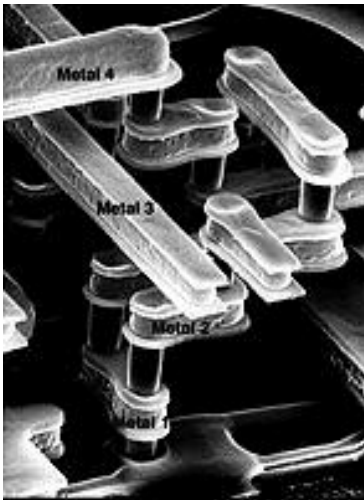


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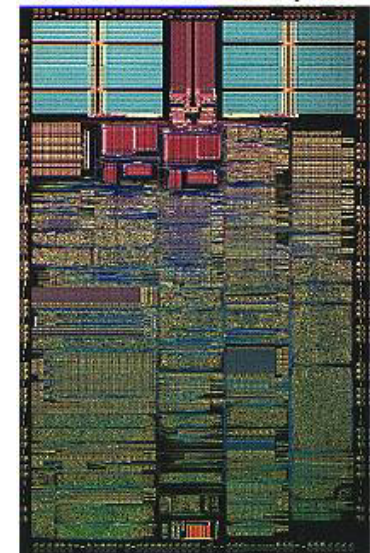
## Lecture 11: Division

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# Division

## □ Part Goals

- ❖ Review shift-subtract division schemes
- ❖ Learn about faster dividers
- ❖ Discuss speed/cost tradeoffs in dividers

## □ Part Synopsis

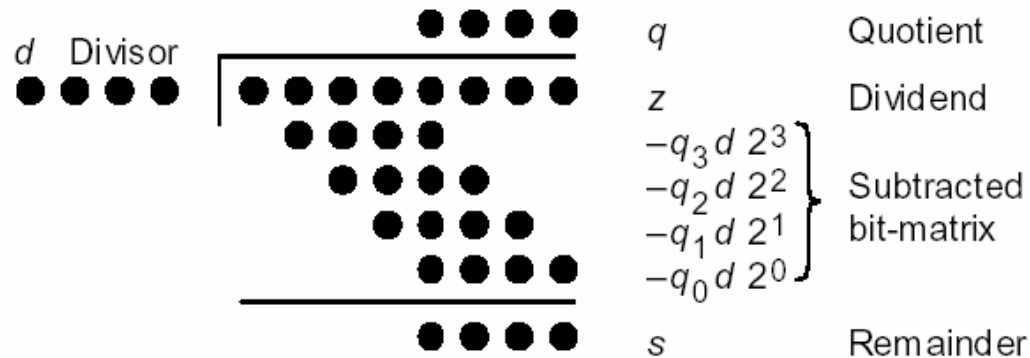
- ❖ Division is the hardest basic operation
- ❖ Fortunately, it is also the least common
- ❖ Division speedup: high-radix, array, ...
- ❖ Combined multiplication/division hardware
- ❖ Digit-recurrence vs convergence division

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# Shift/Subtract Division Algorithms

Notation for our discussion of division algorithms:

$z$	Dividend	$z_{2k-1}z_{2k-2} \cdots z_1z_0$
$d$	Divisor	$d_{k-1}d_{k-2} \cdots d_1d_0$
$q$	Quotient	$q_{k-1}q_{k-2} \cdots q_1q_0$
$s$	Remainder ( $z - d \times q$ )	$s_{k-1}s_{k-2} \cdots s_1s_0$



**Fig. 13.1** Division of an 8-bit number by a 4-bit number in dot notation.

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# Division

- Division is more complex than multiplication:
  - ❖ Need for quotient digit selection or estimation
  - ❖ Possibility of overflow: the high-order  $k$  bits of  $z$
  - ❖ must be strictly less than  $d$ ; this overflow check
  - ❖ also detects the divide-by-zero condition.

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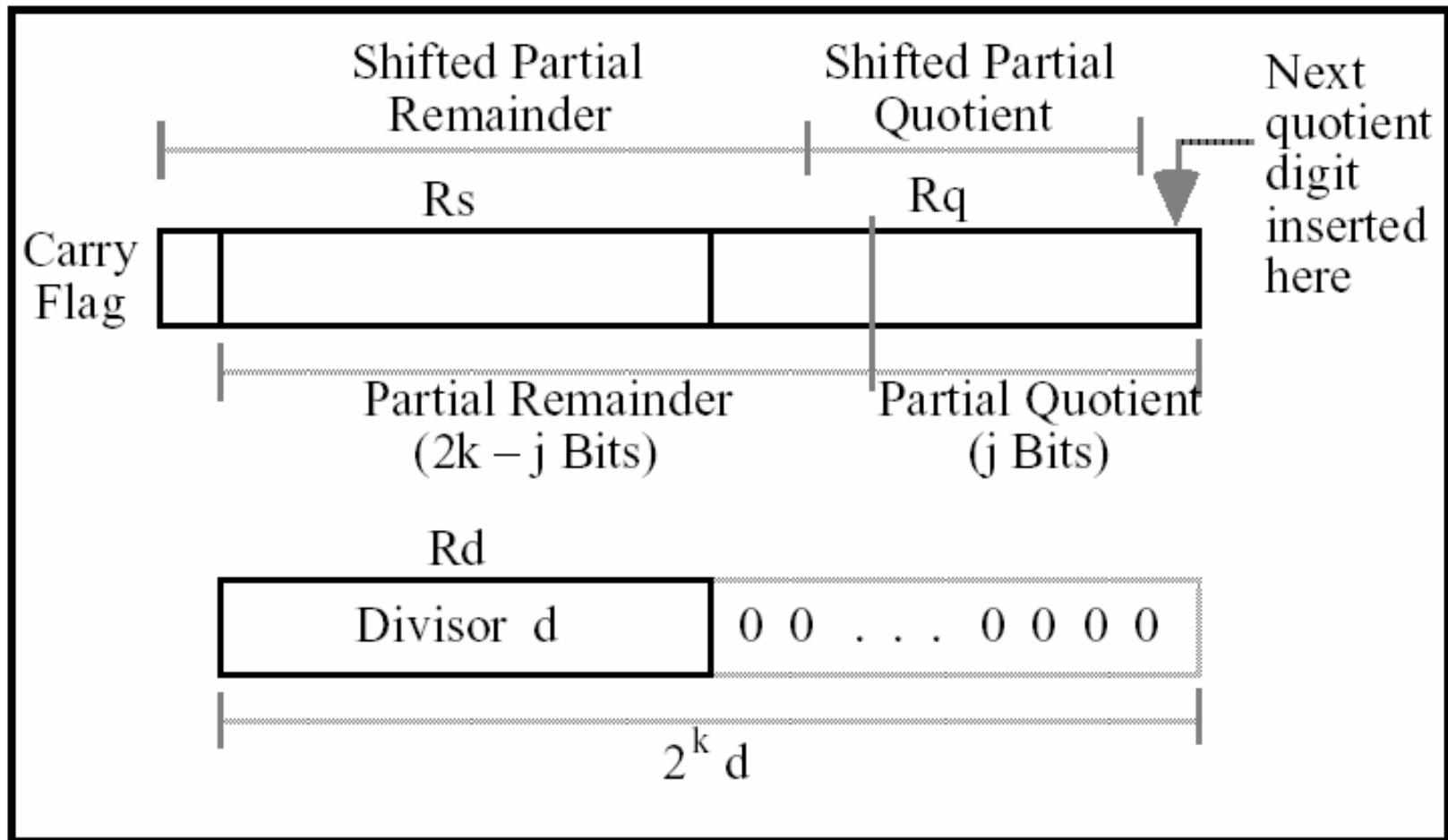
# Division

