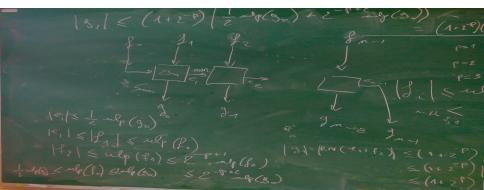
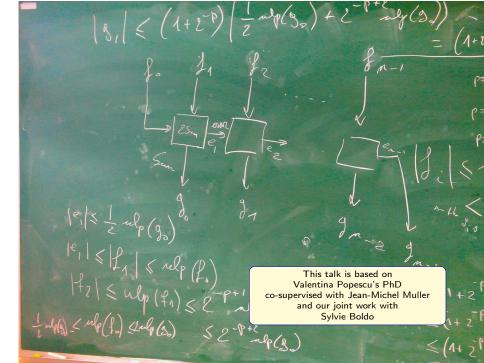
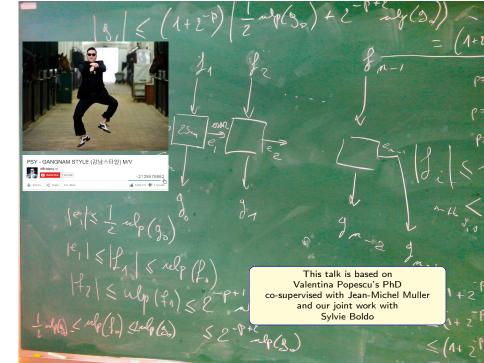
Multiword Arithmetic: Long-Standing Algorithms, Modern Challenges

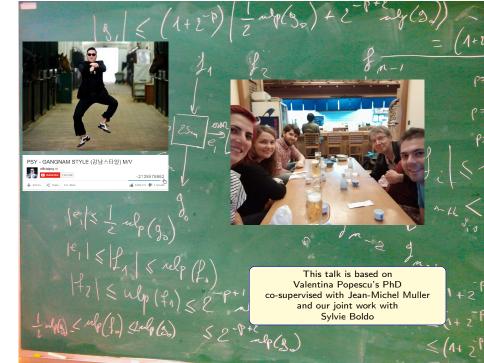
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A Growing Demand for More (and Less) Precision

AI / Machine Learning Accelerators

- Low-prec formats: FP16, bfloat16, FP8
- Optimized tensor cores (NVIDIA, Intel AMX, Google TPU)
- Focus on throughput, energy efficiency
- Increasingly used for mixed-precision algorithms

Scientific Computing / HPC

- High-precision needs: FP64 and beyond
- Uncertainty quantification, numerical stability
- Limited hardware support beyond double
- Software-based quad or arbitrary-prec libs

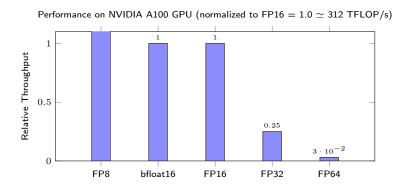


(e.g. NVIDIA A100, Google TPU)



(e.g. x86 CPUs, HPC nodes)

Hardware landscape is changing



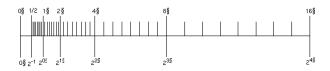
Hardware innovation has focused on low precision for speed, not on extended precision for accuracy.

Multiword arithmetic: combine low-precision words to reach higher precision flexibly

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Floating-point data



$$\mathcal{F} := \{0\} \cup \{\pm M \cdot 2^{e-p+1} : 2^{p-1} \le M < 2^p, e_{\min} \le e \le e_{\max}\}$$

- Base 2
- ullet Precision p
- ullet Exponent range defined by e_{\min} and e_{\max}

Assumption:

ullet $e_{\min}=-\infty$ and $e_{\max}=+\infty$ (unbounded exponent range)

Floating-point data (continued)

