

Lecture #10 – Instruction Representation II, Floating Point I



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There is one handout
today at the front and
back of the room!

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#9 bears win again! ⇒

**Marshawn Lynch ran
for 107 yds and a TD & Ayoob went
14-20. We won 28-0 and have
outscored 'zona 66-0 the last 2 yrs!
We visit #16 UCLA next week.**



Review...

- **Logical and Shift Instructions**
 - Operate on individual bits (arithmetic operate on entire word)
 - Use to isolate fields, either by masking or by shifting back & forth
 - Use shift left logical, `sll`, for multiplication by powers of 2
 - Use shift right arithmetic, `sra`, for division by powers of 2
- **Simplifying MIPS: Define instructions to be same size as data word (one word) so that they can use the same memory (compiler can use `lw` and `sw`).**
- **Computer actually stores programs as a series of these 32-bit numbers.**
- **MIPS Machine Language Instruction:**
32 bits representing a single instruction

R	opcode	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
I	opcode	rs	rt	immediate		
J	opcode	target address				



I-Format Problems (0/3)

- **Problem 0: Unsigned # sign-extended?**
 - `addiu`, `sltiu`, **sign-extends** immediates to 32 bits. Thus, # is a “signed” integer.
- **Rationale**
 - `addiu` so that can add w/out overflow
 - See K&R pp. 230, 305
 - `sltiu` suffers so that we can have ez HW
 - Does this mean we’ll get wrong answers?
 - Nope, it means assembler has to handle any unsigned immediate $2^{15} \leq n < 2^{16}$ (i.e., with a 1 in the 15th bit and 0s in the upper 2 bytes) as it does for numbers that are too large. \Rightarrow



I-Format Problems (1/3)

- **Problem 1:**

- **Chances are that `addi`, `lw`, `sw` and `slli` will use immediates small enough to fit in the immediate field.**
- **...but what if it's too big?**
- **We need a way to deal with a 32-bit immediate in any I-format instruction.**



I-Format Problems (2/3)

- **Solution to Problem 1:**
 - Handle it in software + new instruction
 - Don't change the current instructions: instead, add a new instruction to help out

- **New instruction:**

`lui register, immediate`

- stands for **L**oad **U**pper **I**mmEDIATE
- takes 16-bit immediate and puts these bits in the upper half (high order half) of the specified register
- sets lower half to 0s



I-Format Problems (3/3)

- **Solution to Problem 1 (continued):**

- **So how does `lui` help us?**

- **Example:**

```
addi    $t0, $t0, 0xABABCD
```

becomes:

```
lui     $at, 0xABAB
ori     $at, $at, 0xCDCD
add     $t0, $t0, $at
```

- **Now each I-format instruction has only a 16-bit immediate.**
- **Wouldn't it be nice if the assembler would do this for us automatically? (later)**



Branches: PC-Relative Addressing (1/5)

- Use I-Format

opcode	rs	rt	immediate
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- opcode specifies beq v. bne
- rs and rt specify registers to compare
- What can immediate specify?
 - Immediate is only 16 bits
 - PC (Program Counter) has byte address of current instruction being executed; 32-bit pointer to memory
 - So immediate cannot specify entire address to branch to.



Branches: PC-Relative Addressing (2/5)

- **How do we usually use branches?**
 - **Answer: `if-else`, `while`, `for`**
 - **Loops are generally small: typically up to 50 instructions**
 - **Function calls and unconditional jumps are done using jump instructions (`j` and `jal`), not the branches.**
- **Conclusion: may want to branch to anywhere in memory, but a branch often changes **PC** by a small amount**



Branches: PC-Relative Addressing (3/5)

- Solution to branches in a 32-bit instruction: **PC-Relative Addressing**
- Let the 16-bit `immediate` field be a signed two's complement integer to be *added* to the PC if we take the branch.
- Now we can branch $\pm 2^{15}$ bytes from the PC, which should be enough to cover almost any loop.
- Any ideas to further optimize this?