Integer division		Fractional division	
$z$	0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1	$z_{\text{frac}}$	. 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1
$2^4 d$	1 0 1 0	$d_{\text{frac}}$	. 1 0 1 0
$s^{(0)}$	0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1	$s^{(0)}$	. 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1
$2s^{(0)}$	0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1	$2s^{(0)}$	0 . 1 1 1 0 1 0 1
$-q_3 2^4 d$	1 0 1 0 $\{q_3 = 1\}$	$-q_{-1} d$	. 1 0 1 0 $\{q_{-1} = 1\}$
$s^{(1)}$	0 1 0 0 1 0 1	$s^{(1)}$	. 0 1 0 0 1 0 1
$2s^{(1)}$	0 1 0 0 1 0 1	$2s^{(1)}$	0 . 1 0 0 1 0 1
$-q_2 2^4 d$	0 0 0 0 $\{q_2 = 0\}$	$-q_{-2} d$	. 0 0 0 0 $\{q_{-2} = 0\}$
$s^{(2)}$	1 0 0 1 0 1	$s^{(2)}$	. 1 0 0 1 0 1
$2s^{(2)}$	1 0 0 1 0 1	$2s^{(2)}$	1 . 0 0 1 0 1
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$s^{(4)}$	0 1 1 1	$s^{(4)}$	. 0 1 1 1
$s$	0 1 1 1	$s_{\text{frac}}$	0 . 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1
$q$	1 0 1 1	$q_{\text{frac}}$	. 1 0 1 1

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Fig. 13.2 Examples of sequential division with integer and fractional operands.

# Programmed Division



Register usage for programmed division.

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# Restoring Hardware Dividers

Division with signed operands:  $q$  and  $s$  are defined by

$$z = d \times q + s \quad \text{sign}(s) = \text{sign}(z) \quad |s| < |d|$$

Examples of division with signed operands

$$z = 5 \quad d = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q = 1 \quad s = 2$$

$$z = 5 \quad d = -3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q = -1 \quad s = 2$$

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$$z = -5 \quad d = -3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q = 1 \quad s = -2$$

Magnitudes of  $q$  and  $s$  are unaffected by input signs

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Will discuss direct signed division later

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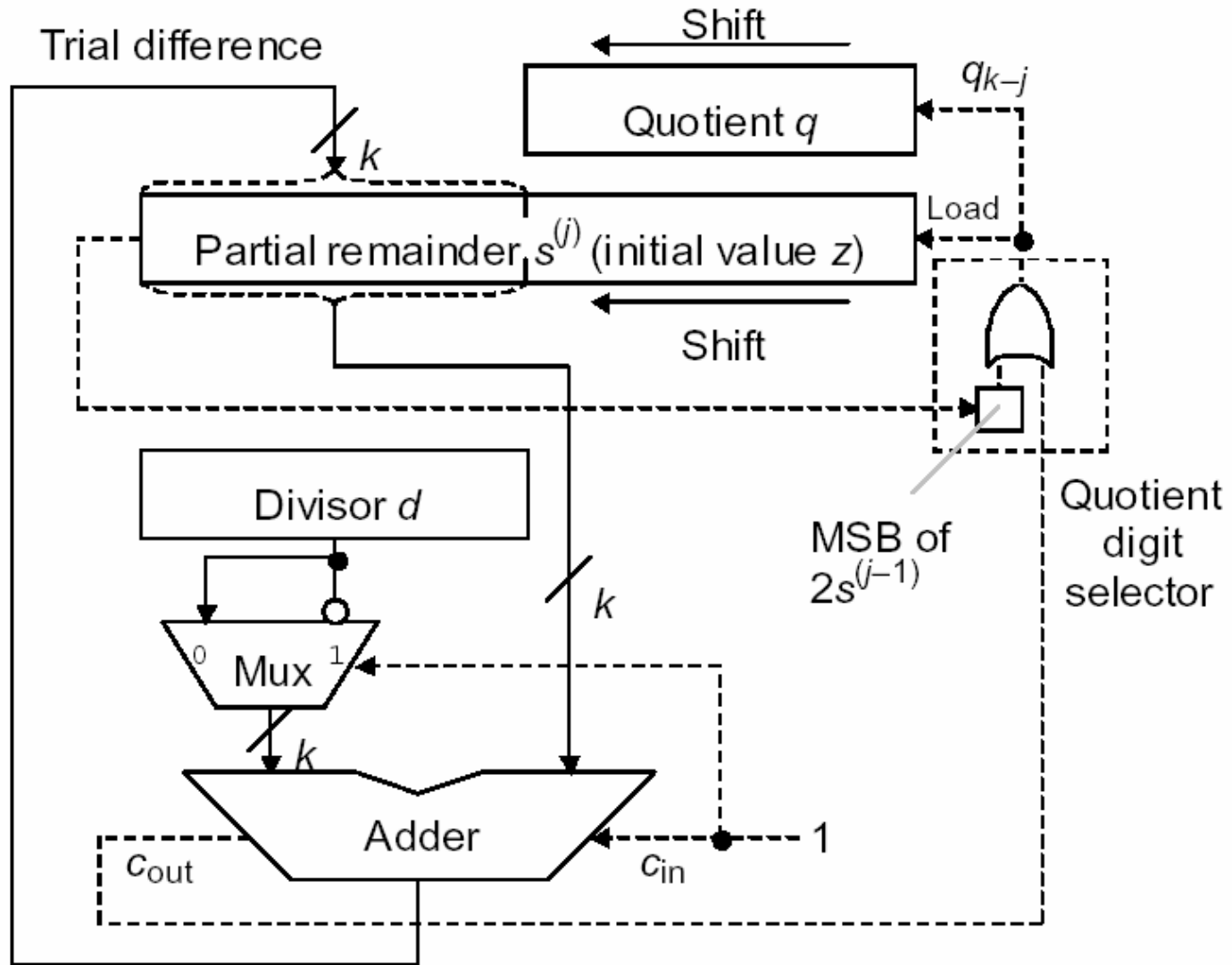
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# Restoring Hardware Dividers