For any
$$x \in \mathcal{F} \setminus \{0\}$$
:

$$|x| = m \cdot 2^e$$
, $m = (*.*...*) \in [1, 2)$

Useful units

Unit in the first place:
$$ufp(x) = 2^e$$

Unit in the last place:
$$ulp(x) = 2^{e-p+1}$$

Unit in the last significant place:
$$\ \mathrm{uls}(x) \quad = \quad 2^k, \quad k = \max \left\{ \, i \in \mathbb{Z} \, \, \middle| \, \, x \in 2^i \mathbb{Z} \, \right\}$$

Unit roundoff:
$$u = 2^{-p}$$

Alternative views (structure of \mathcal{F})

$$x \in \text{ulp}(x) \mathbb{Z}$$

 $|x| = (1 + 2ku) \text{ ufp}(x), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F} \cap [1,2) = \{1, 1+2u, 1+4u, \dots\}$$

Rounding function

Define the round-to-nearest function:

$$\mathrm{RN}: \mathbb{R} \to \mathcal{F} \quad \text{such that} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \; |\operatorname{RN}(t) - t| = \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |f - t|$$

- If $t \in \mathcal{F}$, then $\mathrm{RN}(t) = t$
- RN is non-decreasing
- For a reasonable tie-breaking rule:

$$RN(-t) = -RN(t)$$

$$RN(t2^e) = RN(t) 2^e, \quad e \in \mathbb{Z}$$

• Error bound:

$$|\operatorname{RN}(t) - t| \leq \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{ulp}\left(t\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{ulp}\left(\operatorname{RN}(t)\right)$$

• Relative error bounds:

$$\frac{|\operatorname{RN}(t)-t|}{|t|} \leq \frac{u}{1+u}, \qquad \frac{|\operatorname{RN}(t)-t|}{|\operatorname{RN}(t)|} \leq u$$

Error-free transformations (EFT)

Floating-point algorithms for computing exact rounding errors:

• Addition:

$$x+y-\mathrm{RN}(x+y)$$
 can be computed in 6 additions (Møller'65, Knuth) and not fewer (Kornerup, Lefèvre, Louvet, Muller'12 – *Most inelegant proof award*)

Multiplication:

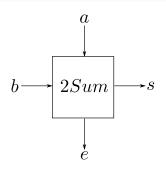
$$xy - RN(xy)$$

can be obtained

- in 17 operations (+ and ×) [Dekker'71, Boldo'06]
- or in only 2 ops if an FMA is available

$$\hat{z} := RN(xy) \implies xy - \hat{z} = FMA(x, y, -\hat{z})$$

EFT: 2Sum



Algorithm 1: 2Sum(a, b)

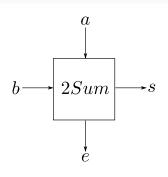
 $\begin{array}{l} s \leftarrow \mathsf{RN}\,(a+b) \\ t \leftarrow \mathsf{RN}\,(s-b) \\ e \leftarrow \mathsf{RN}\,\big(\mathsf{RN}\,(a-t) + \mathsf{RN}\,(b-\mathsf{RN}\,(s-t))\big) \\ \mathsf{return}\,\,(s,e) \end{array}$

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Let $a,b\in\mathcal{F}.$ Algorithm 2Sum computes $s,e\in\mathcal{F}$ s.t.

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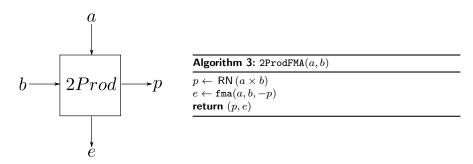
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If $|b| \ge |a|$ we can use Fast2Sum.

EFT: 2ProdFMA



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Let $a,b\in\mathcal{F}.$ Algorithm 2ProdFMA computes $p,e\in\mathcal{F}$ s.t.

- $p + e = a \times b$ exactly
- $s = \mathsf{RN}(a \times b)$.

Double-Word Arithmetic

- Fast2Sum, 2Sum, and 2Prod return unevaluated sum of two FP numbers.
- Perform more accurate calculations in critical parts of a numerical program.
- Leads to double-word or double-double arithmetic [Dekker, 1971], [Hida, Li, and Bailey], [Briggs],...
- One of most recent forms: pair arithmetic [Rump and Lange, 2020].