Branches: PC-Relative Addressing (4/5)

- **Note: Instructions are words, so they're word aligned (byte address is always a multiple of 4, which means it ends with 00 in binary).**
 - So the number of bytes to add to the PC will always be a multiple of 4.
 - So specify the `immediate` in words.
- Now, we can branch $\pm 2^{15}$ words from the PC (or $\pm 2^{17}$ bytes), so we can handle loops 4 times as large.



Branches: PC-Relative Addressing (5/5)

- **Branch Calculation:**

- If we don't take the branch:

$$PC = PC + 4$$

PC+4 = byte address of next instruction

- If we do take the branch:

$$PC = (PC + 4) + (\text{immediate} * 4)$$

- **Observations**

- Immediate field specifies the number of words to jump, which is simply the number of instructions to jump.
- Immediate field can be positive or negative.
- Due to hardware, add `immediate` to `(PC+4)`, not to `PC`; will be clearer why later in course



Branch Example (1/3)

- MIPS Code:

```
Loop:  beq    $9, $0, End
        add    $8, $8, $10
        addi   $9, $9, -1
        j     Loop
End:
```

- beq branch is I-Format:

opcode = 4 (look up in table)

rs = 9 (first operand)

rt = 0 (second operand)

immediate = ???



Branch Example (2/3)

- MIPS Code:

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      addi   $8, $8, $10
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      j     Loop
End:
```

- Immediate Field:

- Number of **instructions** to add to (or subtract from) the PC, starting at the instruction *following* the branch.
- In beq case, `immediate = 3`



Branch Example (3/3)

- **MIPS Code:**