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**Shift/subtract sequential restoring divider.**

# Restoring Division

$\begin{array}{r} z \\ 2^4d \\ -2^4d \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0 \\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}$	<p>No overflow, since:  <math>(0111)_{\text{two}} &lt; (1010)_{\text{two}}</math></p>
$\begin{array}{r} s^{(0)} \\ 2s^{(0)} \\ +(-2^4d) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}$	
$\begin{array}{r} s^{(1)} \\ 2s^{(1)} \\ +(-2^4d) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}$	<p>Positive, so set <math>q_3 = 1</math></p>
$\begin{array}{r} s^{(2)} \\ s^{(2)}=2s^{(1)} \\ 2s^{(2)} \\ +(-2^4d) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}$	<p>Negative, so set <math>q_2 = 0</math> and restore</p>
$\begin{array}{r} s^{(3)} \\ 2s^{(3)} \\ +(-2^4d) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}$	<p>Positive, so set <math>q_1 = 1</math></p>
$\begin{array}{r} s^{(4)} \\ s \\ q \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1 \\ \phantom{0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1} \\ \phantom{0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1} \phantom{0\ 1\ 1\ 1} \\ \phantom{0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1} \phantom{0\ 1\ 1\ 1} \phantom{1\ 0\ 1\ 1} \end{array}$	<p>Positive, so set <math>q_0 = 1</math></p>

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Fig. 13.6 Example of restoring unsigned division.

# Nonrestoring and Signed Division

The cycle time in restoring division must accommodate:

- shifting the registers
- allowing signals to propagate through the adder
- determining and storing the next quotient digit
- storing the trial difference, if required

Later events depend on earlier ones in the same cycle

Such dependencies tend to lengthen the clock cycle.

Nonrestoring division algorithm assume  $q_{k-j} = 1$  and perform

- subtraction
- store the difference as the new partial remainder

(the partial remainder can become incorrect, hence the name “nonrestoring”)

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# Nonrestoring Division

Why it is acceptable to store an incorrect value in the partial-remainder register?

Shifted partial remainder at start of the cycle is  $u$

Subtraction yields the negative result  $u - 2^k d$

Option 1: restore the partial remainder to correct value  $u$ , shift, and subtract to get  $2u - 2^k d$

Option 2: keep the incorrect partial remainder  $u - 2^k d$ , shift, and add to get  $2(u - 2^k d) + 2^k d = 2u - 2^k d$

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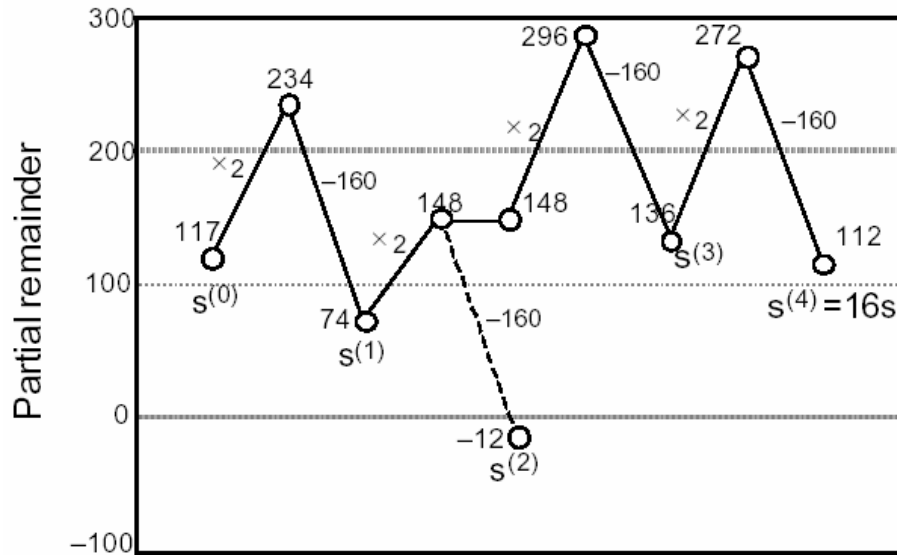
# Non-restoring Division

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$z$		0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	No overflow, since: $(0111)_{two} < (1010)_{two}$
$2^4d$		0	1	0	1	0				
$-2^4d$		1	0	1	1	0				
=====										
$s^{(0)}$		0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
$2s^{(0)}$		0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	Positive, so subtract
$+(-2^4d)$		1	0	1	1	0				
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$s^{(1)}$		0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	
$2s^{(1)}$		0	1	0	0	1	0	1		Positive, so set $q_3 = 1$ and subtract
$+(-2^4d)$		1	0	1	1	0				
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$s^{(2)}$		1	1	1	1	1	0	1		
$2s^{(2)}$		1	1	1	1	0	1			Negative, so set $q_2 = 0$ and add
$+2^4d$		0	1	0	1	0				
-----										
$s^{(3)}$		0	1	0	0	0	1			
$2s^{(3)}$		1	0	0	0	1				Positive, so set $q_1 = 1$ and subtract
$+(-2^4d)$		1	0	1	1	0				
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$s^{(4)}$		0	0	1	1	1				Positive, so set $q_0 = 1$
$s$							0	1	1	1
$q$							1	0	1	1
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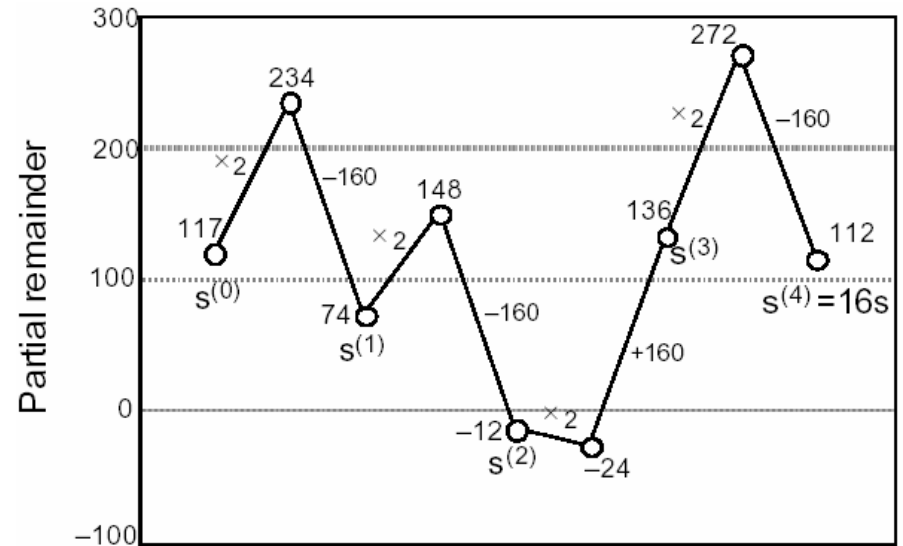
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Fig. 13.7 Example of nonrestoring unsigned division.