Double-word (DW)

A double-word (DW) number x is the unevaluated sum $x_h + x_\ell$ of two FP numbers x_h and x_ℓ such that

$$x_h = \mathsf{RN}\left(x\right)$$

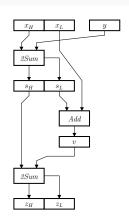
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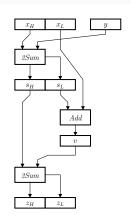
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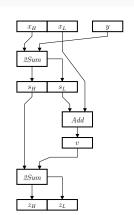
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When the signs of x_h and y agree, the relative error is bounded by 2^{-2p} [Lefèvre, Louvet, Muller, Picot,

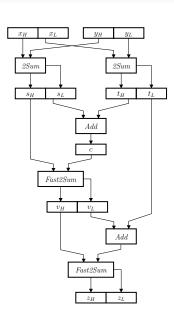
AccurateDWPlusDW Algorithm [Li et al., 2000]

Algorithm DWPlusDW

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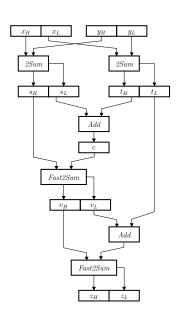
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- ullet An example was found with error $pprox 2.25 u^2$
- When formalizing [MullerRideau2022], minor error found in the pen and paper proof



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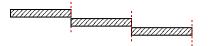
Definition

A multiword number (or floating-point expansion) represents a real number as an unevaluated sum of standard floating-point words:

$$u = u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_{n-1},$$

with components ordered by magnitude and non-overlapping

$$|u_{i+1}| \leq \operatorname{Func}(u_i).$$





- Each term u_i is a standard / hardware float (e.g., double)
- The higher terms capture rounding residuals from lower ones
- Typical cases: double-double (2 words), triple-double (3 words)

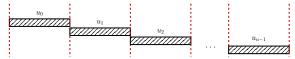
[Dekker '71, Knuth '97, Priest '92]

Wobbling Precision: Multi-word vs Multi-digit Representations

- Multiple-digit representation (fixed precision):
 - long mantissa + a single shared exponent
 - arithmetic is correctly rounded and IEEE 754 compatible
 - implemented in arbitrary-precision libraries such as GNU MPFR

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- Multiple-word representation (wobbling precision):
 - unevaluated sum of several FP words
 - overall precision can wobble slightly depending on rounding and overlap
 - used in libraries such as QD, CAMPARY



Example: p = 5 (radix 2)

The real number $R = 1.11010011_2 \times 2^{-1}$ can be represented in several ways:

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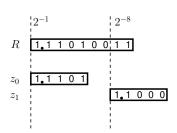
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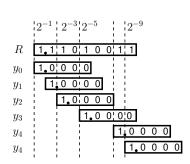


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$$R = y_0 + y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5$$
:
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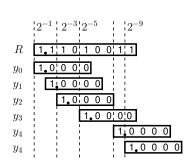


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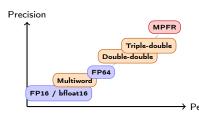
To convey more information \Longrightarrow non-overlapping representation

 \Longrightarrow requires (re)normalization algorithms

Why It Matters

Scientific and Engineering Context

- Precision gap: applications which require more than 53 bits, but MPFR may be too slow
- Examples:
 - Long-time simulations (weather, long time iterations in dynamical systems)
 - III-conditioned linear algebra
- Leveraging hardware-compatible, tunable precision.



Multiword arithmetic bridges the gap between standard hardware and full arbitrary precision

Specification issues

- Each variant (Dekker, Knuth, Priest, etc.) has subtle non-overlapping rules
- Correctness proofs and tight error bounds are non-trivial but essential

Nonoverlapping representations

PNonoverlap (Priest's definition)

For an expansion $u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_{n-1}$, we have $|u_i| < \mathsf{ulp}(u_{i-1})$ for all 0 < i < n.



