

ECE 487 Homework I

1) Fixed-point signed integer

Range of numbers $\Rightarrow -2^{n-1} \leq x \leq 2^{n-1} - 1$

a) n-bit signed integer fixed-point

if $n=3$ $-2^{+2} \leq x \leq 2 - 1$ $A=4$ $B=3$

$-4 \leq x \leq 3$ $A+B+1=8$ numbers can be represented.

It means 2^n number can be represented by n-bit signed integer fixed-point.

b) 2n-bit signed integer fixed-point

2^{2n} numbers can be represented.

c) Ratio of b to a is $\frac{2^{2n}}{2^n} = 2^n$

2) Fixed-point n-bit signed fractional

Range of numbers $\Rightarrow -1 \leq x \leq (1 - 2^{-(n-1)})$

a) for n; Resolution is $\frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$, Precision is $\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \times 100\%$

for 2n; Resolution is $\frac{1}{2^{2n-1}}$ $\frac{1}{2^{2n-1}} / \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{2^n}$ times precision is increased.

b) for n+k; Resolution is $\frac{1}{2^{n+k-1}}$ $\frac{1}{2^{n+k-1}} / \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{2^k}$ times precision is increased.

c) for $n=4$. If we want to improve precision by a factor of at least 6, I choose to improve by 8, because 8 is a factor of 2^{something}. At $n=4$ resolution is $2^{-(n-1)} = \frac{1}{8}$ if we want 8 times better resolution it should be $\frac{1}{64}$
 $2^{-(?-1)} = \frac{1}{64}$ $?=7$

As a result, if we want 8 times ^{better resolution.} we should add at least 3 bit to n . Improving resolution 8 times is also same improving precision.

3) This question is same with question 1.

a) n -bit signed integer fixedpoint format can represent 2^n numbers.

b) $n+1$ bit represent 2^{n+1} numbers.

c) $2^{n+1}/2^n \Rightarrow 2$ with every bit, numbers doubled.

d) if we want quadruple range of numbers.

$2^{n+X}/2^n \Rightarrow 4$ $X=2$ we should add 2 bits.

4) In n -bit floating-point format representation, we use only mantissa bits for resolution, precision.

a) $\frac{1}{2^k}$ is resolution, $\frac{1}{2^k} \times 100$ is precision.

k = number
mantissa
bits.

b) if $k=4$	$\frac{1}{16} \times 100 \Rightarrow \% 6,25$	} 4 times better precision.
if $k=5$	$\frac{1}{32} \times 100 \Rightarrow \% 3,125$	
if $k=6$	$\frac{1}{64} \times 100 \Rightarrow \% 1,5625$	

With every bit precision betters two times ($2^{\text{added bit factor}}$)