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Optimizing Control Algorithms on the 'C5x



Abstract

In many control algorithms, a value that resides in the 32-bit accumulator must either be stored to a 16-bit memory location or to a peripheral device that may be less than or equal to 16 bits in resolution, i.e., 8-bit A/D converter. Prior to storage, a range check must be performed on the sign bit (S) and the guard bits (G) in the accumulator. For positive numbers within range of the desired value, $S = G = 0$ and for negative numbers, $S = G = 1$. If this is not the case, then overflow has occurred and the value stored must be saturated. Standard published code to perform this saturation can take up to 15 cycles. This overhead can be minimized using the technique shown.

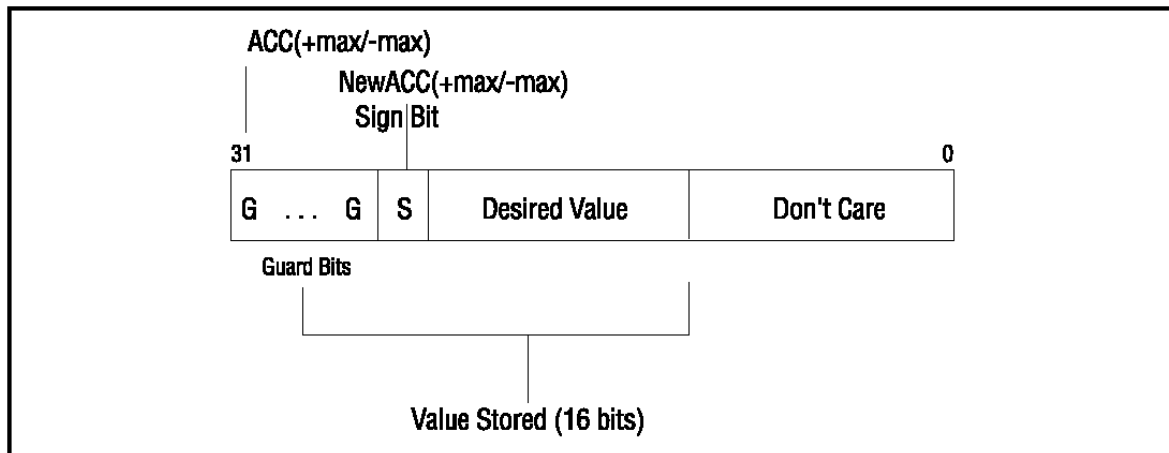


Design Problem

In many control algorithms, a value resides in the 32-bit accumulator that must be either stored to a 16-bit memory location or to a peripheral device which may be less than or equal to 16 bits in resolution, i.e., 8-bit A/D converter. Prior to storage, a range check must be performed on the sign bit (S) and the guard bits (G) in the accumulator. For positive numbers within range of the desired value, $S = G = 0$ and for negative numbers, $S = G = 1$. If this is not the case, then overflow has occurred and the value stored must be saturated. See Figure 1, below.

Standard published code to perform this saturation can take up to 15 cycles. How do you minimize this overhead?

Figure 1. Register Values



Solution

A technique for doing this operation that requires a minimum number of cycles is described below:

- 1) Calculate the difference (Diff) between the ACC positive maximum value [ACC(+max)] and the desired positive maximum value [NewACC(+max)]:

$$\text{Diff} = \text{ACC}(+\text{max}) - \text{NewACC}(+\text{max})$$

- 2) Make sure saturation mode is on (SOVM).

- 3) Execute the following instructions:

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ADDH Diff    ;Step 1
SUBH Diff    ;Step 2
SUBH Diff    ;Step 3
ADDH Diff    ;Step 4, Value to be stored is either
              ;saturated or unchanged if within range
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The above operation is shown in Figure 2, below.

Figure 2. Fast Algorithm Design