UlpNonoverlap (Relaxed Priest's definition)

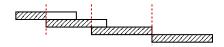
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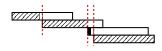
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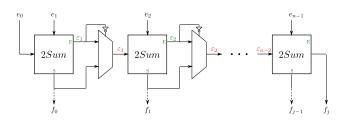


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VecSumErrBranch



Algorithm 4: VecSumErrBranch

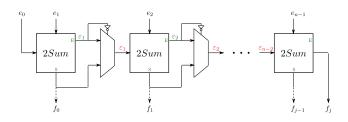
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\begin{array}{l} \text{Input: } (e_0,\ldots,e_{n-1}) \\ \text{Output: } (f_0,\ldots,f_{j-1}) \\ j=0 \\ \varepsilon_0=e_0 \\ \text{for } i\leftarrow 1 \text{ to } n-1 \text{ do} \\ & \left|\begin{array}{c} (s_i,\varepsilon_i)\leftarrow 2\mathsf{Sum}(\varepsilon_{i-1},e_i) \\ \text{if } \varepsilon_i\neq 0 \text{ then} \\ & \left|\begin{array}{c} f_j=s_i \\ j=j+1 \\ \text{else} \\ & \left|\begin{array}{c} \varepsilon_i=s_i \\ \end{array}\right. \end{array} \right| \\ \text{return } (f_0,\ldots,f_{j-1}) \end{array}
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• Error free summation:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} e_i = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} f_k$$

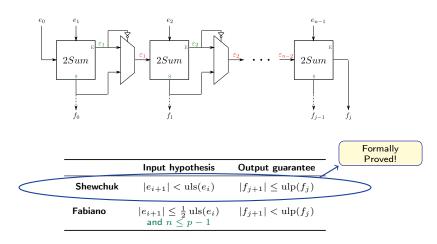
 carries are propagated to the right

Input vs. Output Non-Overlapping in VecSumErrBranch



	Input hypothesis	Output guarantee
Shewchuk	$ e_{i+1} < \operatorname{uls}(e_i)$	$ f_{j+1} \le \text{ulp}(f_j)$
Fabiano	$\begin{array}{c} e_{i+1} \leq \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{uls}(e_i) \\ \text{and } n \leq p-1 \end{array}$	$ f_{j+1} < \mathrm{ulp}(f_j)$

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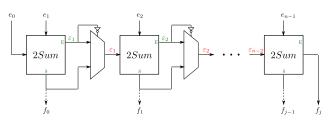


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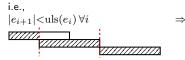


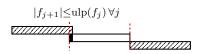
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VecSumErrBranch



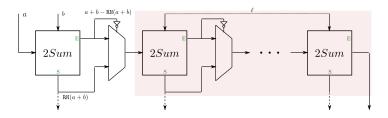
Thm. (Shewchuk-Nonoverlap):





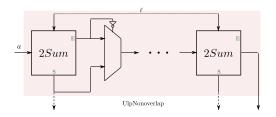
Observations:

- Trivial for at most 2 inputs.
- Interleaving zeros can be safely ignored.



- ullet Proved by structural induction on tail of input list $(a::b::\ell)$.
- ullet Two elements, a and b are processed at a time, then recursion on a smaller list:

$$\begin{cases} & \mathsf{VecSumErrBranch}\ ((a+b)::\ell), & \text{if}\ a+b-\mathsf{RN}\ (a+b)=0 \\ \mathsf{RN}\ (a+b):: \mathsf{VecSumErrBranch}\ (a+b-\mathsf{RN}\ (a+b)::\ell), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