# Nonrestoring Division Example



(a) Restoring



(b) Nonrestoring

$$(0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1)_2 / (1\ 0\ 1\ 0)_2$$

$$(117)_{10} / (10)_{10}$$

*\*from Parhami*

# Division

## Restoring division

$q_{k-j} = 0$  means no subtraction (or subtraction of 0)

$q_{k-j} = 1$  means subtraction of  $d$

## Nonrestoring division

We always subtract or add

As if quotient digits are selected from the set  $\{1, -1\}$

1 corresponds to subtraction

-1 corresponds to addition

Our goal is to end up with a remainder  
that matches the sign of the dividend

This idea of trying to match the sign of  $s$  with the sign  $z$ ,  
leads to a direct signed division algorithm

If  $\text{sign}(s) = \text{sign}(d)$  then  $q_{k-j} = 1$  else  $q_{k-j} = -1$

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# Division

Two problems must be dealt with at the end:

1. Converting the quotient with digits 1 and -1 to binary
2. Adjusting the results if final remainder has wrong sign (correction step involves addition of  $\pm d$  to remainder and subtraction of  $\pm 1$  from quotient)

Correction might be required even in unsigned division (when the final remainder is negative)



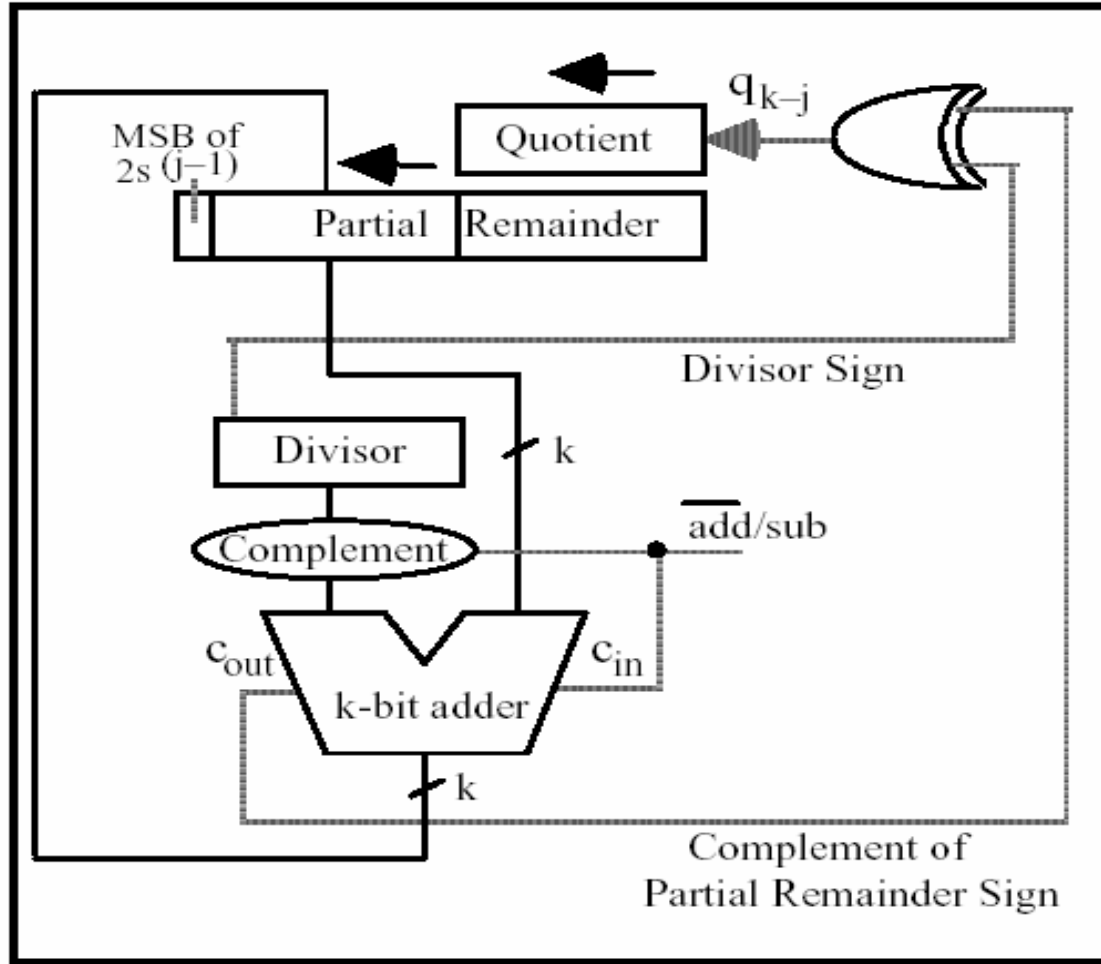
# Division

$z$	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1	Dividend = $(33)_{\text{ten}}$
$2^4d$	1 1 0 0 1	Divisor = $(-7)_{\text{ten}}$
$-2^4d$	0 0 1 1 1	
$s^{(0)}$	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1	
$2s^{(0)}$	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1	sign( $s^{(0)}$ ) • sign( $d$ ),
$+2^4d$	1 1 0 0 1	so set $q_3 = -1$ and add
$s^{(1)}$	1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1	
$2s^{(1)}$	1 1 0 1 0 0 1	sign( $s^{(1)}$ ) = sign( $d$ ),
$+(-2^4d)$	0 0 1 1 1	so set $q_2 = 1$ and sub
$s^{(2)}$	0 0 0 0 1 0 1	
$2s^{(2)}$	0 0 0 1 0 1	sign( $s^{(2)}$ ) • sign( $d$ ),
$+2^4d$	1 1 0 0 1	so set $q_1 = -1$ and add
$+(-2^4d)$	1 0 1 1 0	
$s^{(3)}$	1 1 0 1 1 1	
$2s^{(3)}$	1 0 1 1 1	sign( $s^{(3)}$ ) = sign( $d$ ),
$+(-2^4d)$	0 0 1 1 1	so set $q_0 = 1$ and sub
$s^{(4)}$	1 1 1 1 0	sign( $s^{(4)}$ ) • sign( $z$ )
$+(-2^4d)$	0 0 1 1 1	Corrective subtraction
$s^{(4)}$	0 0 1 0 1	
$s$	0 1 0 1	Remainder = $(5)_{\text{ten}}$
$q$	-1 1 -1 1	Uncorrected BSD form
$q_2$ 's-compl	1 1 0 0	Corrected $q = (-4)_{\text{ten}}$

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Fig. 13.9 Example of nonrestoring signed division.

