ON MODULO \((2^n+1)\) ARITHMETIC LOGIC

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Abstract

A novel format for representing modulo \((2^n+1)\) numbers, is shown to be helpful in achieving modular addition and complementation. Logic for fast addition using carry-look-ahead and modular complementation is also presented.

Introduction

Application of modular arithmetic in error diagnosis and residue computers is well established. \(^1\)\(^-\)\(^5\) The residue number system modulo \(2^n\) and \((2^n-1)\) are beneficial if they are prime pairwise. The addition modulo \(2^n\) or \((2^n-1)\) can be accomplished by \(n\)-bit binary adder. The carry overflow is thrown away in the first case while end-around-carry is used for mod \(2^n-1\). Recently, increased interest has been shown in moduli of the form \((2^n+1)\). \(^6\)\(^,\)\(^7\) The logic implementation of modulo \((2^n+1)\) addition is not that simple and in the past the necessity of more complex design approach has discouraged its use. The inclusion of mod \((2^n+1)\) provides more flexibility to the system design. This paper introduces a novel way of representing mod \((2^n+1)\) numbers and of reducing the design complexity considerably, thereby making \((2^n+1)\) as a serious candidate for modular operations.

Number Representation

Let \(Z_m\) denote the set of integers \(\{0,1,2, \ldots, m-1\}\) called here the number system of modulus \(m\).

For \(m = 2^n+1\), numbers in \(Z_m\) cannot be represented as binary \(n\)-tuples. Therefore \(x \in Z_m\) is represented by a binary \((n+1)\)-tuple \(\mathbf{x}\) of the form

\[
\mathbf{x} = (x_{n-1} \cdots x_i \cdots x_0, I_{\mathbf{x}}) \tag{1.a}
\]

Where \(x_i\) has the usual weight of \(2^i\) and \(I_{\mathbf{x}}\) has a weight of 1, the same as \(x_0\), \(I_{\mathbf{x}}\) is called the zero indicator and equals zero iff \(x = 0\).

Hence

\[
X = I_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i 2^i + 1 \tag{1.b}
\]

Setting

\[
x = I_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i 2^i \tag{1.c}
\]

for \(0 \leq x \leq m-2 = 2^n-1\)

We have

\[
X = I_{\mathbf{x}} (x+1) \tag{2}
\]

This representation is utilized throughout this paper.

Modular Addition

Let \(S\) be the addition modulo \(m\) of two numbers \(X\) and \(Y\), \(X, Y \in Z_m\). To find \(S\), let us define \(Q\) and \(C_n\) as

\[
Q = 1 \text{ iff } x+y \geq m-1 \tag{3.a}
\]

and

\[
C_n = 1 \text{ iff } x+y \geq m-1 \tag{3.b}
\]

It is worth mentioning that \(Q\) can be obtained as an overflow when \(x\) and \(y\) are added by \(n\)-bit parallel adder. Similarly, \(C_n\) is detectable by the overflow of \(n\)-bit adder with "hot input" \(I_{\mathbf{x}} I_{\mathbf{y}}\) adder to \(x\) and \(y\) as a carry-in to the lowest-significant bit (l.s.b.) position.

At this point, \(x\) and \(y\) for different numerical range of \(X\) and \(Y\) can be computed as is illustrated in Table 1. The arithmetic expressions for \((I_{\mathbf{x}} + I_{\mathbf{y}})\) and \(S\) can be easily obtained as

\[
I_{\mathbf{x}} + I_{\mathbf{y}} = I_{\mathbf{x}} I_{\mathbf{y}} + I_{\mathbf{x} \lor I_{\mathbf{y}}} \tag{4.a}
\]

and

\[
S = I_n (x+1) = |X+Y|_m \tag{4.b}
\]

\[
= |x+y|_m + I_{\mathbf{x}} I_{\mathbf{y}}_m
\]

\[
= (I_{\mathbf{x}} \lor I_{\mathbf{y}}) |x+y|_m + I_{\mathbf{x} \lor I_{\mathbf{y}}} |x+y|_m
\]
It may be noted that \( v \) represents a logical OR operation while \( + \) denotes an arithmetic addition and \( |a|_m \) represents the smallest non-negative integer congruent to a modulo \( m \).

The expression (4.b) can be utilized to formulate \( s \) and \( l_s \) for the different cases shown in Table 1 and can be given as:

**Cases i, ii**
\[
 s = |x+y+I_1,y|_{m-1} = x+y+I_1,y
\]
\[
 l_s = I_x \lor l_y
\]

**Cases iii**
\[
 s = |x+y+I_1,y|_{m-1} = 0
\]
\[
 l_s = \overline{c} = \bar{c}
\]

**Case iv**
\[
 s = |x+y|_{m-1} = x+y+1-m
\]
\[
 l_s = I_x \lor l_y
\]

It can be readily seen that relations (5) can be represented by a flow diagram shown in Fig. 1. In this diagram, \( a[l] \) represents the integer part of \( a \). Figure 2 illustrates a straightforward scheme utilizing an n-bit fast carry-look-ahead binary adder. Initially, the carry-in to l.s.b. (least significant bit) is kept zero by setting the D-Flip Flop. Once the carry-overflow is available, its value is stored in D-Flip Flop and a second ABD cycle time is allowed. We obtain a logical expression for \( l_s \) as follows:

\[
 l_x = Q(\overline{c}n)I_x \lor l_y
\]

where \( Q \) and \( C_n \) have been defined by relations 4.a and 4.b. They are also indicated in Figs. 1 and 2.