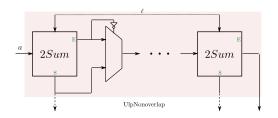
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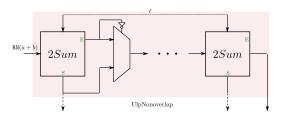
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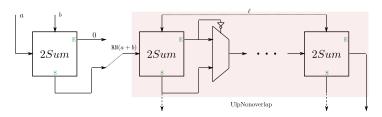
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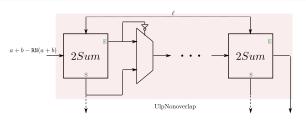
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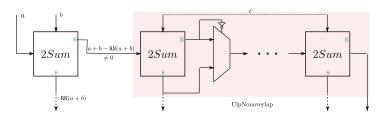
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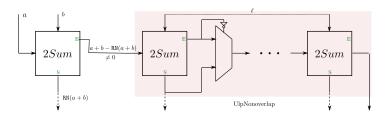
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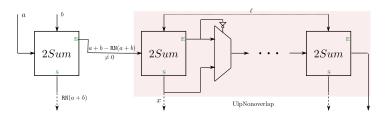
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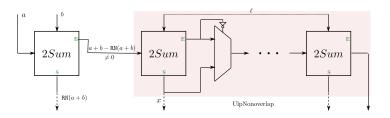
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Prove that:

$$|x| = |\operatorname{RN}\left(a+b-\operatorname{RN}\left(a+b\right) + \sum_{i \leq k} \ell_i)| \qquad \leq \operatorname{ulp}\left(\operatorname{RN}\left(a+b\right)\right)$$

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Recall that:

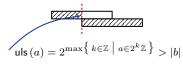
$$|\mathbf{A}| = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{b} - |\mathbf{R}| \mathbf{N} (a+b)| \le \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ulp} (a+b) \le \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ulp} (\mathbf{R}| \mathbf{N} (a+b))$$

✓If
$$y \in \mathcal{F}$$
 and $x \leq y$, then $\mathsf{RN}\left(x\right) \leq y$

It remains to prove that $|\sum\limits_{i\leq k}\ell_{i}|\leq |a+b-\,{\rm RN}\,(a+b)|$ under the conditions above.

SNonoverlap property

 $\text{For all } a,b\in\mathcal{F}\text{, } a\neq 0\text{, uls }(a)>|b| \text{ iif there exist } e,\,n\in\mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } a=n\,2^e \quad \text{and} \quad |b|<2^e.$



SNonoverlap property

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For all nonzero a,b,c\in\mathcal{F},  \begin{split} \mathtt{SNonoverlap}\;(a::b::c) &\Longrightarrow \mathtt{SNonoverlap}\;(\,\mathtt{RN}\,(a+b)::c) \\ &\quad \mathsf{and} \\ &\quad \mathtt{SNonoverlap}\;(a+b-\,\mathtt{RN}\,(a+b)::c). \end{split}
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Proof.

$$\begin{split} |b| < \mathsf{uls}\,(a) &\iff \mathsf{there}\;\mathsf{exist}\;e_a \in \mathbb{Z}\;\mathsf{and}\;n_a \in \mathbb{Z},\;\;\mathsf{s.t.}\;\;a = n_a\;2^{e_a}\;\;\mathsf{and}\;\;|b| < 2^{e_a}\\ |c| < \mathsf{uls}\,(b) &\iff \mathsf{there}\;\mathsf{exist}\;e_b \in \mathbb{Z}\;\mathsf{and}\;n_b \in \mathbb{Z},\;\;\mathsf{s.t.}\;\;b = n_b\;2^{e_b}\;\;\mathsf{and}\;\;|c| < 2^{e_b} \end{split}$$

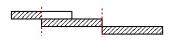
So
$$|b| < |a|$$
 and $e_b < e_a$, which implies RN $(a+b) \in 2^{e_b}\mathbb{Z}$ and RN $(a+b) \neq 0$.

Hence $|RN(a+b)| \ge 2^{e_b} > c$.

A similar argument gives $a+b-\mathsf{RN}\,(a+b)\in 2^{e_b}\mathbb{Z}$.

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First note that
$$e_b < e_a$$
 and $|n_b| \le 2^{e_a - e_b} - 1$. So $|b+c| < |n_b| \, 2^{e_b} + 2^{e_b} \le (|n_b| + 1) \, 2^{e_b} \le 2^{e_a}$.