# Division



**Shift-subtract sequential nonrestoring divider.**

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# 14.1 Basics of High-Radix Division

Radix- $r$  version of division recurrence of Section 13.1

$$s^{(j)} = r s^{(j-1)} - q_{k-j} (r^k d) \quad \text{with} \quad s^{(0)} = z \quad \text{and} \quad s^{(k)} = r^k s$$

High-radix dividers of practical interest have  $r = 2^b$   
(and, occasionally,  $r = 10$ )

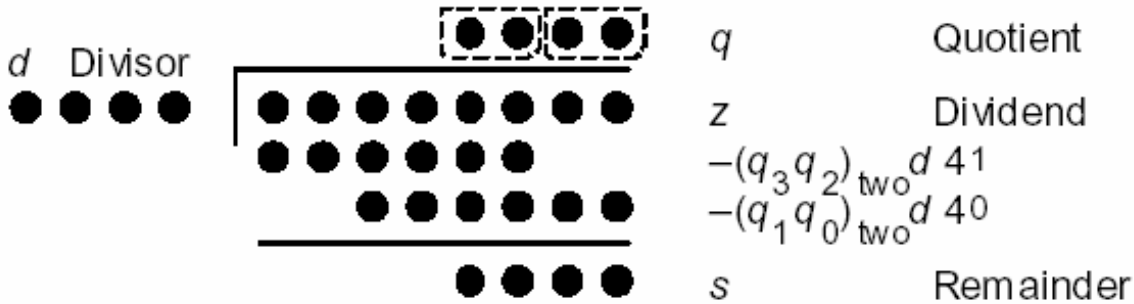


Fig. 14.1 Radix-4 division in dot notation.

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# High-Radix Division

Radix-4 integer division	
z	0 1 2 3 1 1 2 3
$4^4d$	1 0 0 3
s <sup>(0)</sup>	0 1 2 3 1 1 2 3
$4s^{(0)}$	0 1 2 3 1 1 2 3
$-q_3 4^4d$	0 1 2 0 3 { $q_3 = 1$ }
s <sup>(1)</sup>	0 0 2 2 1 2 3
$4s^{(1)}$	0 0 2 2 1 2 3
$-q_2 4^4d$	0 0 0 0 0 { $q_2 = 0$ }
s <sup>(2)</sup>	0 2 2 1 2 3
$4s^{(2)}$	0 2 2 1 2 3
$-q_1 4^4d$	0 1 2 0 3 { $q_1 = 1$ }
s <sup>(3)</sup>	1 0 0 3 3
$4s^{(3)}$	1 0 0 3 3
$-q_0 4^4d$	0 3 0 1 2 { $q_0 = 2$ }
s <sup>(4)</sup>	1 0 2 1
s	1 0 2 1
q	1 0 1 2

Radix-10 fractional division	
$z_{frac}$	. 7 0 0 3
$d_{frac}$	. 9 9
s <sup>(0)</sup>	. 7 0 0 3
$10s^{(0)}$	7 . 0 0 3
$-q_{-1}d$	6 . 9 3 { $q_{-1} = 7$ }
s <sup>(1)</sup>	. 0 7 3
$10s^{(1)}$	0 . 7 3
$-q_{-2}d$	0 . 0 0 { $q_{-2} = 0$ }
s <sup>(2)</sup>	. 7 3
$s_{frac}$	. 0 0 7 3
$q_{frac}$	. 7 0

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Fig. 14.2 Examples of high-radix division with integer and fractional operands.

# High-Radix Division

Radix-2 nonrestoring division, fractional operands

$$s^{(j)} = 2s^{(j-1)} - q_{-j}d \quad \text{with} \quad s^{(0)} = z \quad \text{and} \quad s^{(k)} = 2^k s$$

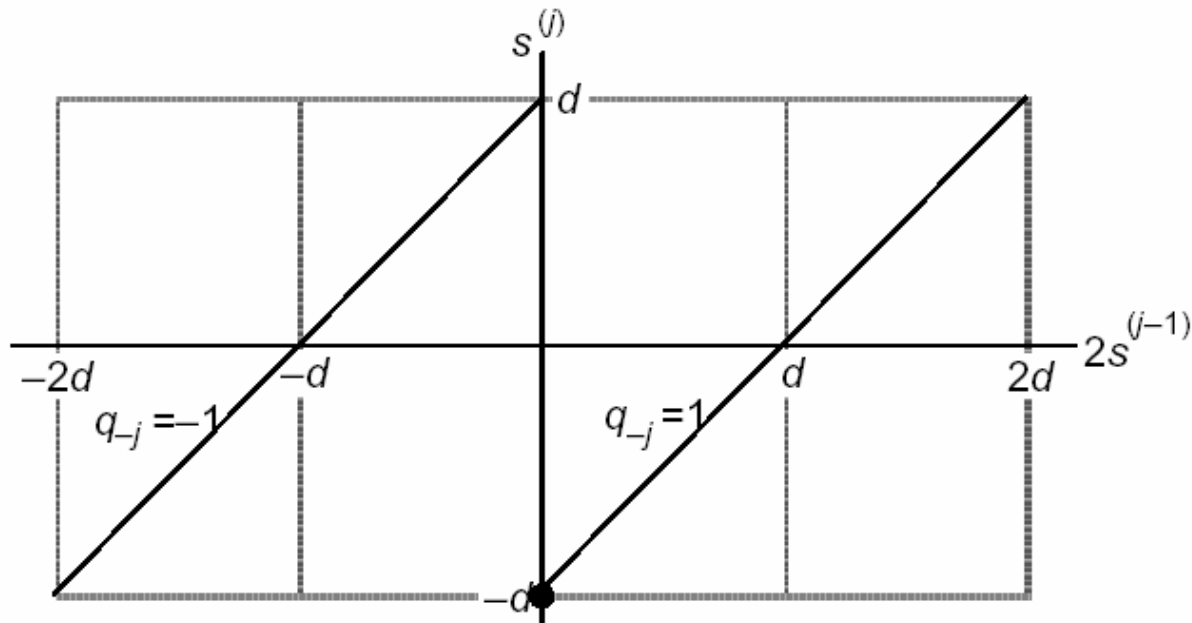


Fig. 14.3 The new partial remainder,  $s^{(j)}$ , as a function of the shifted old partial remainder,  $2s^{(j-1)}$ , in radix-2 nonrestoring division.