```
Loop: beq    $9, $0, End
      addi   $8, $8, $10
      addi   $9, $9, -1
      j     Loop
End:
```

decimal representation:

4	9	0	3
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binary representation:

000100	01001	00000	000000000000000011
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Questions on PC-addressing

- Does the value in branch field change if we move the code?
- What do we do if destination is $> 2^{15}$ instructions away from branch?
- Since it's limited to $\pm 2^{15}$ instructions, doesn't this generate lots of extra MIPS instructions?
- Why do we need all these addressing modes? Why not just one?



Administrivia

- **Dan's Wed OH cancelled this week**
 - **Undergraduate Studies committee meets the same time (unfortunately).**
- **Homework 1 frozen**



Upcoming Calendar

Week #	Mon	Wed	Thu Lab
#6 This week	MIPS Inst Format II / Floating Pt I	Floating Pt II (No Dan OH)	Floating Pt
#7 Next week	MIPS Inst Format III / Running Program I	Running Program II (Proj 2 due)	Running Program (Proj 2 really due)
#8 Midterm week Sun 2pm Review 10 Evans	Exam Midterm 5:30- 8:30pm Here! (155 Dwin)	SDS I	SDS



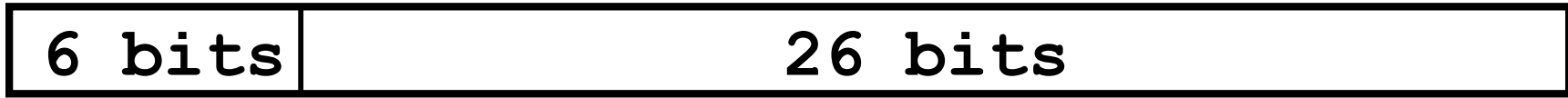
J-Format Instructions (1/5)

- For branches, we assumed that we won't want to branch too far, so we can specify *change* in PC.
- For general jumps (j and jal), we may jump to *anywhere* in memory.
- Ideally, we could specify a 32-bit memory address to jump to.
- Unfortunately, we can't fit both a 6-bit opcode and a 32-bit address into a single 32-bit word, so we compromise.



J-Format Instructions (2/5)

- Define “fields” of the following number of bits each:



- As usual, each field has a name:



- **Key Concepts**

- Keep opcode field identical to R-format and I-format for consistency.
- Combine all other fields to make room for large target address.



J-Format Instructions (3/5)

- For now, we can specify 26 bits of the 32-bit bit address.
- Optimization:
 - Note that, just like with branches, jumps will only jump to word aligned addresses, so last two bits are always 00 (in binary).
 - So let's just take this for granted and not even specify them.



J-Format Instructions (4/5)

- Now specify 28 bits of a 32-bit address
- Where do we get the other 4 bits?
 - By definition, take the 4 highest order bits from the PC.
