa.

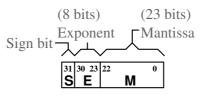


Figure 2.1: IEEE 754 Single Precision Floating-Point Number

The sign bit, which serves to identify whether the represented real number is negative or positive, is set to logical one (1) or zero (0), respectively. The biased exponent has implicitly determined base set to two, which is not explicitly stored in the representation. The exponent part is utilized in order to determine the value of the represented number and the related information can be viewed in the following rules. The mantissa of the represented real number is composed of the fraction part with an implicit leading (hidden) one, for which the details can be found below. The following rules are defined in IEEE-754 Standard [9] for single precision floating-point representation in order to determine the value, V, represented by a 32-bit word.

- If E = 255 and M is nonzero, then V = NaN (Not a Number)
- If E = 255 and M is zero and S = 1, then $V = -\infty$
- If E = 255 and M is zero and S = 0, then $V = \infty$
- If 0 < E < 255 then V = (-1)^S × 2^{E-127} × (1.M), where; 1.M is intended to represent the binary number created by prefixing the fraction part with an implicit leading one (hidden one), and a binary point (.), as well the exponent bias being set to 127.
- If E = 0 and M is nonzero, $V = (-1)^S \times 2^{-126} \times (0.M)$, where these are defined as denormalized numbers.
- If E = 0 and M is zero and S = 1, then V = -0
- If E = 0 and M is zero and S = 0, then V = 0

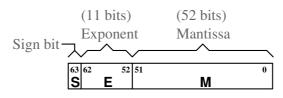


Figure 2.2: IEEE 754 Double Precision Floating-Point Number

Not a Number, denormalized numbers, infinity, and zero are the special cases of the IEEE-754 Standard. Briefly, zero is either negative zero or positive zero, which are distinct values but they both compare as equal. Infinity value represent either negative or positive infinity and is very useful in operations where overflow case occurs. Operations with infinite values are well defined in IEEE-754 Standard. Numbers with non-zero fraction part but having all zeros in exponent part are called denormalized numbers and zero can be interpreted as a special form of denormalized number. Special handling methods are employed in arithmetical operations for NaN (Not a Number) values, which are used to represent values those do not represent a real number. Arithmetic operations on special numbers are well defined by IEEE-754 Standard. For example, multiplication of zero and infinity yields a NaN and any operation with a NaN results to NaN. Other operations on special numbers can be found in [6].

As shown in Figure 2.2, the IEEE-754 double precision floating-point number requires a 64-bit word, where the first bit is the sign bit, S, the next 11 bits are the exponent bits. The remaining 52 bits are the fraction bits, in other words Mantissa. Since the number of bits in the fraction part determines the precision and since the number of bits in the exponent part determines the range of representable numbers, IEEE-754 double precision floating-point numbers have greater range and are more precise than single precision floating-point numbers [9]. The rules defined in IEEE-754 Standard [9] for double precision floating-point representation in order to determine the value, V, represented by a 64-bit word, are detailed below:

• If E = 2047 and M is nonzero, then V = NaN (Not a Number)

- If E = 2047 and M is zero and S = 1, then $V = -\infty$
- If E = 2047 and M is zero and S = 0, then $V = \infty$
- If 0 < E < 2047 then $V = (-1)^S \times 2^{E-1023} \times (1.M)$, where; 1.M is intended to represent the binary number created by prefixing the fraction part with an implicit leading 1 (hidden one), and a binary point (.), as well the exponent bias being set to 1023.
- If E = 0 and M is nonzero, $V = (-1)^S \times 2^{-1022} \times (0.M)$, where these are defined as denormalized numbers.
- If E = 0 and M is zero and S = 1, then V = -0
- If E = 0 and M is zero and S = 0, then V = 0

Extensions to well-known single and double precision floating-point, namely singleextended and double-extended floating-point, are available in IEEE-754 Standard, as specified in [9]. The single-extended floating-point word is defined to have more than 43-bit. Corresponding lower limit is 79-bit for double-extended floating-point number. However, many scientific computing applications, such as computational geometry, computational physics and climate modeling need more precise arithmetical operations [11]. 128-bit quadruple precision arithmetic significantly improves the numerical stability of those scientific applications as stated in [5]. A quadruple precision number stated by the IEEE-754 standarts is shown in Figure 2.3. IBM S/390 G5 FPU (Floating-Point Unit) fully supports the quadruple precision arithmetic operations are at least two slower than double precision in hardware [14]. Much faster quadruple precision floating-point multiplier is presented in [27] which requires more hardware than IBM S/390 G5 FPU, as a trade-off. IEEE-754 Standard is also being revised to support quadruple precision floating-point [28].

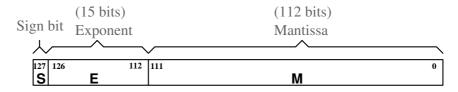


Figure 2.3: IEEE 754 Quadruple Precision Floating-Point Number

2.2 Rounding Errors in Floating-Point Arithmetic

It is impossible to represent some real numbers by IEEE-754 floating-point due to two reasons [17, 36]:

- Real number to be represented may have a finite decimal representation, but in binary, it may have an infinite repeating representation.
- Real number to be represented can be out of range, i.e., the number exceeds the upper and lower representable limits of the corresponding floating-point number.

The rounding error is introduced as a consequent of the first reason. One quick example to this situation is to represent 0.1. Actually, 0.1 lies in between two representable floatingpoint numbers, but none of those floating-point numbers can exactly represent the real number 0.1, because of the infinite repeating sequence in its fraction part, as seen in below example.

 $1.1001100110011001100 \times 2^{-4} = 0.09999999403953552$

Well-known measure of rounding error is Unit in the Last Place, and it is abbreviated as ulp. For example, if the infinitely precise real number 0.61271 is represented as 0.6127 in floating-point representation, then the error is stated as 0.1 ulp. Another measure of a rounding error is relative error. For the above case, the relative error is approximated as 0.00001/0.61271 \approx 0.00001632. In this work, ulp will be considered as the measure of rounding error.

Utilizing the rounding to nearest (even) mode, the nearest floating-point number will correspond to a rounding error of less than or equal to $0.5 \ ulp$, as the proof to this statement

Precision Type	Max. Rounding Error (0.5 ulp)
Single Precision	0.596046447754e-07
Double Precision	0.1110223024625156541e-15
Quadruple Precision	0.48148248609680896326399445e-34

Table 2.1: Maximum Rounding Errors with Rounding to Nearest (Even) Mode

can be found in [17]. The least rounding error is obtained when the rounding mode is set to rounding to nearest (even) and Table 2.1 shows the maximum possible rounding errors for different precision types. The required accuracy is 1 ulp in the remaining rounding modes [18]. The rounding modes are described in the next section.

2.3 Rounding Modes in IEEE-754 Floting-Point Arithmetic

Four rounding modes are defined in IEEE-754 Floating-Point Arithmetic Standard [9, 32, 34, 36].

- Round to Nearest (Even): The infinitely precise real number is represented with the nearest representable floating-point number. If the two representable values are at the same distance, then the even one (which has a zero in its least significant bit) is selected.
- Round toward $+\infty$: The infinitely precise real number is represented with the nearest greater representable floating-point number.
- Round toward $-\infty$: The infinitely precise real number is represented with the nearest smaller representable floating-point number.
- Round toward 0 (zero) : The infinitely precise real number is represented with the nearest and smaller in magnitude representable floating-point number.

The IEEE-754 Standard specifies round to nearest (even) as the default rounding mode. However, the rest three rounding modes should be implemented in all IEEE754 compliant FPU's. In other words, all four rounding modes should be available to be utilized in user-selectable manner. In order to obtain the most accurate true results in floating-point operations, such as multiplication, many different hardware design approaches are available in the literature for the implementation of the rounding algorithms, which conforms to the IEEE-754 rounding modes. These approaches are considering criterions such as the speed of the rounding and the required hardware complexity. Among such works are [19], [20], [21], [22], [23].

2.4 Digit-Recurrence Division Algorithms

In digit-recurrence division methods, quotient is represented in a radix-r form and one digit of it is obtained per iteration. The radix determines the number of cycles necessary to complete the correct division. Redundant quotient-digit-set and residual format are usually favored in digit-recurrence algorithms since they have significant speed and area advantages. Digit-recurrence algorithms consist of n iterations of a recurrence, in which each iteration produces one digit of the quotient, the most-significant digit first [2]. The most popular digit-recurrence division algorithm implemented on modern processors is SRT algorithm [35, 37, 38, 41, 43, 45, 46, 49].

2.4.1 SRT Division

SRT division is named after Sweeney, Robertson[3] and Tocher[4], each of whom developed it independently at around the same time. Basically SRT division is very similar to the paperpencil method for division as seen in Figure 2.4. It is composed of an iterative algorithm. The cycle time of each iteration affects the overall delay time of a unit. At the first iteration, the left most bit of the quotient and at the last iteration, the right most bit of the quotient is generated. If paper-pencil method was directly copied to the division algorithm, it would require for the quotient-bit to be multiplied with the divisor and then to be subtracted from the dividend at every iteration. Multiplying the divisor with a non-power of two quotientbit could take long amount of time. Also another time consuming full-precision subtraction operation is required at every iteration if direct paper-pencil algorithm was implemented [36, 41].