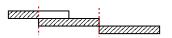
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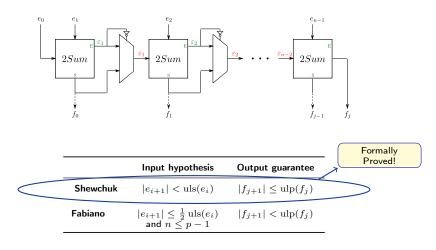
SNonoverlap $(a:: \ell_1:: \ldots :: \ell_k) \Longrightarrow \left|\sum\limits_{i < k} \ell_i\right| < \mathsf{uls}\,(a).$



So, SNonoverlap
$$(a+b-\mathsf{RN}\,(a+b)::\ell_1::\ldots:\ell_k)\Longrightarrow \left|\sum\limits_{i\le k}\ell_i\right|<\mathsf{uls}\,(a+b-\mathsf{RN}\,(a+b)).$$

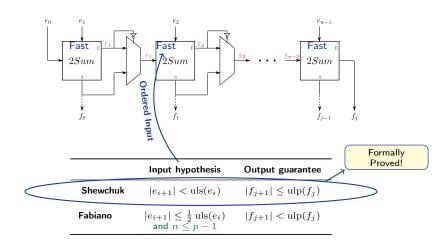
Finally,
$$\left|\sum\limits_{i < k} \ell_i \right| < |a+b-|\operatorname{RN}{(a+b)}|.$$

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Vibe Coding in Rocq



I saw a guy coding today.

Tab 1 ChatGPT.

Tab 2 Gemini.

Tab 3 Claude.

Tab 4 Grok.

Tab 5 DeepSeek.

He asked every AI the same exact question.

Patiently waited, then pasted each response into

5 different Python files.

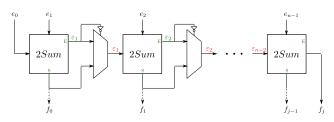
Hit run on all five.

Pick the best one.

Like a psychopath.

It's me.

VecSumErrBranch



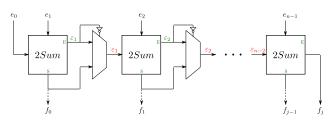
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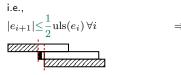
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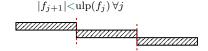
VecSumErrBranch



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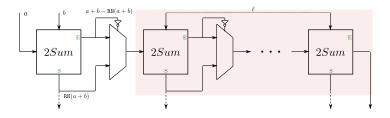
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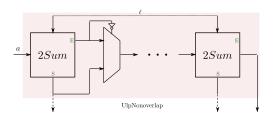
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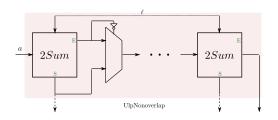
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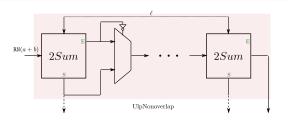
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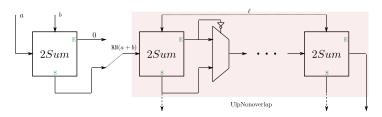
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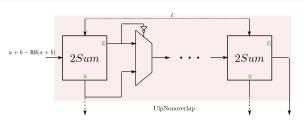
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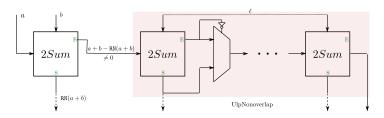
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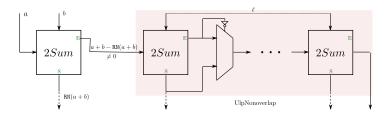
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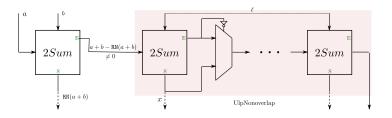
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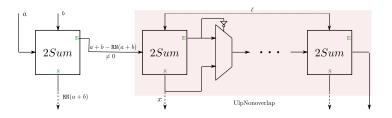
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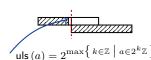
Recall that:

$$| |a+b - |RN| (a+b) | \le \frac{1}{2} ulp (a+b) \le \frac{1}{2} ulp (RN (a+b)) |$$

✓If $y \in \mathcal{F}$ and $x \leq y$, then RN $(x) \leq y$... not very useful directly...