 - Technically, this means that we cannot jump to *anywhere* in memory, but it's adequate 99.9999...% of the time, since programs aren't that long
 - only if straddle a 256 MB boundary
 - If we absolutely need to specify a 32-bit address, we can always put it in a register and use the `jr` instruction.



J-Format Instructions (5/5)

- **Summary:**
 - **New PC = { PC[31..28], target address, 00 }**
- **Understand where each part came from!**
- **Note: { , , } means concatenation**
{ 4 bits , 26 bits , 2 bits } = 32 bit address
 - **{ 1010, 11111111111111111111111111111111, 00 }**
= 10101111111111111111111111111111100
 - **Note: Book uses II**



Peer Instruction Question

(for A,B) When combining two C files into one executable, recall we can compile them independently & then merge them together.

- A. **Jump** insts don't require any changes.
- B. **Branch** insts don't require any changes.
- C. You now have all the tools to be able to "decompile" a stream of 1s and 0s into C!

	ABC
1 :	FFF
2 :	FFT
3 :	FTF
4 :	FTT
5 :	TFF
6 :	TFT
7 :	TF F
8 :	TTT



In semi-conclusion...

- **MIPS Machine Language Instruction:**
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- Branches use PC-relative addressing, Jumps use absolute addressing.
- Disassembly is simple and starts by decoding opcode field. (more in a week)



Quote of the day

“**95%** of the folks out there are **completely clueless** about floating-point.”

James Gosling
Sun Fellow
Java Inventor
1998-02-28



Review of Numbers

- **Computers are made to deal with numbers**
- **What can we represent in N bits?**
 - **Unsigned integers:**
0 to **$2^N - 1$**
 - **Signed Integers (Two's Complement)**
 $-2^{(N-1)}$ to **$2^{(N-1)} - 1$**

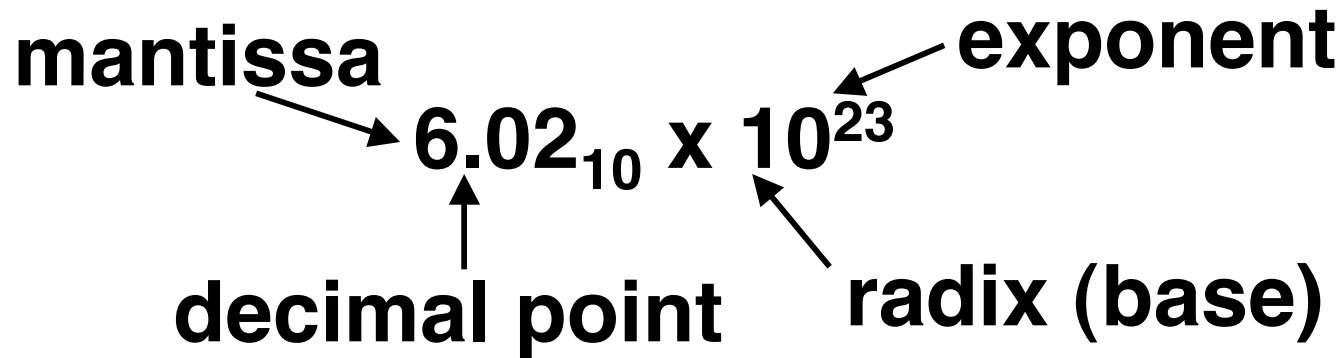


Other Numbers

- What about other numbers?
 - Very large numbers? (seconds/century)
 $3,155,760,000_{10}$ ($3.15576_{10} \times 10^9$)
 - Very small numbers? (atomic diameter)
 0.00000001_{10} ($1.0_{10} \times 10^{-8}$)
 - Rationals (repeating pattern)
 $2/3$ (0.666666666. . .)
 - Irrationals
 $2^{1/2}$ (1.414213562373. . .)
 - Transcendentals
 e (2.718...), π (3.141...)

 All represented in scientific notation

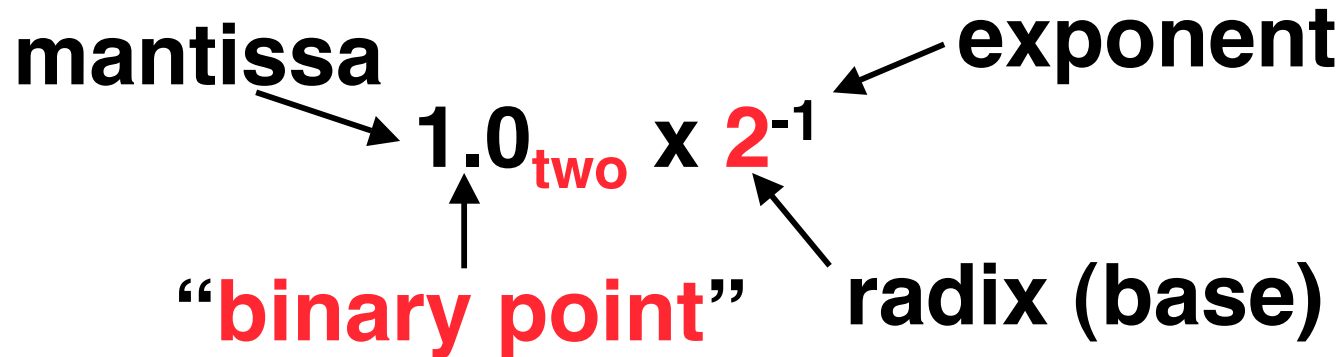
Scientific Notation (in Decimal)



- Normalized form: no leading 0s (exactly one digit to left of decimal point)