The most advantageous property of SRT division is that, it can do these time consuming multiplication and subtraction operations independent of the precision of the operands. Four

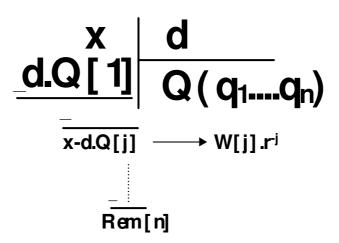


Figure 2.4: Derivation of SRT Formula Using Paper-Pencil Division Method

properties that lead to this advantage are the iterative formula, redundant quotient-digitset, redundant remainder format and on-the-fly conversion and rounding algorithm. The precision of the operands only affects the number of iterations of the algorithm, not the duration of each iteration.

Another difference of SRT division from the direct paper-pencil method is that it could be possible to have more than one valid quotient-bit in each iteration. With the help of this flexibility, the precision of the lookup-table (PLA) can be dropped from full-precision $(2^{52} \times 2^{52}$ for double-precision numbers) to 10 bits $(2^3 \times 2^7)$. And this leads to a great benefit of area and delay. The derivation of the SRT algorithms formula is given below:

x - Dividend

- d Divisor
- Q[j] Quotient(at the j^{th} iteration)
- q_j j^{th} quotient-bit
- $\operatorname{Rem}[j]$ $\operatorname{Remainder}(\operatorname{at the} j^{th} \operatorname{iteration})$
- n Precision of the operands(also number of iterations)

r - Radix

The final result of a division must satisfy:

$$\frac{x}{d} - Q[n] = rem[n] < r^{-n}$$

So in every middle step, this inequality must hold:

$$\frac{x}{d} - Q[j] = rem[j] < r^{-j}$$

Multiplying both sides by d yields:

$$x - d \times Q[j] < d \times r^{-j}$$

Let's choose the reminder, W[j] as:

$$W[j] = r^j \times (x - d \times Q[j])$$

According to the above statement, two important properties:

$$W[j] < d$$
$$W[0] = x$$

In order to have a recursion independent of x, W[j+1] and $r \times W[j]$ are created.

$$W[j+1] = r^{j+1} \times (x - d \times Q[j+1])$$

- $r \times W[j] = r^{j+1} \times (x - d \times Q[j])$
 $W[j+1] = r \times W[j] - d \times \underbrace{r^{j+1} \times (Q[j+1] - Q[j])}_{q_{j+1}}$

The subtraction of those yields the main reccurence of SRT algorithm. The simplified last version is below:

$$W[j+1] = r \times W[j] - d \times q_{j+1} \tag{2.1}$$

The SRT radix-r division algorithm performs $\frac{n}{\log_2(r)}$ division steps, each corresponding to one iteration of the final recurrence. Moreover, each iteration consists of four subcomputations as follows [2]:

- 1. One digit (could be several bits, to be exact: $log_2(r)$ bits) arithmetic left-shift of W[j] to produce $r \times W[j]$.
- 2. Determination of the quotient digit q_{j+1} by the quotient-digit selection function.

- 3. Generation of the divisor multiple $d \times q_{j+1}$; and
- 4. Subtraction of $d \times q_{j+1}$ from $r \times W[j]$

Equation 2.1 is the main recursion of the SRT division. To summarize, r (which is a power of two) and W[j] (previous remainder) are multiplied, which can be implemented by only a shift operation. Next, divisor will be multiplied by the quotient-digit selected from the table (q_{j+1}) and the result is subtracted from the $r \times W[j]$. If the quotient-digitset is composed of numbers that are power of two, the multiplication of the divisor can be implemented with fast shift operations. Because the remainder is in redundant (Carry-Save) form, the subtraction can be managed in independent time of the precision of the operands. The magnitude of the final remainder, usually, is not very important. But the polarity of the remainder is important since it determines for the algorithm whether to run for an extra iteration or not. To get the polarity of the redundant final remainder, it is not needed to convert the number to its conventional form. There is a smart mechanism developed for finding the polarity of a redundant number without converting it to its conventional form. When the q_{j+1} s generated at every iteration are put next to each other, final quotient does not make a meaningful number. The reason is that q_{j+1} 's are in redundant form and need to be converted to conventional format. After q_{last} is found, it is a very time consuming operation to convert Q[n] to its conventional form and round it. The reason for the time consuming conversion is that positive and negative components of Q[n] needs to be separated and summed together. Where else, on-the-fly conversion and rounding algorithm basically does the conversion and rounding not after q_{last} is found, but instead it generates the converted Q[n] during the division process continues and while q_{j+1} 's are being found. This way, by the time q_{last} is generated, converted form of Q[n] is ready as well. This means a full-precision addition is being avoided at each iteration.

Radix-r, in a way, is simulating a base-r number using base-2 digits. There can be more than one valid combination for simulating a radix-r number. Because there is no uniqueness, these kind of numbers are called *Redundant*. A radix-r digit-set consists of symmetric positive and negative numbers. The negative number symbols are showed with a bar on the top. The greatest radix-r digit can be in between a = r - 1 and $a = \frac{r}{2}$, inclusive as shown in Table 2.2. For the radix-4 and a=2 case, two numbers having different digits

a	Quotient Digit Set	Property
2	$\{\overline{2},\overline{1},0,1,2\}$	Minimally Redundant
3	$\{\overline{3},\overline{2},\overline{1},0,1,2,3\}$	Maximally Redundant

Table 2.2: Possible Radix-4 Quotient Digit Sets

can have the same value as shown below. If a was equal to 3, there would be many more distinct numbers having the same values than a to be equal to 2.

$$1\overline{1}\overline{2} = 1 \times 16 - 1 \times 4 - 2 \times 1 = 10$$
$$022 = 0 \times 16 + 2 \times 4 + 2 \times 1 = 10$$

This property of the redundant numbers leads to a remarkable benefit in SRT division. For generation of q_{j+1} , the number of bits to extract from W[j] (remainder) drops from full precision to just some small number of left most bits. As the radix increases this small number gets bigger but never approaches the full precision. For the case of r = 4 and a = 2only left most 7 bits of W[j] and left most 3 bits of the divisor are enough. These two numbers are outcomes of quotient digit selection function derivations. At the end, these derivations can be visually shown in graphics called P-D Plots. First, a certain P-D plot is decided according to the *radix* and *a* choices, and then it is implemented in a PLA. So in the digital design, a small PLA is doing the Quotient-digit-selection functions job (table look-up service). As seen in Figure 2.5, different colored boxes correspond to different quotient-digits. The pair of neighboring diagonal lines around the color separation area defines the overlap regions. These overlap regions are directly the outcome of the use of redundant quotient-digit-set. The quotient-digit-selection can be made with any two values that are touching the overlap area. This flexibility leads the P-D plot to be quantized with bigger terms, hence letting it to reserve less space. For instance, the y - axis of the P-D plot would have been divided in to 2^{52} if no overlap regions existed. Instead, the y - axisis only divided in to $2^7 = 128$ pieces.

Using conventional formats, a full-precision subtraction operation takes long time. But if one of the operands of the subtraction is kept in redundant form (i.e., carry-save format),

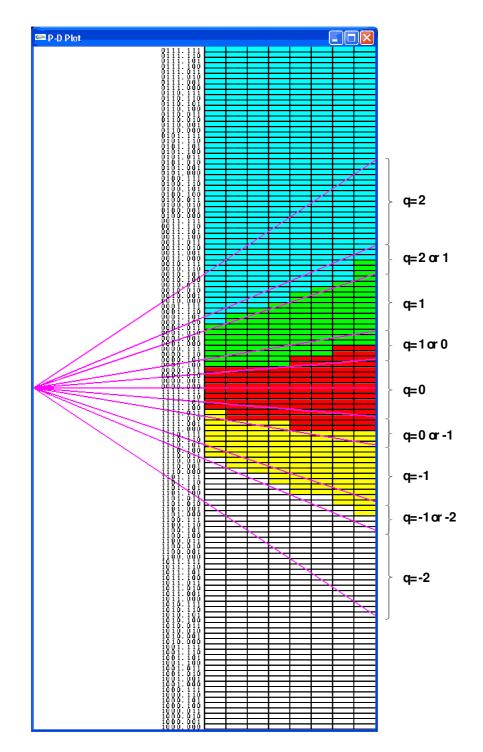


Figure 2.5: SRT radix-4 a=2 P-D Plot

then along with the other operand, all three can be summed with a 3-to-2 carry-save adder. Doing this saves us from a full-precision addition at every cycle, but brings an extra cost. The cost is doubling the hardware used for generating the subtraction operand which is decided to be in redundant form. The operand having less amount of hardware associated with it, will be the smarter choice for keeping in carry-save format. In SRT division, it is the $r \times W[j]$ since this component's generation only requires a full-precision multiplexor and a full-precision shifter. The two components of $r \times W[j]$: $r \times WC[j]$ and $r \times WS[j]$ along with $-d \times q_{j+1}$ will enter in to the 3-to-2 CSA to output WC[j+1] and WS[j+1]. When -d needs to be multiplied with a positive q_{j+1} , we need to take two's complement of the result. This requires for $1 - ulp(r^{-n})$ to be added to the inverted result which means a full-precision addition, but it can be avoided by a nice trick. $-d \times q_{i+1}$ will be entered in to the CSA along with $r \times WC[j]$ and $r \times WS[j]$ and one thing to note is the least significant bits of these two are always zero. The 1 - ulp which needs to be added to the inverted $d \times q_{i+1}$ can instead replace the zero at the least significant place of either one of the remainder's components. All these advantages make SRT division to be used in all our today's modern processors.