FNonoverlap property

 $\text{For all } a,b\in\mathcal{F}\text{, } a\neq 0\text{, } \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{uls}(a)\geq |b| \text{ iif there exist } e,\,n\in\mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } a=n\,2^e \quad \text{and} \quad |b|\leq 2^{e-1}.$



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Proof.

$$|b| \leq \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{uls}(a) \iff \text{ there exist } e_a \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n_a \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ s.t. } a = n_a \, 2^{e_a} \text{ and } |b| \leq 2^{e_a - 1}$$

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So $|b| \leq \frac{1}{2} |a|$ and $e_b \leq e_a - 1$, which implies $\mathsf{RN} \, (a+b) \in 2^{e_b} \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathsf{RN} \, (a+b) \neq 0$. A similar argument gives $a+b-\mathsf{RN} \, (a+b) \in 2^{e_b} \mathbb{Z}$.

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Realizing this little change implies modifying some Rocq code... (that I barely understand)

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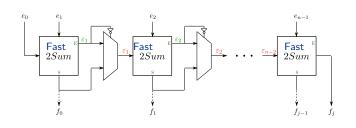
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$$\left| \, \mathsf{RN} \, (a+b-\,\mathsf{RN} \, (a+b) + \sum\limits_{i \le k} \ell_i) \right| < \, \mathsf{ulp} \, (\, \mathsf{RN} \, (a+b)).$$

Input vs. Output Non-Overlapping in VecSumErrBranch



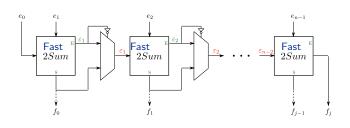
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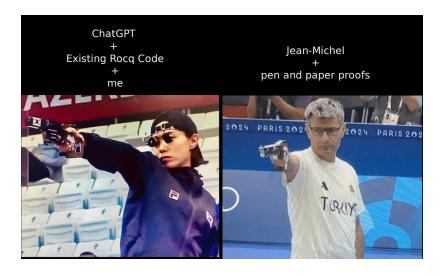


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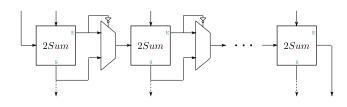
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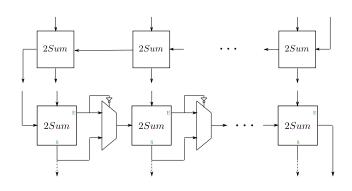
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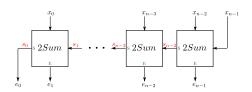
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VecSum



Algorithm 5: VecSum

Input: $x_0, ..., x_{n-1}$

Output:
$$e_0, ..., e_{n-1}$$

for
$$i \leftarrow n-1$$
 down to 1 do

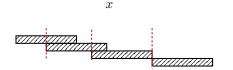
$$(s_{i-1}, e_i) \leftarrow 2\mathsf{Sum}(x_i, x_{i-1})$$

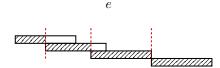
$$e_0 \leftarrow s_0$$

return e_0, \ldots, e_{n-1}

Thm.

If
$$x_0,\ldots,x_{n-1}\in\mathcal{F}$$
 overlap by at most $d\leq p-2$ digits \to SNonoverlap $(e_0,\ldots,e_{n-1}).$





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Proof of the *VecSum* **algorithm property** Here is some excerpt of the proof in [10]:

$$|x_{j+1}| + |x_{j+2}| + \dots \le$$

$$\le [2^d + 2^{2d-p} + 2^{3d-2p} + 2^{4d-3p} + \dots] \operatorname{ulp}(x_j)$$

$$< 2^d \cdot 2^p / (2^p - 1) \cdot \operatorname{ulp}(x_i).$$

This is partly wrong! In fact the geometric series should be bounded by:

$$2^{d} + 2^{2d-p} + 2^{3d-2p} + 2^{4d-3p} + \dots < 2^{d}/(1 - 2^{d-p}).$$

The proof can be fixed as the two inequalities were coarse enough, so there is no problem at this point.