- Alternatives to representing 1/1,000,000,000
 - Normalized: 1.0×10^{-9}
 - Not normalized: $0.1 \times 10^{-8}, 10.0 \times 10^{-10}$



Scientific Notation (in Binary)



- Computer arithmetic that supports it called floating point, because it represents numbers where the binary point is not fixed, as it is for integers
 - Declare such variable in C as `float`



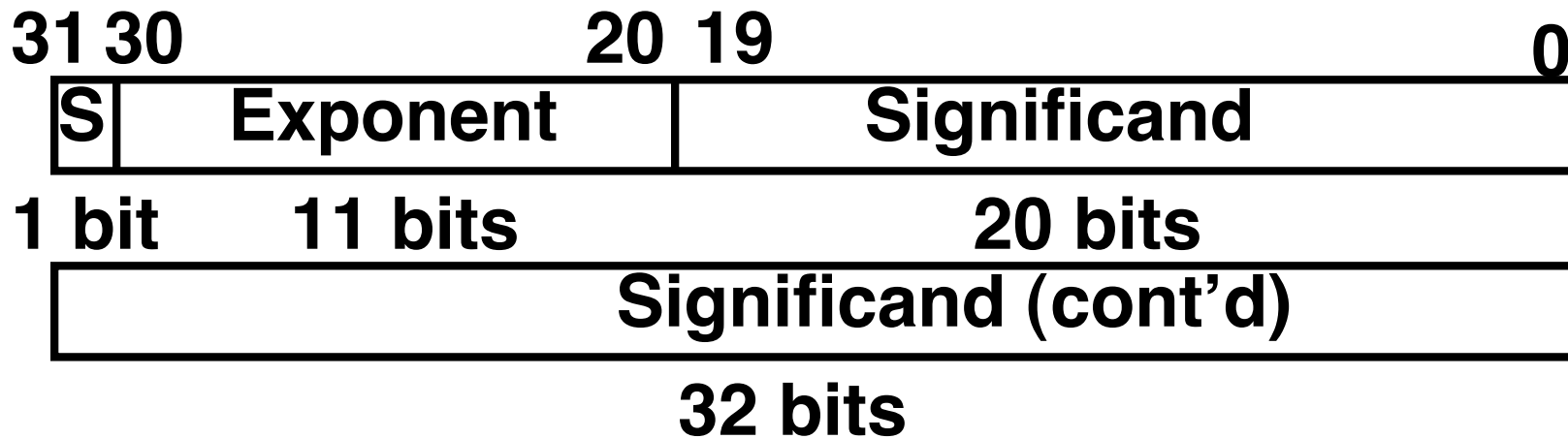
Floating Point Representation (2/2)

- What if result too large? ($> 2.0 \times 10^{38}$)
 - Overflow!
 - Overflow \Rightarrow Exponent larger than represented in 8-bit Exponent field
- What if result too small? ($>0, < 2.0 \times 10^{-38}$)
 - Underflow!
 - Underflow \Rightarrow Negative exponent larger than represented in 8-bit Exponent field
- How to reduce chances of overflow or underflow?



Double Precision Fl. Pt. Representation

- Next Multiple of Word Size (64 bits)



- Double Precision (vs. Single Precision)

- C variable declared as `double`
- Represent numbers almost as small as 2.0×10^{-308} to almost as large as 2.0×10^{308}
- But primary advantage is greater accuracy due to larger significand



QUAD Precision Fl. Pt. Representation

- **Next Multiple of Word Size (128 bits)**
- **Unbelievable range of numbers**
- **Unbelievable precision (accuracy)**
- **This is currently being worked on**
- **The current version has 15 bits for the exponent and 112 bits for the significand**
- **Oct-Precision? That's just silly! It's been implemented before...**



IEEE 754 Floating Point Standard (1/4)

- **Single Precision, DP similar**
- **Sign bit:**
 - 1 means negative**
 - 0 means positive**
- **Significand:**
 - **To pack more bits, leading 1 implicit for normalized numbers**
 - **1 + 23 bits single, 1 + 52 bits double**
 - **always true: Significand < 1**
(for normalized numbers)
- **Note: 0 has no leading 1, so reserve exponent value 0 just for number 0**



IEEE 754 Floating Point Standard (2/4)

- Kahan wanted FP numbers to be used even if no FP hardware; e.g., sort records with FP numbers using integer compares
- Could break FP number into 3 parts: compare signs, then compare exponents, then compare significands
- Wanted it to be faster, single compare if possible, especially if positive numbers
- Then want order:
 - Highest order bit is sign (negative < positive)