2.5 SRT Square-Root Algorithm

SRT square-root algorithm is composed of an iterative method. The cycle time of each iteration affects the overall delay time of the unit. At the first iteration, the left most bit of the result and at the last iteration, the right most bit of the result is generated [36, 46]. The formula derivation is as follows:

- x Number to be square-rooted
- s Square root of x
- S[j] Partial Result (at the j^{th} iteration)
- s_j j^{th} Square root bit
- $\epsilon[j]$ Error (at the j^{th} iteration)
- n Precision of the operands (also number of iterations)
- r Radix

$$s = \sqrt{x}, \qquad \frac{1}{4} \le x < 1, \qquad \frac{1}{2} \le s < 1$$

Final result S[n] is composed of square root bits $(s_0s_1\cdots s_n)$. Mathematically this yields:

$$s = S[n] = \sum_{i=0}^{n} s_i \times r^{-i}$$
 $s_0 = 1$

The final result of a square root operation must satisfy;

$$|x^{\frac{1}{2}} - S[n]| = \epsilon[n] < r^{-n}$$

So in every middle step, this inequality must hold;

$$|x^{\frac{1}{2}} - S[j]| = \epsilon[j] < r^{-j}$$

Taking the absolute value out;

$$-r^{-j} < x^{\frac{1}{2}} - S[j] < r^{-j}$$

Leave x alone in the inequality;

$$S[j] - r^{-j} < x^{\frac{1}{2}} < r^{-j} + S[j]$$

Square all sides to get rid of the power of x;

$$r^{-2j} - 2 \times S[j] \times r^{-j} + S[j]^2 < x < r^{-2j} + 2 \times S[j] \times r^{-j} + S[j]^2$$

Take $S[j]^2$'s to the middle;

$$r^{-2j} - 2 \times S[j] \times r^{-j} < x - S[j]^2 < r^{-2j} + 2 \times S[j] \times r^{-j}$$

Pick partial residual W[j] as follows:

$$W[j] = r^j \times (x - S[j]^2)$$

According to the above statement, an important property to keep in mind:

$$W[0] = x - S[0]^2$$
$$W[0] = x - 1$$

Plugging W[j] back to the inequality:

$$r^{-2j} - 2 \times S[j] \times r^{-j} < \frac{W[j]}{r^j} < r^{-2j} + 2 \times S[j] \times r^{-j}$$

Multiply all sides with r^{j} to get a bound on the partial residual;

$$r^{-j} - 2 \times S[j] < W[j] < r^{-j} + 2 \times S[j]$$

In order to have a recursion independent of x, W[j+1] and $r \times W[j]$ are created.

$$W[j+1] = r^{j+1} \times (x - S[j+1]^2)$$
$$- r \times W[j] = r^{j+1} \times (x - S[j]^2)$$
$$W[j+1] = r \times W[j] + r^{j+1} \times (S[j]^2 - S[j+1]^2)$$

In the above format, the recursion formula would be in no use since square operation to be implemented is hard. Using difference of two squares, above simplifies to:

$$W[j+1] = r \times W[j] + r^{j+1} \times (S[j] - S[j+1]) \times (S[j] + S[j+1])$$

Remember also that the next partial result is just the current result concatenated with next square-root bit.

$$S[j+1] = S[j] + s_{j+1} \times r^{-(j+1)}$$

Using this equality, recursion formula simplifies in to a more implementable format:

$$W[j+1] = r \times W[j] + r^{j+1} \times \underbrace{(S[j] - S[j+1])}_{-r^{-(j+1)} \times s_{j+1}} \times \underbrace{(S[j] + S[j+1])}_{2 \times S[j] + s_{j+1} \times r^{-(j+1)}}$$

Multiplying the new substitutes;

$$W[j+1] = r \times W[j] \underbrace{-(2 \times S[j] \times s_{j+1} + s_{j+1}^2 \times r^{-(j+1)})}_{F[j]}$$
(2.2)

What we have called F[j] is now in a suitable form which is ready to be implemented by just doing inversions and concatenations. The simplified last version of the main recursion of square-root algorithm is below. As seen, it is very similar to the recursion of the division. Implementations of these two operations are very similar as you will be seeing in next two chapters.

$$W[j+1] = r \times W[j] + F[j]$$
 (2.3)

So, to summarize this final recursion formula step by step:

1. An arithmetic left-shift of W[j] by $log_2(r)$ digits to produce $r \times W[j]$.

- 2. Determination of the result digit s_{j+1} using the square-root digit selection function Select.
- 3. Formation of the adder input by shifts, negations and concatenations

$$F = -(2 \times S[j] \times s_{j+1} + s_{j+1}^2 \times r^{-(j+1)})$$

4. Addition of $r \times W[j]$ with F to produce W[j + 1]. As in division, to have a fast iteration step, a redundant adder (CSA) is used for this addition. At the end, it will be necessary to convert the signed-digit form to 2's complement form by means of an on-the-fly conversion as discussed for division.

Chapter 3

DUAL-MODE SRT RADIX-4 DIVISION UNIT

3.1 Conventional SRT Radix-4 Division Unit

As stated in the previous chapter, SRT radix-4 division algorithm uses the following recurrence for each iteration:

$$W_{j+1} = 4W_j - d \times q_{j+1} \tag{3.1}$$

where, W_j is the partial reminder, or residual, W_0 is the dividend, d is the divisor, and q_j is the j^{th} quotient bits [36].

The number of iterations for n-bit division takes roughly $\frac{n}{\log_2(4)}$ stages. The quotient bits are selected by a quotient-digit selection (QDS) function, $q_{j+1} = \text{QDS}(4W_k[j], d_m)$ where kand m are the number of left most bits to be extracted from W[j] and d respectively. If the final residual W_n is negative, an additional correction step is required. In such a case, the divisor is added to the remainder and r^{-n} (1-ulp) is subtracted from final quotient. When the final quotient is updated, it is converted to the conventional representation. As a last step, the result is rounded. If on-the-fly conversion and rounding is used, then there is no need to spend extra time for correction step, conversion and rounding.

3.1.1 Quotient Digit Set

Using radix-4 leaves us with two choices for the digit set:

Maximally redundant:
$$q_j$$
: { -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3 }
Minimally redundant: q_j : { -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 }

Minimally redundant digit set means an easier divisor multiple generation and more complex QDS function whereas maximally redundant digit set brings an ease on the QDS and more complex divisor multiple generation. Minimally redundant digit set is used in this radix-4 design to avoid multiplying by integer 3. Multiplying d with q_{j+1} in minimally redundant digit set case, only requires some arithmetic shifts and negations [42].

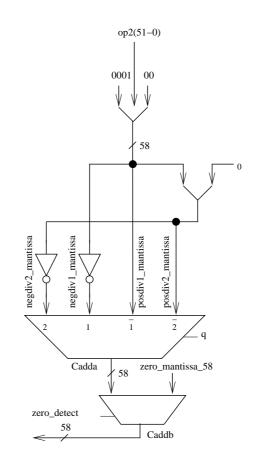


Figure 3.1: SRT Radix-4 Divisor Multiple Generation Unit

As seen in the Figure 3.1, the divisor's mantissa (posdiv1_mantissa) is multiplied by 2 (shifted left one bit) to get posdiv2_mantissa and then it is negated to get negdiv2_mantissa. In order to get negdiv1_mantissa, posdiv1_mantissa is just negated. For creating the negative of a two's complement number, addition by one is necessary along with the negation. Adding one to the negated number will take O(n) time and a nice trick to avoid this will be shown in section 3.1.3.

3.1.2 Quotient Digit Selection Function

QDS function basically chooses the right quotient digit at every cycle. The inputs to this function are the residual and the divisor. Using a redundant digit set brings the advantage of feeding the QDS with fewer precision of 4W[j] and d. The overlap regions of the quotient digits in the P-D plot in Figure 2.5 allow this nice efficient structure to occur. The efficiency is so great that the precision of the residual to be used for QDS drops from 52 to 7 bits and the divisor from 52 to 3 bits. Also now knowing that only the 7 most significant bits of the residual are needed to be computed, it will be smart to use a carry-save adder for the addition of $4W[j] + d \times (-q_{j+1})$. Residual, by the use of the CSA, will be kept in twice the amount of the registers and are named WC[j] and WS[j], corresponding to carry and save components, respectively. The only full addition will be performed by a 7-bit carry-lookahead adder before result is fed into the QDS [44].

$$W[j] = WC[j] + WS[j]$$
$$WC[j+1] + WS[j+1] = 4WC[j] + 4WS[j] + d \times (-q_{j+1})$$

Keeping the residual in carry-save format will not make it possible to read in conventional form without a full-precision addition. Luckily the partial remainder nor the final remainder is needed to be in the conventional form for finalizing the division operation. Only the sign of the final remainder is needed along with whether it is zero or not. Final remainder, WC[n]and WS[n] will not be fed in to the recurrence cycle back again since the quotient-bits are all ready for conversion. However, if the sign of the final remainder (WC[n] + WS[n]) is negative, divisor needs to be added to make it positive. And also, final quotient needs to be decremented by 1 - ulp. Adding the divisor to the negative remainder is not necessary since having the true, positive remainder is useless in most cases. Decrementing the quotient is, of course, essential and very easy to do since 1 - ulp less quotient is ready in the OTF (On-the-Fly Conversion and Rounding) unit at any time. The real work is to understand if remainder is negative or not. In order to find that, a full-precision addition of the carry and save components of the final remainder is not necessary. A simple algorithm which requires much less hardware than a full-precision adder is shown in Figure 3.2. This implementation is for understanding whether W[n] is positive or not. Final remainder's polarity will update the following values:

$$rem = \begin{cases} W[n] \times r^{-n} & if \quad W[n] \ge 0\\ (W[n] + d) \times r^{-n} & if \quad W[n] < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$result = \begin{cases} Q[n] & if \quad W[n] \ge 0\\ QM[n] = Q[n] - r^{-n} & if \quad W[n] < 0. \end{cases}$$

The table in Figure 3.3 shows the QDS function used for the conventional and dual-mode designs. The same QDS can be used for both double and quadruple precision divisions since both divisions use the same quotient digit set and in that case QDS is precision-independent.