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# High-Radix Division

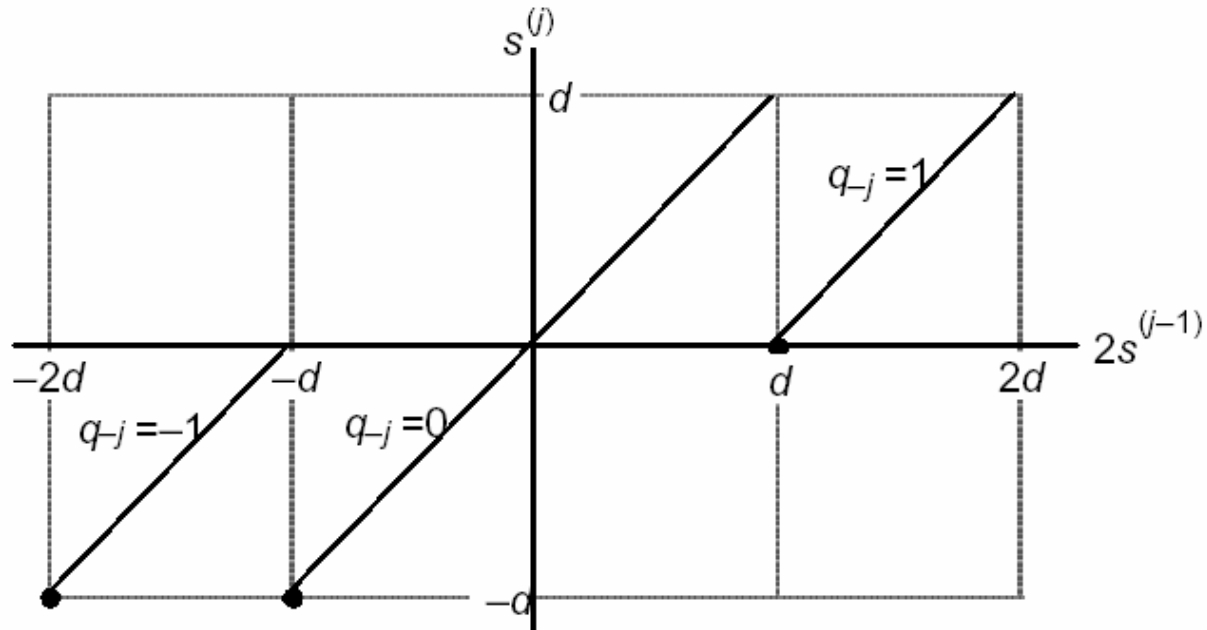


Fig. 14.4 The new partial remainder  $s^{(j)}$  as a function of  $2s^{(j-1)}$ , with  $q_{-j}$  in  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ .

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# SRT Division

SRT algorithm (Sweeney, Robertson, Tocher)

$$2s^{(j-1)} \geq +1/2 = (0.1)_{2\text{'s-compl}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s^{(j-1)} = (0.1u_{-2}u_{-3} \dots)_{2\text{'s-compl}}$$

$$2s^{(j-1)} < -1/2 = (1.1)_{2\text{'s-compl}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s^{(j-1)} = (1.0u_{-2}u_{-3} \dots)_{2\text{'s-compl}}$$

Skipping over identical leading bits by shifting

$s^{(j-1)} = 0.0000110 \dots$  Shift left by 4 bits and subtract;  
append  $q$  with 0 0 0 1

$s^{(j-1)} = 1.1110100 \dots$  Shift left by 3 bits and add;  
append  $q$  with 0 0<sup>-1</sup>

Average skipping distance (statistically): 2.67 bits

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# SRT Division

z	. 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1	ln $[-1/2, 1/2)$ , so OK
d	. 1 0 1 0	ln $[1/2, 1)$ , so OK
-d	1 . 0 1 1 0	
s <sup>(0)</sup>	0 . 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1	
2s <sup>(0)</sup>	0 . 1 0 0 0 1 0 1	$\geq 1/2$ , so set $q_{-1} = 1$
+(-d)	1 . 0 1 1 0	and subtract
s <sup>(1)</sup>	1 . 1 1 1 0 1 0 1	
2s <sup>(1)</sup>	1 . 1 1 0 1 0 1	ln $[-1/2, 1/2)$ , so $q_{-2} = 0$
s <sup>(2) = 2s<sup>(1)</sup></sup>	1 . 1 1 0 1 0 1	
2s <sup>(2)</sup>	1 . 1 0 1 0 1	ln $[-1/2, 0)$ , so $q_{-3} = 0$
s <sup>(3) = 2s<sup>(2)</sup></sup>	1 . 1 0 1 0 1	
2s <sup>(3)</sup>	1 . 0 1 0 1	$< -1/2$ , so $q_{-4} = -1$
+d	0 . 1 0 1 0	and add
s <sup>(4)</sup>	1 . 1 1 1 1	Negative,
+d	0 . 1 0 1 0	so add to correct
s <sup>(4)</sup>	0 . 1 0 0 1	
s	0 . 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1	
q	0 . 1 0 0 -1	Uncorrected BSD form
q	0 . 0 1 1 0	Convert, subtract <i>ulp</i>

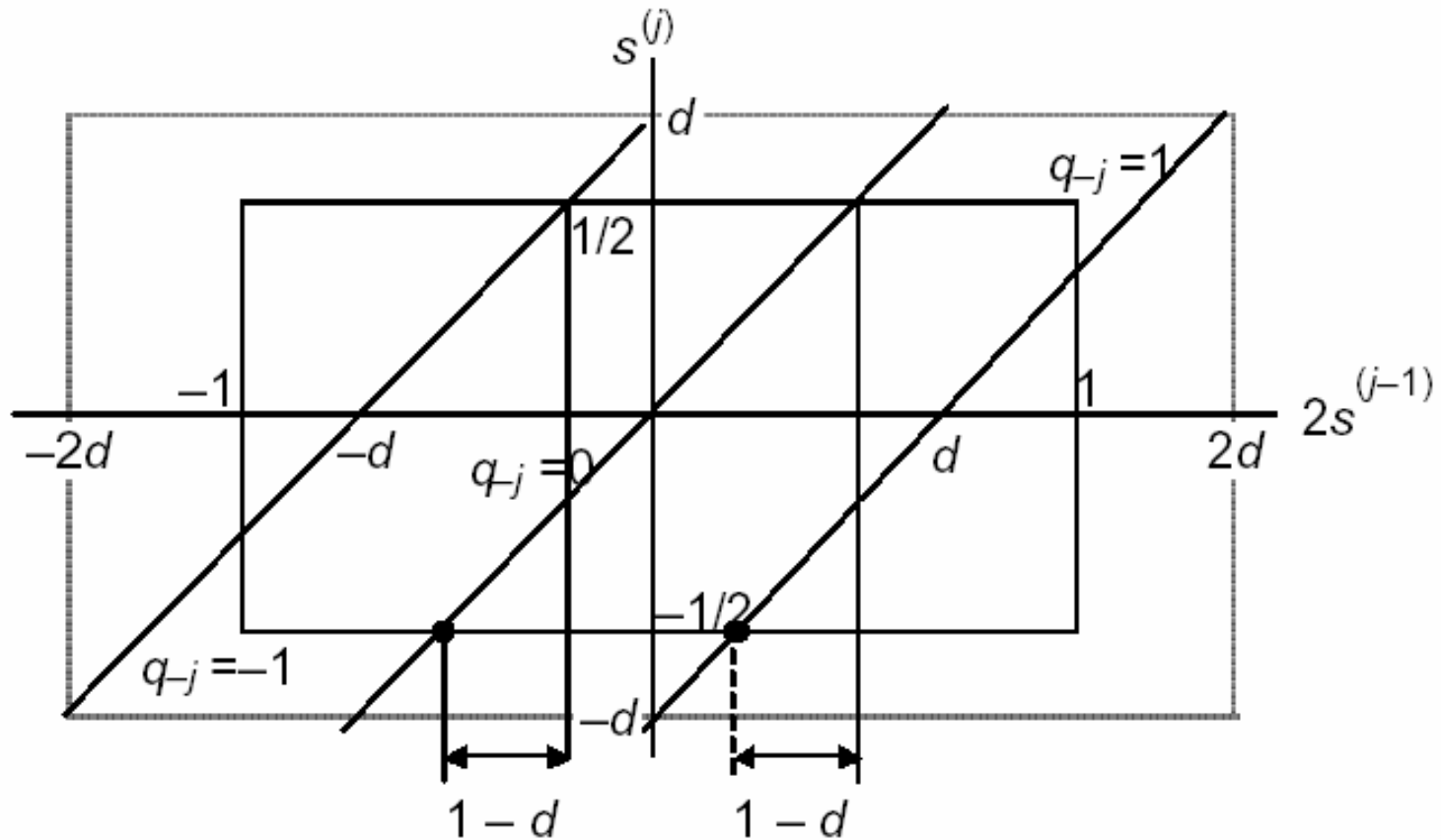
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Fig. 14.6 Example of unsigned radix-2 SRT division.