 - Exponent next, so big exponent => bigger #
 - Significand last: exponents same => bigger #



IEEE 754 Floating Point Standard (3/4)

- Negative Exponent?

- 2's comp? 1.0×2^{-1} v. $1.0 \times 2^{+1}$ (1/2 v. 2)

1/2	0	1111 1111	000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
2	0	0000 0001	000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000

- This notation using integer compare of 1/2 v. 2 makes $1/2 > 2$!
- Instead, pick notation 0000 0001 is most negative, and 1111 1111 is most positive
- 1.0×2^{-1} v. $1.0 \times 2^{+1}$ (1/2 v. 2)

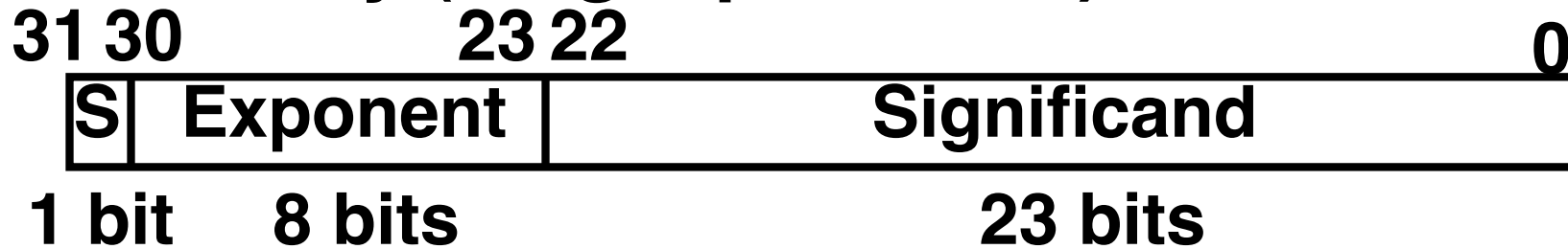
1/2	0	0111 1110	000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
2	0	1000 0000	000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000



IEEE 754 Floating Point Standard (4/4)

- Called **Biased Notation**, where bias is number subtract to get real number
 - IEEE 754 uses bias of 127 for single prec.
 - Subtract 127 from Exponent field to get actual value for exponent
 - 1023 is bias for double precision

- **Summary (single precision):**



- $(-1)^S \times (1 + \text{Significand}) \times 2^{(\text{Exponent}-127)}$
 - Double precision identical, except with exponent bias of 1023



Peer Instruction

1	1000 0001	111 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
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What is the decimal equivalent of the floating pt # above?

- 1: -1.75
- 2: -3.5
- 3: -3.75
- 4: -7
- 5: -7.5
- 6: -15
- 7: $-7 * 2^{129}$
- 8: $-129 * 2^7$



Peer Instruction Answer

What is the decimal equivalent of:



$$(-1)^S \times (1 + \text{Significand}) \times 2^{(\text{Exponent}-127)}$$

$$(-1)^1 \times (1 + .111) \times 2^{(129-127)}$$

$$-1 \times (1.111) \times 2^2$$

-111.1

-7.5

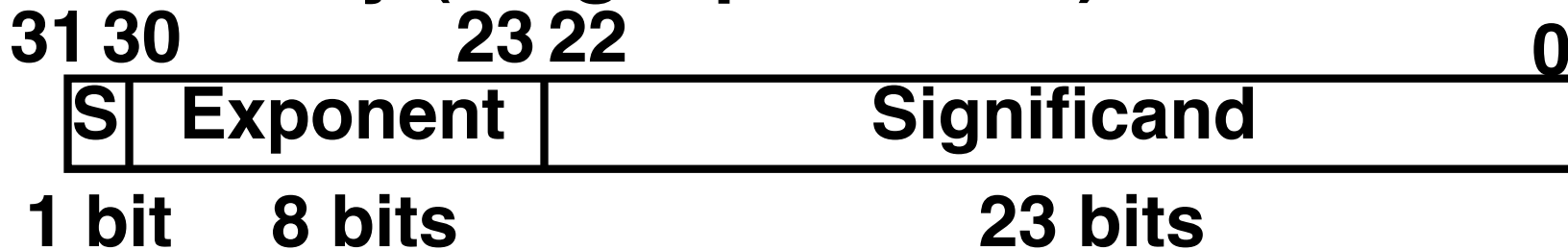
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3:	-3.75
4:	-7
5:	-7.5
6:	-15
7:	-7 * 2^129
8:	-129 * 2^7



“And in conclusion...”

- Floating Point numbers approximate values that we want to use.
- IEEE 754 Floating Point Standard is most widely accepted attempt to standardize interpretation of such numbers
 - Every desktop or server computer sold since ~1997 follows these conventions

- **Summary (single precision):**



- $(-1)^S \times (1 + \text{Significand}) \times 2^{(\text{Exponent}-127)}$



- Double precision identical, bias of 1023