3.1.3 Main Recurrence and Carry-Save Adder

Having the residual in redundant (carry-save) form saves great amount of time by avoiding a 52-bit full addition at every cycle of the division. CSA takes in 4WC[j], 4WS[j] and $d \times -q_{j+1}$ and outputs WC[j+1] and WS[j+1]. The payback of this advantage is only doubling a multiplexer, arithmetic shifter (used to multiply W[j] by 4). When the quotient bit is positive, the divisor multiple must be multiplied by a negative factor (-2 or -1). Previously shifting and negating has been explained but adding the necessary '1' for the correct complementing was left. The objective was to avoid a full 52-bit addition. Since two of the CSA's inputs are the partial residuals (4WC[j], 4WS[j]), it is obvious that the least significant two bits of these inputs are always zero. Placing '1' to the least significant bit of 4WC[j] when q_{j+1} is equal to 1 or 2 instead of adding '1' to the divisor multiple

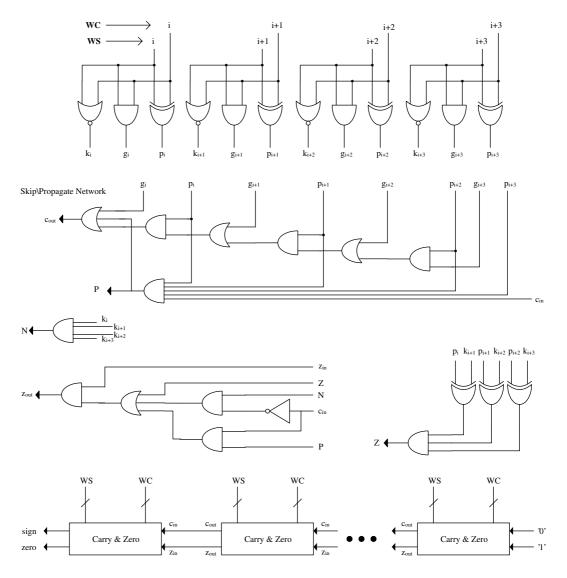


Figure 3.2: Sign and Zero Detection Network

divisor (53-51)	QTotal	q[k+1]
	10	0001
	01	1000
	1-00	0001
0	0-1	1000
	0-11	1000
00-	1-0	0001
0-0	1-0	0001
0	1-0-0	0001
-0-	1-0-0	0001
0	1-00-	0001
-0-	0-1-1	1000
0	0-1-1	1000
0	1-0-00-	0001
1	1110	0010
-1-	1110	0010
	11101	0010
1	0001	0100
	00010	0100
-00	0-11-	1000
-0-	0-111	1000
1	11011	0010
1	1110-1-	0010
0	00001	0100
000	011	1000
00-	0111-	1000
000	1000-	0001
000	100-0	0001
00-	10000	0001
111	1101	0010
11-	1101-1-	0010
0	111100-	0010
111	0010	0100
11-	00100	0100
1	001000-	0100
0-0	01111	1000
000	11110	0010
-11	110111-	0010
1-1	00100-0	0100
011	000-1	0100
-0-	000011-	0100
01-	000-10-	0100
0-1	000-10-	0100
01-	000-1-0	0100
0-1	111-001	0010
000	111-011	0010

Figure 3.3: PLA used for Quotient Digit Selection

makes no difference in terms of the output of the CSA. This concatenation is sufficient to save us from a full-precision addition at every cycle. In the cases of q_{j+1} being equal to 0, $\overline{1}$ or $\overline{2}$, there is no need for any concatenation since divisor multiple is already in correct form. The reason for that is, none of the three cases require two's complements, hence no addition with '1' is necessary.

Figure 3.4 shows the heart of the recurrence of the radix-4 SRT division unit. This logic is slightly modified when it is used for dual-mode division unit. At the beginning, MUX1 and MUX2 chooses either W[0] which is equal to the dividend or the partial remainder, W[j] $(j \neq 0)$. Selection signals for these two multiplexors are same and they trigger according to the state counter, j, being equal to zero or not. Dividend is then passed through MUX1 (MUX2 lets a 58-bit number composed of all zeros through, making the W[0] = WS[0] +WC[0] = dividend + zeros = dividend as it is supposed to be). In the next cycles of the algorithm, these multiplexer will let the partial residuals WC[j] and WS[j] pass through. Next, the residuals are multiplied by the radix (r=4). This is implemented by a two bit arithmetic left shifter. Meanwhile the divisor is multiplied by the quotient-bit received from the QDS function. Both the redundant residual and divisor multiple enters the CSA. Seven most significant bits of the residual's carry and save components (SumN4 and CarryN4) are added with the 7 - bitCLA. Then, along with the three most significant bits of the divisor's mantissa, output of the 7 - bitCLA feeds the PLA (QDS function). As the cycles pass, the quotient is outputted from the *PLA* digit by digit (most significant digit first). For the conversion, these bits are fed to the on-the-fly conversion unit. The reason flip-flops (latches, also the black triangles in the figures) exist in this design is that the algorithm for division is iterative and the same hardware is used in a cycle several times before the result is generated. Without the flip-flops, outputs of the CSA (SumN5 and CarryN5) could not be inputs to MUX1 and MUX2. Doing so would cause the circuit to enter in an infinite loop.

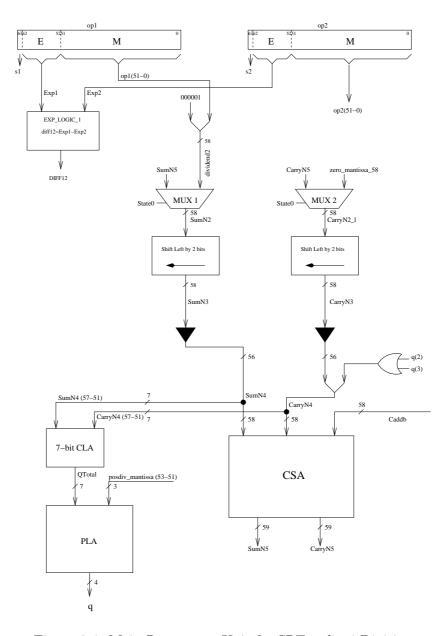


Figure 3.4: Main Recurrence Unit for SRT radix-4 Division

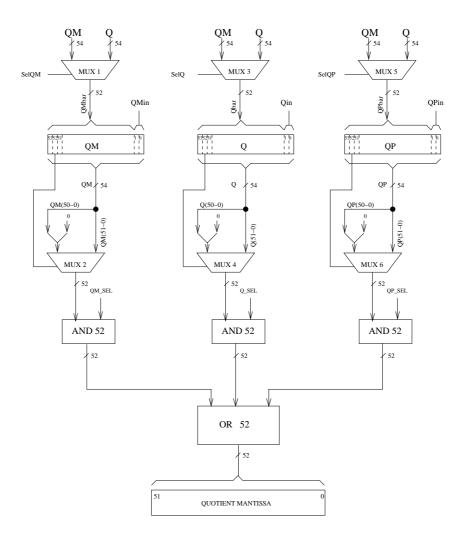


Figure 3.5: On-the-Fly Conversion and Rounding Unit

3.1.4 On-the-Fly Conversion and Rounding

What OTF conversion and rounding unit does is creating 2-bit signals, QMin, Qin and QPin from the quotient-digit selected and inserting those 2-bits in the trailing positions of QM, Q and QP registers accordingly. Heart of the on-the-fly conversion lies in these three registers QM, Q and QP which keeps three consecutive binary numbers, QP being the greatest and QM being the smallest one. At any time, QP is equal to (Q + 1ulp) and (QM + 2ulp). For updating, Q uses QM or itself depending on the quotient bit selected by the help of MUX3 in Figure 3.5. Same applies for the QM and QP registers. The multiplexors above the QM, Q and QP registers (MUX1, MUX3, MUX5) seen in Figure 3.5 are for this purpose. QP register keeps a number one ulp bigger than Q register for rounding. Since every redundant quotient bit produced generates two bits of the conventionally represented quotient, these multiplexors output only the 52 least significant bits. The details of the logic behind the updating rules can be found in [18]. The effect of this multiplexer-register loop is somewhat like the number in the register shifting to left by two bits at every cycle until filling the whole register with meaningful data. At the end of the last cycle, some bitwise operations are done to decide if Q, QM or QP is the final quotient. Nonetheless the mantissa needs to be normalized. If the 52^{nd} bit of the register is a 1, the remaining 52 (51 downto 0) bits are the normalized result. If not, the result is 51 least significant bits of the register and a least significant bit is computed according to the 52^{nd} bit, the conversion and rounding unit also outputs an one bit exponent_add_one signal which must be added to the exponent. Dual-mode on-the-fly conversion is a little bit more complex to implement considering no hardware is wasted in none of the modes and extra delay brought is only from a couple of multiplexors.