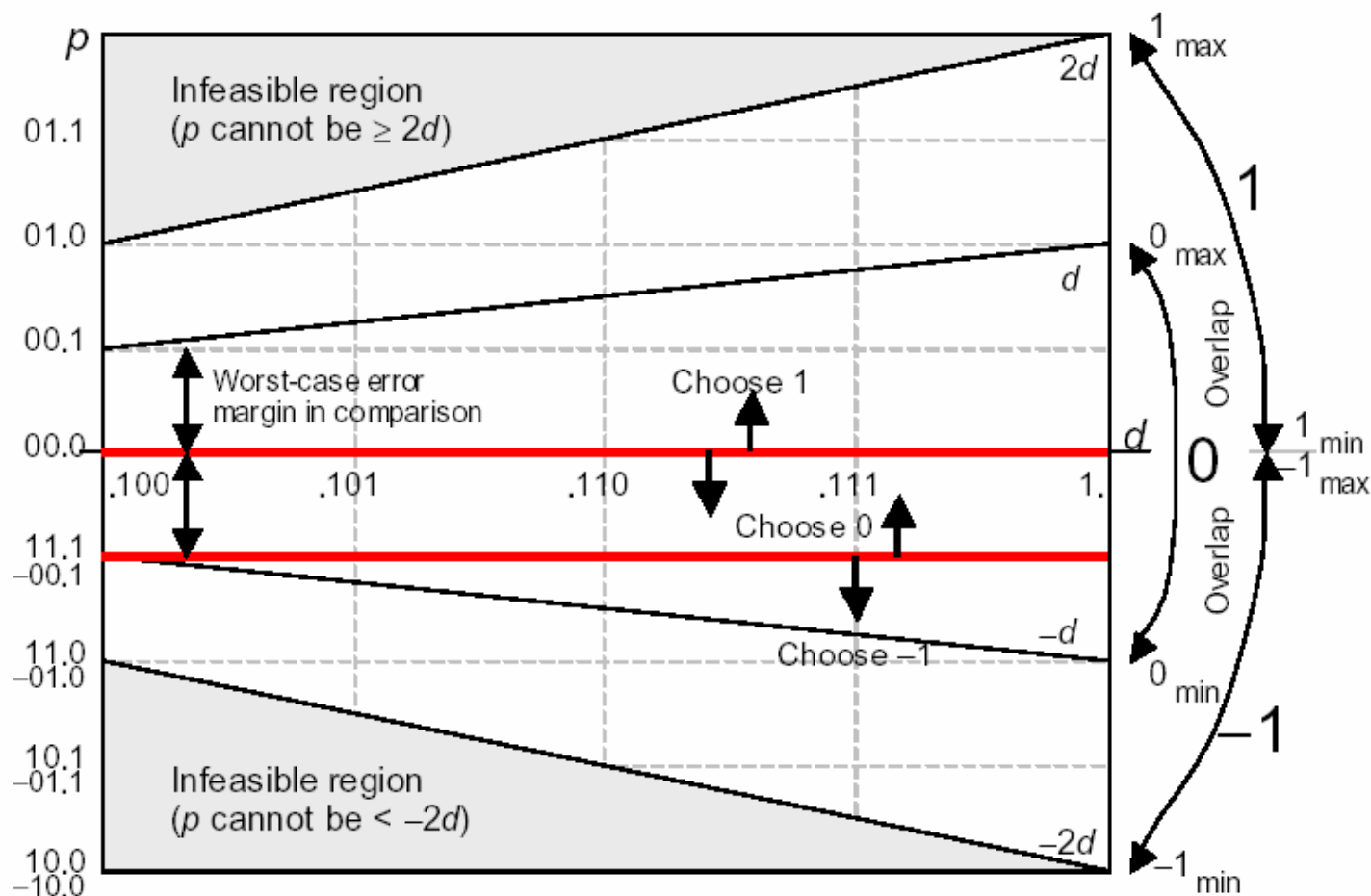
# SRT Division



Overlap regions in radix-2 SRT division.

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# 14.4 Choosing the Quotient Digits



**Fig. 14.10** A  $p$ - $d$  plot for radix-2 division with  $d \in [1/2, 1)$ , partial remainder in  $[-d, d)$ , and quotient digits in  $[-1, 1]$ .

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# Radix-4 SRT Division

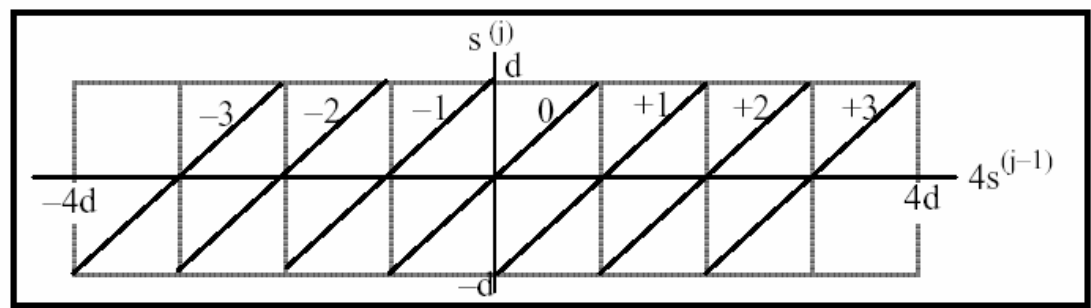


Fig. 14.11 New versus shifted old partial remainder in radix-4 division with  $q_{-j}$  in  $[-3, 3]$ .