The technique suggested in the reference (6) needs larger number of bits to allow the needed redundancy. Different alternatives proposed by Chiu' requires binary addition (or \( G \) and \( P \)-term generation) followed by one or more stages of output correction networks. This way, the scheme given here in Fig. 2 is much simpler than those available in the literature. Moreover, it can be implemented by off-the-shelf integrated circuits.

**Carry-Look-Ahead (CLA) Adder**

As already pointed out, the scheme of Fig. 2 requires two cycles of addition operations plus a D-Flip Flop and a properly delayed clock pulse. One way to perform addition in one step is to compute two conditional sums; the first one as the addition of \( x \) and \( y \) and second as the sum of \( x, y \) and the "hot bit" \( I_1 \) as carry-in at the l.s.b. position. Then the signals \( Q \) and \( C_n \) can be utilized to dictate a proper choice between them. Such an arrangement requires 2-sets of \( n \)-bit adders and \( n \)-multiplexers. Another alternative is to design carry lookahead circuits for direct modular arithmetic. The design procedure for such a direct addition scheme is given below.

To achieve look-ahead, first of all, carry generate and propagate terms have to be computed. For a binary adder, let \( G_1 \) and \( P_1 \) respectively denote the carry generate and propagate terms at the \( i^{th} \) bit position when two numbers \( a \) and \( b \) are added.

Then
\[
 G_i = a_i \land \bar{b}_i \quad \tag{7.a}
\]
\[
 P_i = a_i \lor b_i \land \bar{c}_i \quad \tag{7.b}
\]

so that
\[
 C_i = G_i \lor P_i \quad \tag{7.c}
\]

and
\[
 S_i = P_{i+1} \lor \bar{C}_i \quad \tag{7.d}
\]

where \( \lor \) and \( \oplus \) are logical-OR and Exclusive-OR operations respectively and \( C_0 \) is the carry-in at the l.s.b. position.

As clear from the discussions in the previous sections, modular C.L.A. logical relations can be obtained by first computing \( C_n \) with \( C_0 = 0 \) and then evaluating \( C_n = I_n \lor \bar{C}_n \). This substitution and a little manipulation gives

\[
 C_i = G_i \lor P_i \quad \tag{8.a}
\]

\[
 S_i = P_{i+1} \lor \bar{C}_i \quad \tag{8.b}
\]

Logical implementation of these relations give the modular carrylook-ahead unit.

**Modular Complementation**

Let \( Y \) be the modulo \( m \) complement of \( X \). Then by definition
\[
 Y = I_x | | m-x-1 |_{m} = I_x | | 2^n-x |_{m} = I_y \quad \tag{9.a}
\]

Hence
\[
 y = I_x | | 2^n-1-x |_{m} \quad \tag{9.b}
\]

and
\[
 I_y = I_x \quad \tag{9.c}
\]

When \( I_x = 1 \), the relation (9.b) is nothing but 1's complement of \( x \) and can be obtained simply by complementing individual bits of \( x \). This leads to an obvious simple circuit implementation of
relations (9.b) and (9.c) and is given if Fig. 3.

Concluding Remarks

The specific way of representing numbers presented here makes modulo \((2^n+1)\) addition and complementation much simpler than available in the literature\(^6,7\). An added advantage is that available binary adders can be effectively utilized.

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References


Table 1

\(s\) and \(I_x\) for different range of \(X\) and \(Y\)

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<tr>
<th>Case</th>
<th>Value of (X+Y)</th>
<th>(I_x), (I_y)</th>
<th>(X+Y)</th>
<th>Identification</th>
<th>(I_x)</th>
<th>(S)</th>
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<td>(i)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0,0</td>
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<td>(Q=0, C_n=0, I_x, I_y=0)</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>(ii)</td>
<td>([1,m-1]^*)</td>
<td>not both zero</td>
<td>([0,m-2])</td>
<td>(Q=0, C_n=0)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>(x+y+1) (I_x)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(iii)</td>
<td>(m)</td>
<td>1,1</td>
<td>(m-2)</td>
<td>(Q=0, C_n=1)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>(iv)</td>
<td>([m+1,2m-2])</td>
<td>1,1</td>
<td>([m-1,2m-4])</td>
<td>(Q=1, C_n=1)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>((x+y+1)-m)</td>
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* The square bracket \([\ ]\) indicates the range.
Fig. 1. Flow Diagram for Mod $2^{n+1}$ Addition
Fig. 1.b Logic diagram for Mod $2^n+1$ addition.

Fig 2. Modulo $2^n+1$ complementation.