$$QP[k+1] = \begin{cases} Q[k], (q_{k+1}+1) & \text{if } q_{k+1} \ge -1\\ QM[k], ((r+1)-|q_{k+1}|) & \text{if } q_{k+1} < -1 \end{cases}$$
$$Q[k+1] = \begin{cases} Q[k], q_{k+1} & \text{if } q_{k+1} \ge 0\\ QM[k], (r-|q_{k+1}|) & \text{if } q_{k+1} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$QM[k+1] = \begin{cases} QM[k], ((r-1) - |q_{k+1}|) & \text{if } q_{k+1} \le 0 \end{cases}$$

q _{k+1}	QM[k+1]	<i>Q[k+1]</i>	<i>QP[k+1]</i>
2	Q[k], 01	Q[k], 10	Q[k], 11
1	Q[k], 00	Q[k], 01	Q[k], 10
0	QM[k], 11	Q[k], 00	Q[k], 01
-1	QM[k], 10	QM [k], 11	Q[k], 00
-2	QM[k], 01	QM[k], 10	QM[k], 11

Figure 3.6: On-the-Fly Conversion's Update Scenarios

These are the updating rules for the three consecutive versions of the quotient. Q[k] is the exact converted version of the quotient-bits. QM[k] and QP[k] are 1-ulp less and more than Q[k], respectively. Final result can be any of these three according to the rounding mode and final remainder. When a new quotient bit arrives, Q[k+1] is created by concatenating either q_{k+1} at the end of Q[k] or $r - |q_{k+1}|$ at the end of QM[k]. If the selected quotient-digit is negative, QM[k] is being used. QM[k+1] and QP[k+1]'s updating rules are in a similar manner. All the scenarios are stated in Figure 3.6. A comma (,) means concatenation in OTF related figures.

In Figure 3.7 a radix-4 on-the-fly conversion example is demonstrated. This example goes for 10 cycles, creating at the end a converted (to conventional format) 20-bit binary number. The states of all three registers can be seen at every cycle. Also a paper-pencil method to check the correctness of the OTF algorithm is shown. Implementing the paper-pencil method would require a costly full-precision (20-bit in this example) addition.

3.2 Dual-Mode SRT Radix-4 Quadruple Precision Division Unit

There are several design choices for the SRT division. Each of these brings an advantage on one part of the design while being costly on the other parts [16, 17]. Choice of the radix,

k	q-bit	QM (QMin)	Q (Qin)	QP (QPin)
0	2	01	10	11
1	1	1000	1001	1010
2	-1	100010	100011	1001 <mark>00</mark>
3	-2	100010 <mark>01</mark>	10001010	10001011
4	0	1000100111	1000101000	10001010 <mark>01</mark>
5	0	100010011111	100010100000	1000101000 01
6	2	100010100000 <mark>01</mark>	10001010000010	10001010000011
7	2	10001010000010 <mark>01</mark>	1000101000001010	1000101000001011
8	-2	1000101000001001 <mark>01</mark>	100010100000100110	100010100000100111
9	2	100010100000100110 <mark>01</mark>	10001010000010011010	100010100000100110 <mark>11</mark>

crosscheck:

radix-4 quotient:	2112002222		
positive parts:	2100002202	\longrightarrow	1001000000010100010
negative parts:	0012000020	→ _	_0000011000000001000

.

converted result same as Q[9]: 10001010000010011010

Figure 3.7: Step by step On-the-Fly Conversion Example

quotient digit set, residual format, and lots of other factors determine the overall speed and gate count of a division unit. In this work, the design choices are as follows: radix is four, quotient digit set is $\{2,1,0,\bar{1},\bar{2}\}$, residual is kept in carry-save format, and on-the-fly conversion and rounding is used [36].

Dual-mode quadruple precision divider supports both one quadruple precision and two parallel double precision division operations. The block diagram of the unit is shown in Figure 3.8. Basically, it consists of two conventional double precision division units, but the datapath of divider on the right is extended with additional two bits in order to support 118-bit datapath for quadruple precision. There are also additional multiplexors to ensure that both datapaths work together to support quadruple precision division. For example, Mux9 and Mux10 are used between the shifters and Mux12 is used between the CSAs.

When the divider is used for quadruple precision division, the quad signal is set and it is assumed that register pairs op1_left - op1_right and op2_left - op2_right hold input operands. A quadruple precision number consists of a 1-bit sign, a 15-bit biased exponent, and a 112bit mantissa [7]. Quadruple division takes fifty nine cycles. When this unit performs two double precision division in parallel, it is assumed that the first pair of input operands is hold in registers op1_left and op2_left, and the second pair of input operands is hold in registers op1_left and op2_left. A double precision number consists of a 1-bit sign, an 11-bit biased exponent, and a 52-bit mantissa [19]. Two parallel double precision division takes twenty nine cycles. A finite state machine (FSM) is designed to accommodate for dual-mode cycle counting. Since the design is fully sequential, same hardware can be used for different precisions only with different number of stages required.

The partial remainder in carry-save format, the output of CSA, goes to the 7-bit CLA in every iteration. The PLA takes as inputs the output of CLA and the divisor in order to predict the next quotient bits. CLA_2 and PLA_2 are not used when the operation mode is quadruple.

3.2.1 Main Recurrence

CSA_Left and CSA_Right in Figure 3.8 are used as a whole 118-bit CSA in the quadruple mode. A 1-bit multiplexor (Mux12) is used to get the possible carry-out from the CSA_Right

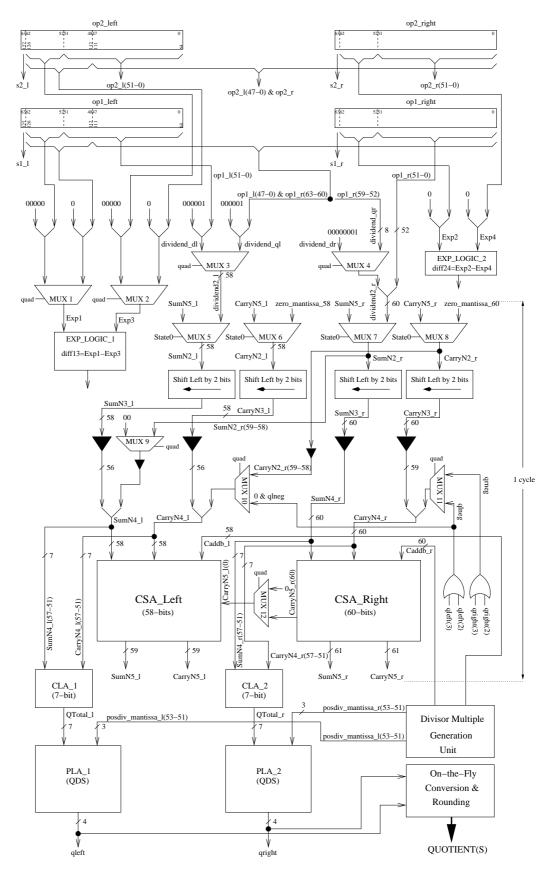


Figure 3.8: Dual-Mode Quadruple Precision Division Unit

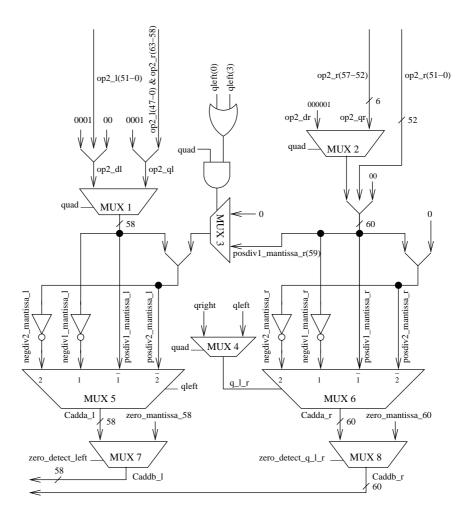


Figure 3.9: Divisor Multiple Generation Unit for Dual-Mode Quadruple Precision Division

and replaces it with the least significant bit of the carry-out of the CSA_Left. Similar method is used for multiplying residual W_j by four (shift left by 2 bits). Before multiplication (2bit left shift), two most significant bits of the sum and carry of W_j right (SumN2_r and CarryN2_r) are fed into Mux9 and Mux10. In quadruple precision mode, output of these multiplexors will replace the two least significant bits of the sum and carry of W_j left. Radix-4 SRT division requires seven bits of the residual and three bits of the divisor for the QDS. Therefore, only one QDS function is enough and the PLA_1 and CLA_1 pair are used for quadruple mode.

3.2.2 Generating Divisor Multiples

The unit shown in Figure 3.9 basically generates the divisor multiplies which will be added/subtracted from the previous residual to create the next residuals. Divisor multiple generation is not in the critical path. The divisor multiples (2d, d, -d, and -2d) can be formed by shifting. In order to generate -d and -2d, one's complement is obtained first. Since the least significant bit of the $4W_j$ is always zero, 1 - ulp is just concatenated to the least significant bit of the $4W_j$. This eliminates the carry propagation to obtain two's complement. Similar to the procedures in *Residual Creation*, additional multiplexors, Mux1 through Mux4, are used to generate divisor multiples for a quadruple and two double numbers.