^[10] is Joldes, Marty, Muller, Popescu. Arithmetic algorithms for extended precision using floating-point expansions, IEEE TC, 2015

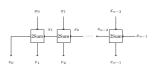
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VecSum... Reloaded

2.1 VecSum

The VecSum algorithm (Algorithm 4) first appears as a part of Priest's normalization algorithm [26]. The name "VecSum" was coined by Ogita et al [24]. The aim of this algorithm is to turn a sequence that is "slighthy" nonoverlapping into one that is "more" nonoverlapping, with no error. It is illustrated Fig. 1.

$$\begin{split} & \overline{\textbf{Algorithm 4 - VecSum}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}). \ (6n-6 \ \text{operations})} \\ & \overline{\textbf{Ensure}} \cdot e_0 + \dots + e_{n-1} = x_0 + \dots + x_{n-1} \\ & \overline{\textbf{for } i = n-2 \ \textbf{to} \ 0 \ \textbf{do}} \\ & s_i, e_{i+1} \leftarrow 2\text{Sum}(x_i, s_{i+1}) \\ & \textbf{end for} \\ & e_0 \leftarrow s_0 \\ & \textbf{return} \ \ (e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}) \end{split}$$



or zu, that must be the case for one of the $x_j, j \le i - z$. In particular, we have $2^{k_j} \le \frac{1}{2}$, hence $2^{k_{i-2}} \le \frac{1}{2}$, so $2^{k_{i-1}} \le \frac{1}{4}$, which contradicts $|e_i| \le 2u2^{k_{i-1}}$.

The conditions on the input of Theorem 1 are complex, so we will use the following corollary:

Corollary 1. Assume that we have $I \subset [1, n-2]$ with no 2 consecutive indices such that

$$\forall i \in [0, n-2], i \notin I, ufp(x_{i+1}) \le \frac{1}{2}ufp(x_i),$$

and

$$\forall i \in I$$
, $ufp(x_{i+1}) \le 2^{p-2}uls(x_i)$ and $ufp(x_{i+1}) \le \frac{1}{4}ufp(x_{i-1})$

Then $VecSum(x_0, ..., x_{n-1})$ is F-nonoverlapping with the same sum. In this case, Fast2Sum can be used instead of 2Sum, so that Algorithm 4 only costs 3n-3 operations.

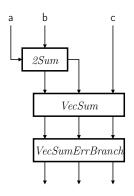
Proof: For $i \notin I$, we take $k_i = e_x$, the canonical exponent, and for $i \in I$, we take $k_i = \max(k_{i+1} + 1, e_x)$. This is possible because: $2^{k_{i+1}-p+2}|x_i$ and $2^{e_{x_i}-p+1}|x_i$, which imply $2^{k_i-p+1}|x_i$, and $|x_i| \le 2 \cdot 2^{e_{x_i}}$, which imply $|x_i| \le 2 \cdot 2^{k_i}$.

For $i, i+1 \notin I$, we have $k_{i+1} \le k_i - 1$. For $i \in I$, we have on one hand $k_{i+1} \le k_i - 1$, and on the other hand $e_{x_i} \le k_{i-1} - 1$ and $k_{i+1} \le k_{i-1} - 2$ so $k_i \le k_{i-1} - 1$.

... and no formal proof yet!

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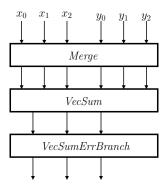
Triple-word (TW) algorithms $_{\text{To-TW}}$



If $a, b, c \in \mathcal{F}$, then To-TW(a, b, c) is a TW, provided that p > 4.

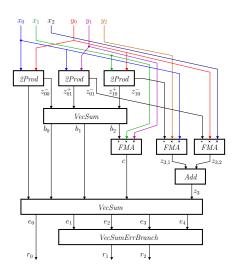
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Triple-word (TW) algorithms TWSum



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Triple-double algorithms 3ProdAcc



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- https://homepages.laas.fr/mmjoldes/stageM2Arith.html

This meme is trivial and has been left as an exercise to the audience.