3.2.3 On-the-Fly Rounding and Conversion

Basic idea of the on-the-fly conversion and rounding is to generate the conventional representation of the quotient from the radix-4 representation. In the dual-mode design, Q, QM, and QP registers are all divided into left and right blocks as shown in Figure 3.10. For instance, Q register is divided into 54-bit Qr (right) and 60-bit Ql (left) registers. Furthermore, additional multiplexors, Mux11, Mux14 and Mux23, are used to support both quadruple and two parallel double precision operations. Mux17 and Mux20 are used to normalize the right and the left halves of the result, respectively. Normalization is necessary when the magnitude of dividend's mantissa is smaller than divisor's mantissa. In such a case, resulting quotient's mantissa will be smaller than one and it needs to be shifted to the left by 1-bit. Mux20's selection depends on *quad* and the most significant bit of Qr and Ql registers. Mux20 is doing the exact same thing with Mux17, but in the quadruple precision mode, Mux20 needs to take selection bit of Mux17 into consideration. For instance, if 59^{th} bit of Ql is selected through Mux14 and Mux17, Mux20 should select the bits 58 through 0 to keep the whole 112-bit quadruple quotient in rigid form. Finally, according to the selection logic, one of three register pairs which keeps the rounded quotient is fed into the final result register.

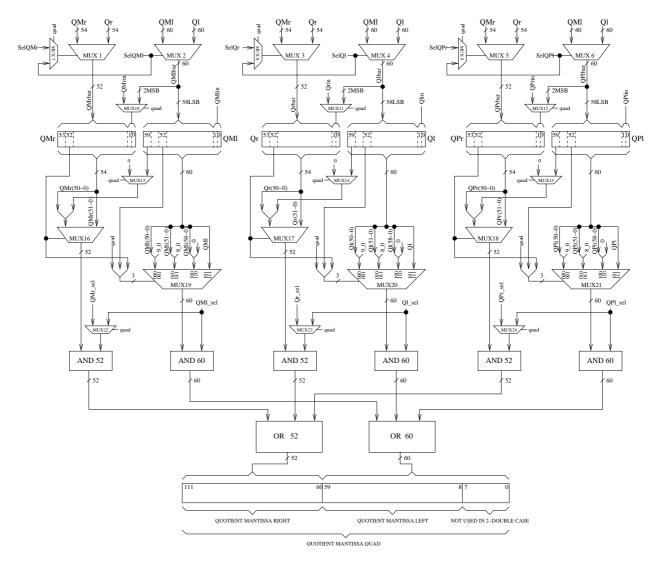


Figure 3.10: OTF Conversion and Rounding Unit for Dual-Mode Quadruple Precision Division

Design	Number of Gates	Delay (ns)
Conventional Double	$178,\!257$	3.61
Dual-Mode Double	212,854	3.92
Conventional Quadruple	428,783	4.21
Dual-Mode Quadruple	525,897	4.25

Table 3.1: Area and Delay Estimates.

3.3 Comparison of Synthesis Results

For comparison purposes, a conventional double precision, a conventional quadruple precision, and a dual-mode double precision division units are also implemented in VHDL and synthesized. The dual-mode double precision divider is similar to the dual-mode quadruple precision divider except that it supports one double precision and two parallel single precision division operations. The area and worst case delay estimates for all four dividers are shown in Table 3.1. The synthesis results are obtained with Mentor Graphics' LeonardoSpectrum synthesis tool and the TSMC 0.25 micron CMOS standard cell library. The TSMC 0.25 micron library has five metal layers and one polysilicon layer. The area is given in terms of equivalent gates and results are normalized, such that an equivalent gate corresponds to the area of a single minimum-size inverter. The dual-mode quadruple precision division unit requires 22% more area and only 1% more delay than the conventional quadruple division unit. Compared to the conventional double precision divider, the dual-mode double precision divider requires roughly 20% more gates and the worst case delay increases by 6%.

Chapter 4

DUAL-MODE SRT RADIX-4 SQUARE-ROOT UNIT

As in division, different specific versions of the SRT algorithm are possible, depending on the radix, the redundancy factor, the type of representation of the residual and the resultdigit selection function. Moreover, the implementation can be sequential, combinational, or a combination of both. Even pipelining can be used if preferred. For simplicity, square-root implementation uses the exact same design choices with the division shown in this thesis. The PLA (containing the result-digit selection function) used by the two operations are same as well. However, as will be seen in next section, additional logic gates are necessary for square root algorithm to share the same PLA used for division. Since square-root operation involves just one operand, the equivalent unit to *Divisor Multiple Generation* does not exist. Instead, *F Generation Unit* exists and it is the third input to the CSA in the main unit. OTF (On-the-Fly Conversion and Rounding) algorithm is embedded into the F generation mechanism since they have too much in common. Other than these natural differences of these two operations, the implementations are very similar. The similarities of the block diagrams (Figure 3.8 and Figure 3.4) proves this visually [36].

4.1 Conventional SRT Radix-4 Square Root Unit

4.1.1 Main Recurrence and Carry-Save Adder

$W[j+1] = r \times W[j] + F[j]$	\longrightarrow Square-Root
$W[j+1] = r \times W[j] - d \times q_{j+1}$	\longrightarrow Division

Main recurrence of the square-root algorithm is very similar to the division as seen in the above formulas. The only difference is the F component being used instead of the divisor multiple component. First, the operand's mantissa is put next to four '1's. The reason for this is that simple but first remember the formulas driven in Section 2.5:

$$W[0] = x - 1$$

and,

$$W[j] = WC[j] + WS[j]$$

therefore,

$$WS[0] = x - 1$$
$$WC[0] = 0$$

Subtracting '1' from a floating-point number which is smaller than one leaves the fractional part same but negates the part before the fractional point. This is the reason why four leading '1's are prefixed to op1(51-0) in Figure 4.1. At the next stage, SumN2 and CarryN2 are multiplied by 4 (radix) which is a left shift by 2-bit to create SumN3 and CarryN3. These two signals pass through 56-bit flip-flops (latches). These flip-flops hold an important job. Because both the division and square-root algorithms are iterative, all the unit blocks inside the implementation will have their updated outputs as their inputs many times. If not passed through a latch, an infinite loop might occur and timing difficulties arise. When such a mistake is done and tried to be simulated, an error occurs. The outputs of these flip-flops SumN4 and CarryN4 are basically the previous cycles' SumN3 and CarryN3. So latches bring an extra cycle to the implementation and the FSM is designed to accommodate this extra delay. Most significant 7-bit of SumN4 and CarryN4 are added with CLA and the result is fed into result-digit selection PLA. Full precision SumN4 and CarryN4 are input of the CSA. PLA's result s_{j+1} is fed into F generation unit and F is fed into the CSA as well. At this stage, the new residuals are found and these steps are carried out 29 times for calculating square-root of double precision operand. At every cycle, one digit of the result is being computed. F generation unit takes care of converting these redundant radix-4 result-digits to conventional form. Each radix-4 result-digit is converted to two binary-bits. Details of how F is generated is shown in F Generation Unit's section.

4.1.2 Result-Digit Selection Function

The same PLA shown in Figure 3.3 and Figure 2.5 is used for square-root too. Notice however that in division, PLA's 3-bit input was the most significant 3-bit of the divisor

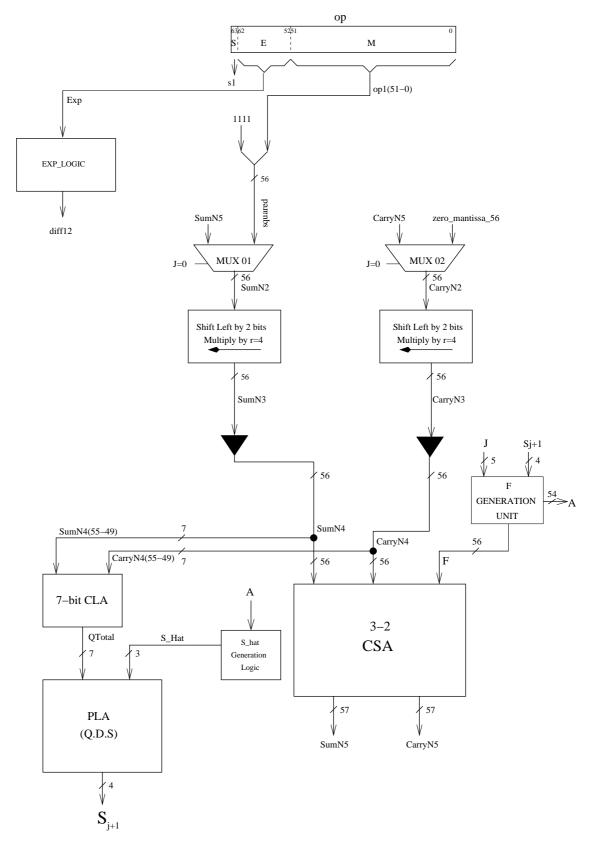


Figure 4.1: Square-Root Main Unit

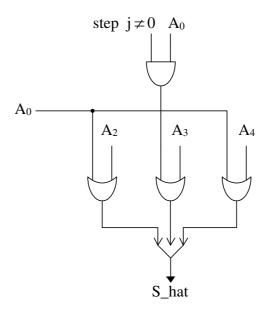


Figure 4.2: Square-Root S_hat Generation Logic

which is a constant value throughout the algorithm. In square-root implementation, there is a new block called S_hat generation logic. The input to the result-digit selection function is a three-bit value which is determined according to S[j] and j. Figure 4.2 shows inside of the S_hat generation logic. Signals A_0 through A_4 are the most significant bits of the current result. These signals are necessary for the division's PLA to work perfectly for square-root as well. S_hat signal is generated using these signals and then fed into the PLA. The details on deriving this logic is explained in [2]. Basically the only difference in result-digit selection logic which effects the use of the same PLA is at the first three iterations of the square-root algorithm. Using S_hat logic makes it possible to use the same PLA used for division in order to get correct values from the PLA in the first three cycles of the square-root algorithm.

4.1.3 F-Generation Unit

$$A[j] = S[j]$$
$$B[j] = S[j] - r^{-j}$$

For $s_{j+1} > 0$:

$$F = -(2 \times A[j] + s_{j+1} \times r^{-(j+1)}) \times s_{j+1}$$

For $s_{j+1} < 0$:

$$F = (2B[j] + (2 \times r - |s_{j+1}|) \times r^{-(j+1)}) \times |s_{j+1}|$$

Note that these last two expressions are obtained by concatenation and multiplication by a radix-r digit. Since minimally-redundant radix-4 result-digit set is being used, the multiplications are just arithmetic shifts. As seen in Table 4.1, the values of F[j] are extracted from these two equalities. Plugging, r equals four and different result-digits to the formulas above will yield the values stated in the table. Bit-String column in Table 4.1 is the implementation view of F[j]. What the F generation unit in Figure 4.3 does is updating A[j]and B[j] at every cycle accordingly using MUXXX01 through MUXXX03 and MUX01through MUX03. If result-digit is '1' negating A[j] and concatenating '111' at the end. If result-digit is '2', shifting negated A[j] left once and then concatenating '1100'. If result digit is negative, for instance '-1', B[j] only needs to be concatenated by '111' without being negated. Finally, if the result-digit selected is '-2', B[j] needs to be shifted left by 1-bit and then concatenated by '1100'. Concatenations are done with the help of AND54, XOR54, REG58 and REG59 units. The F Generation unit in Figure 4.3 holds about twice the area of on-the-fly conversion and rounding unit of division because in square-root, F generation unit is responsible of both generating F and also doing on-the-fly conversion.

4.1.4 On-the-Fly Conversion and Rounding

As stated before, on-the-fly conversion and rounding is embedded into the F generation unit. For generating F, the values of S[j] which is same as A[j] is necessary and it is a good idea to combine these two units into one. B[j], A[j] and C[j] are three consecutive numbers going from smallest to biggest. Figure 4.3 shows the details of on-the-fly (OTF) conversion and F-generation. As an example, A[j]'s creation can be explained. According to the polarity of s_{j+1} , MUX01 lets either A[j] or B[j] to the output signal to be named Abar.

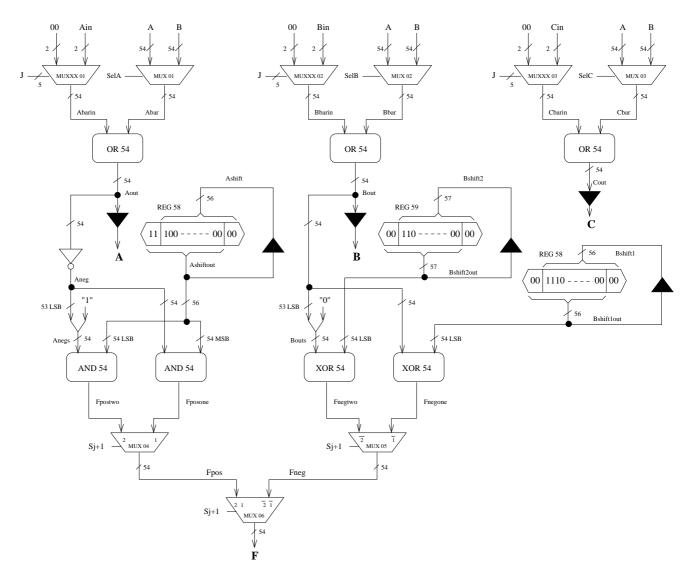


Figure 4.3: A Combined F generation and OTF Unit for Square-Root

	$\mathrm{F}[\mathrm{j}]$			
s_{j+1}	Value	Value	Bit-String	
	(in terms of $S[j]$)	(in terms of $A[j]$ and $B[j]$)		
-2	$4S[j] - 4 \times 4^{-(j+1)}$	$4B[j] + 12 \times 4^{-(j+1)}$	$b \cdots b 1100$	
-1	$2S[j] - 4^{-(j+1)}$	$2B[j] + 7 \times 4^{-(j+1)}$	$b \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot bb111$	
0	0	0	000000	
1	$-2S[j] - 4^{-(j+1)}$	$-2A[j] - 4^{-(j+1)}$	$\overline{a} \cdots \overline{aa} 111$	
2	$-4S[j] - 4 \times 4^{-(j+1)}$	$-4A[j] - 4 \times 4^{-(j+1)}$	$\overline{a}\cdots\overline{a}1100$	

Table 4.1: F Generation Scenarios

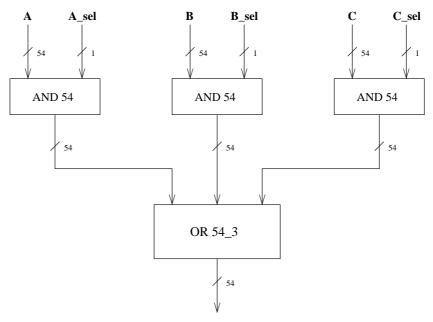
MUXXX01 is a special multiplexor outputting a fifty-four bit number and inputting two bit numbers. The selection signal in this case is five bits. Basically this multiplexor which is different than the conventional ones puts Ain in the j^{th} position of the output, Abarin. The remaining bits are all '00's which was the first input of MUXXX01. Abarin and Abarare ORed so that Ain is concatenated at the end of A[j] or B[j] in order to output A[j+1]. The reason why there is a flip-flop is because A[j+1] is fed into MUX01 back again and a "zero delay oscillation" is being avoided by using the system clock. The updating rules defined below are implemented with these multiplexors, OR gates and flip-flops. A[j] and B[j] are used for generating F[j] as explained in Section 4.1.3.

$$C[k+1] = \begin{cases} A[k], (s_{k+1}+1) & \text{if } s_{k+1} \ge -1 \\ B[k], ((r+1)-|s_{k+1}|) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$A[k+1] = \begin{cases} A[k], s_{k+1} & \text{if } s_{k+1} \ge 0\\ B[k], (r-|s_{k+1}|) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$B[k+1] = \begin{cases} A[k], (s_{k+1}-1) & \text{if } s_{k+1} \ge 1 \\ B[k], ((r-1)-|s_{k+1}|) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Conversion in square-root is same with division, but the implementation is different in square-root because A[j] and B[j] are further used to generate another value, F[j]. Rounding is done by just looking at the last result-digit, final remainder and deciding which one of



Rounded Square Root

Figure 4.4: Square-Root Result from the OTF

the three registers, A[j], B[j] and C[j] is the final square-root result. Implementation of this is shown in Figure 4.4

4.2 Dual-Mode Quadruple Precision SRT Radix-4 Square-Root Unit

Dual-mode quadruple precision square-root unit supports both one quadruple precision and two parallel double precision square-root operations. The block diagram of the unit is shown in Figure 4.5. Basically, it consists of two conventional double precision square-root units as shown in Figure 3.8, but the datapath of the unit on the right is extended with additional four bits and the unit on the left with additional two bits in order to support 118-bit datapath for quadruple precision. There are also additional multiplexors to ensure that both the left and right datapaths work together as a whole unit to support quadruple precision division. For example, Mux9 and Mux10 are used between the shifters and Mux12 is used between the CSAs.

When the square-root unit is used for quadruple precision operation, the quad signal is

set and it is assumed that register pair op_left - op_right hold input operands. A quadruple precision number consists of a 1-bit sign, a 15-bit biased exponent, and a 112-bit mantissa [7]. Quadruple square-root takes fifty nine cycles. When this unit performs two double precision square-root operations in parallel, it is assumed that the first input operand is hold in registers op_left, and the second input operand is hold in registers op_right. A double precision number consists of a 1-bit sign, an 11-bit biased exponent, and a 52-bit mantissa [19]. Two parallel double precision square-root operations takes twenty nine cycles. A finite state machine (FSM) is designed to accommodate for dual-mode cycle counting. Since the design is fully sequential, number of states does not affect the hardware used per cycle.

The partial remainder in carry-save format (the output of CSA), goes to the 7-bit CLA in every iteration. The PLA takes as inputs the output of CLA and the S_hat in order to predict the next quotient bits. CLA_2 and PLA_2 are not used when the operation mode is quadruple.

4.2.1 Main Recurrence

Workings of both the quadruple and two parallel double-precision square-root modes will be explained in this section. Block diagram of the main recurrence unit which does the resultdigit selection and partial remainder creation is shown in Figure 4.5. Finite-State-Machine is designed to handle both the modes according to the quad signal. If quad signal is set (which means square-root operation is done in quadruple precision mode), the algorithm will run for fifty-nine cycles. Otherwise, it will run for twenty-nine cycles to compute squareroots of two double precision numbers. How these numbers are found are as follows. For the double precision mode, the mantissa is 52-bit length and the *squared_dl* signal takes six leading ones as prefix in Figure 4.5. This makes $\frac{58}{lg_2(4)} = 29$ cycles as total. Right half is two-bits wider, 60-bits, and it does not make a difference in the number of cycles it has to run to get the correct result. The reason is that, both the CLAs inputs are SumN4_l(55-49), CarryN4_l(55-49) and SumN4_r(55-49), CarryN4_r(55-49). The bit positions of these pairs are the same and the most significant two-bit on the datapath of right side are not taken into account in the double precision mode. MUX09 and MUX10 are just used to pass '00's through because in double precision mode, after a left-shift of two-bit, the right-most twobit must be zero. These multiplexors are used to support quadruple-precision operation. The square-root result for the operand in op_left is computed using CLA left and PLA1. The right square-root operation's result bits are calculated with the right CLA and PLA2. The double precision mode can be seen as two double square-root datapaths put next to each other. The real challenge comes in when converting this datapath to work for also quadruple precision square-root operation as well.

Thinking of the two parallel datapaths as one rigid datapath, shift-left-by-2 units will damage the rigidness. Shift-left-by-2 units will pad two zeros at the least-significant-bit places of SumN3_1 and CarryN3_1. However, in the quadruple mode, at that bit position there has to be the most-significant two-bit of the SumN3_1 and CarryN3_1. MUX09 and MUX10 do this job in the quadruple precision mode. As explained before, the triangular shaped, black painted units are flip-flops and they play an important role on the functionality of the algorithm. Since the SRT square-root algorithm is iterative, the whole design is in a big loop. The output of CSA Left, SumN5_1 is also the input of MUX05. The output of MUX05 goes to several gates, at the end, arriving to the CSA Left. If the latches were not in the way, it would not be possible to arrange timing on the circuit. At every cycle, PLA1 generates s_{j+1} for the quadruple precision square-root operation. Second CLA on the right and PLA2 are not used in this mode. In order to use the CSA Left and CSA Right as a rigid CSA, the carry-out of the right CSA needs to be fed into the left CSA as a carry-in. MUX12 does this job for the quadruple precision mode. F-Generation unit supplies both the CSA's with appropriate F's. The details of this is in the next section.

4.2.2 F-Generation and On-the-Fly Conversion and Rounding

Generating the number F[j] is very easy once A[j] and B[j] are ready. Creation of A[j]and B[j] are done by the on-the-fly conversion unit. How this unit converts to dual-mode was shown in the previous chapter in Figure 3.10. Generating F[j] using these two values requires negation, shift and finally concatenation. The same F-generation principles in Table 4.1 applies for the dual-mode design as well. Implementation of these operations requires three registers which are updating themselves at every iteration. In dual-mode, these units get squared and a total of nine registers are required. How the original design is

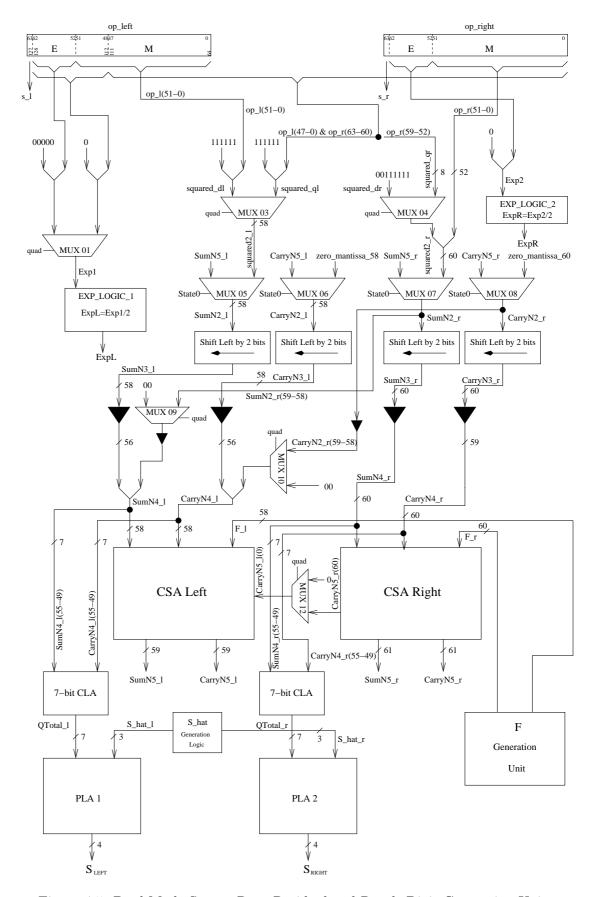


Figure 4.5: Dual-Mode Square-Root Residual and Result-Digit Generation Unit

Design	Number of Gates	Delay (ns)
Conventional Quadruple	497,625	4.61
Dual-Mode Quadruple	603,293	4.92

Table 4.2: Area and Delay Estimates.

turned into dual-mode for these registers are shown in Figure 4.6. Basically, if the mode is *quad*, The left and the right registers work as a whole, And when the mode is not *quad*, left and the middle registers go to the left and right double square-root operations individually. Since F-Generation module is more complex than the divisor multiple generation unit in division implementation, the area and delay results are a little bit worse than divisions. But the ratios of dual-mode to conventional are very similar to the ratios obtained for division. Since square-root is a more rare operation than division, this small drop in performance should not be a big problem.

4.3 Comparison of Synthesis Results

For comparison purposes, a conventional quadruple precision and a dual-mode quadruple precision square-root units are implemented in VHDL and synthesized. The area and worst case delay estimates for two square-root unit implementations are shown in Table 4.2. The synthesis results are obtained with Mentor Graphics' LeonardoSpectrum synthesis tool and the TSMC 0.25 micron CMOS standard cell library. The TSMC 0.25 micron library has five metal layers and one polysilicon layer. The area is given in terms of equivalent gates and results are normalized, such that an equivalent gate corresponds to the area of a single minimum-size inverter. Compared to the conventional quadruple square root unit, the dual-mode quadruple precision square root unit requires 22% more area and and have only 2% more delay.

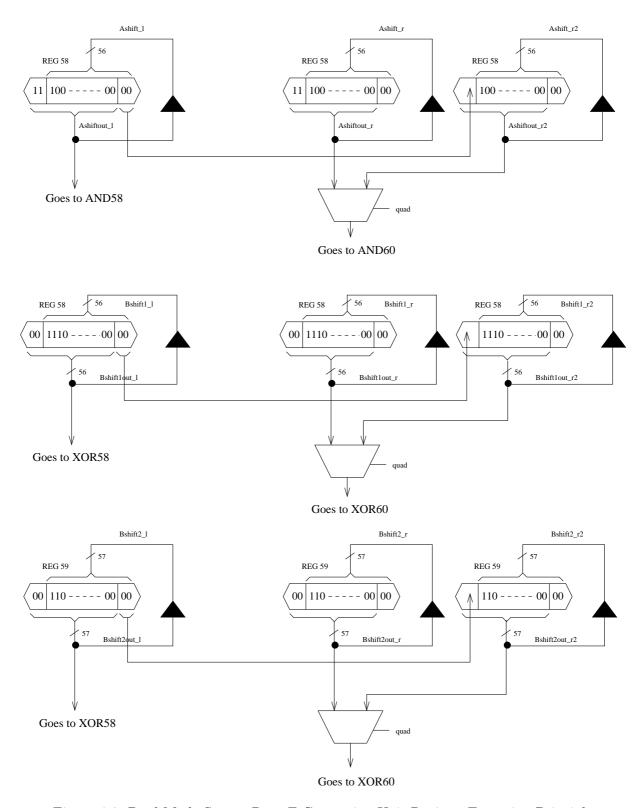


Figure 4.6: Dual-Mode Square-Root F-Generation Unit Register Extension Principle

Chapter 5

CONCLUSION

In this thesis, it is shown how a conventional double precision radix-4 SRT divider can be modified to design a dual-mode quadruple precision floating-point division unit. Also how a conventional double precision radix-4 SRT square-root unit can be modified to design a dual-mode quadruple precision floating-point square-root unit is explained i great detail in this thesis. These units support both one quadruple and two parallel double precision operations. The dual-mode quadruple precision floating-point division unit can perform either one quadruple precision division in fifty nine cycles or two parallel double precision division in twenty nine cycles. Same exact number of cycles apply to the square-root unit as well. The dual-mode quadruple precision division unit requires 22% more area and only 1% more delay than the conventional quadruple division unit. The same technique used to design the dual-mode quadruple precision divider is also applied to design a dualmode double precision divider that supports both one double precision and two parallel single precision operations. Two single precision division operations take fifteen cycles and one double precision division take twenty nine cycles. The dual-mode quadruple precision square-root unit requires 22% more area and 2% more delay than the conventional quadruple square-root unit. The correctness of all designs are tested for four different rounding modes specified by IEEE standard for floating-point arithmetic. The greatest advantage of dualmode units is to increase ILP for applications that requires lower precision operations.

Chapter 6

APPENDIX A

With the C division simulator coded, when the two numbers 0.456700 and 0.234500 are divided to each other, we get this step by step SRT radix-4 division algorithm's results. At the end of the simulation, computed result is compared with the CPU's own result. The name of the signals are exactly same as used in Figure 3.4.

1

caddb3 000000000

+

5

+

+

7

8

+

9

+

10

+

```
11
```

12

+

A13 101001011100001001111110011

B13 101001011100001001111110010

13

14

+

+

16

+

18

19

20

+

21

+

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27

+

+

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Chapter 7

APPENDIX B

With the C square-root simulator coded, when the number 0.65 is square-rooted, we get this step by step SRT radix-4 square-root algorithm's results. At the end of the simulation, computed result is compared with the CPU's own result. The name of the signals are exactly same as used in Figure 4.1.

1

+

 $B2 \ 01100$

F1 11100111

 $\mathbf{2}$

+

3

+

+

5

+

6

F 0011001110011100

+

7

+

8

+

9

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