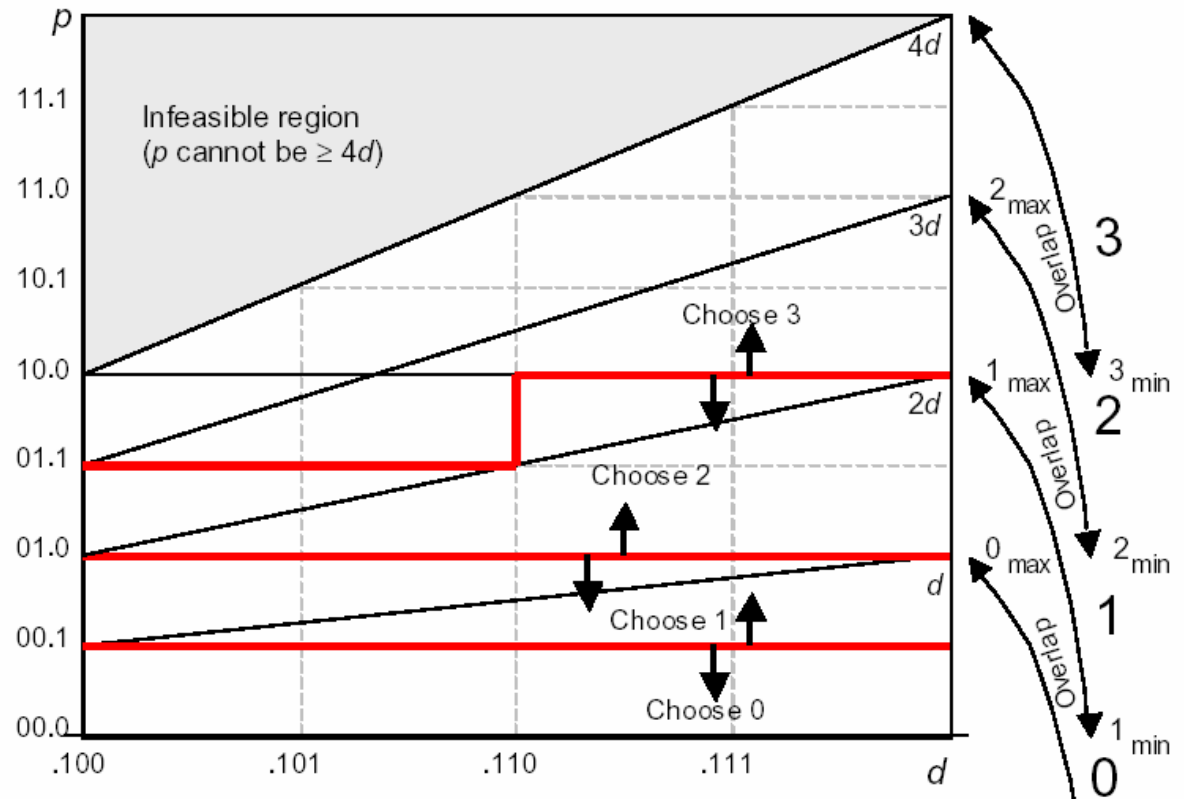


Fig. 14.12  $p$ - $d$  plot for radix-4 SRT division with quotient digit set  $[-3, 3]$ .

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# General High-Radix Dividers

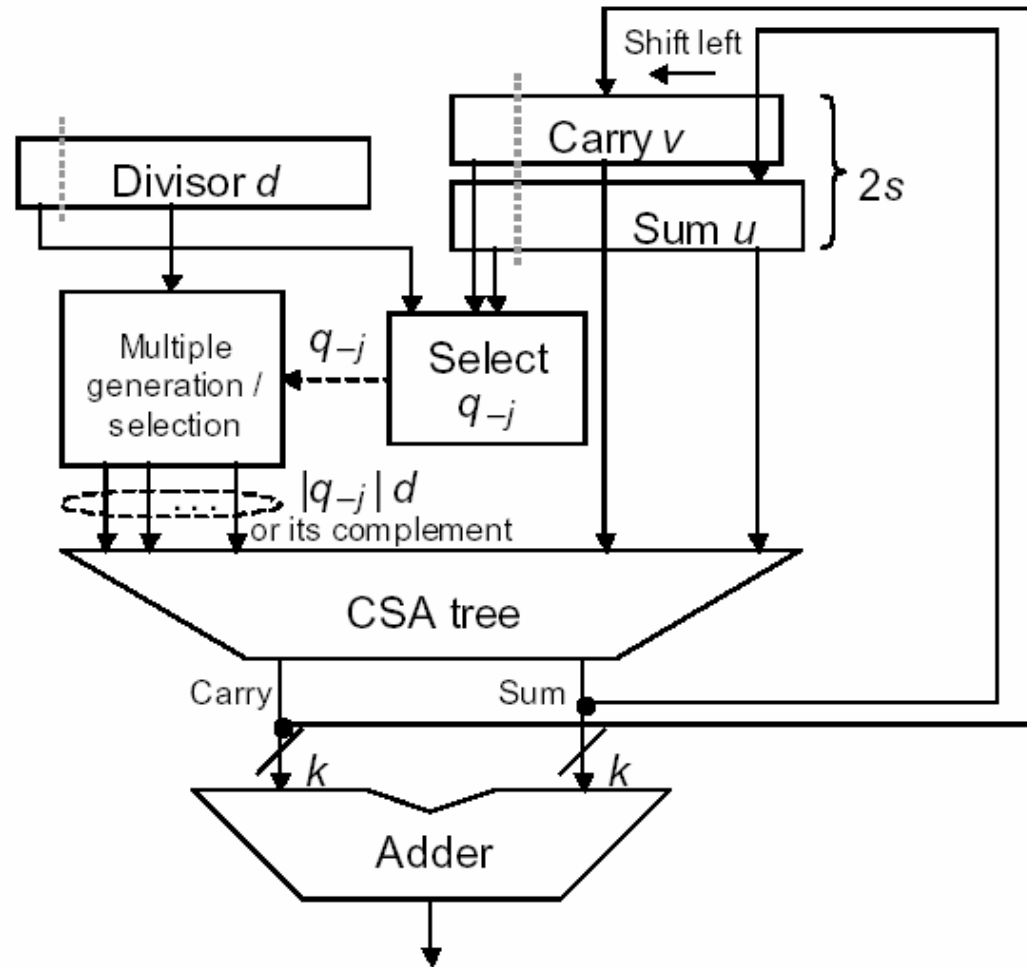
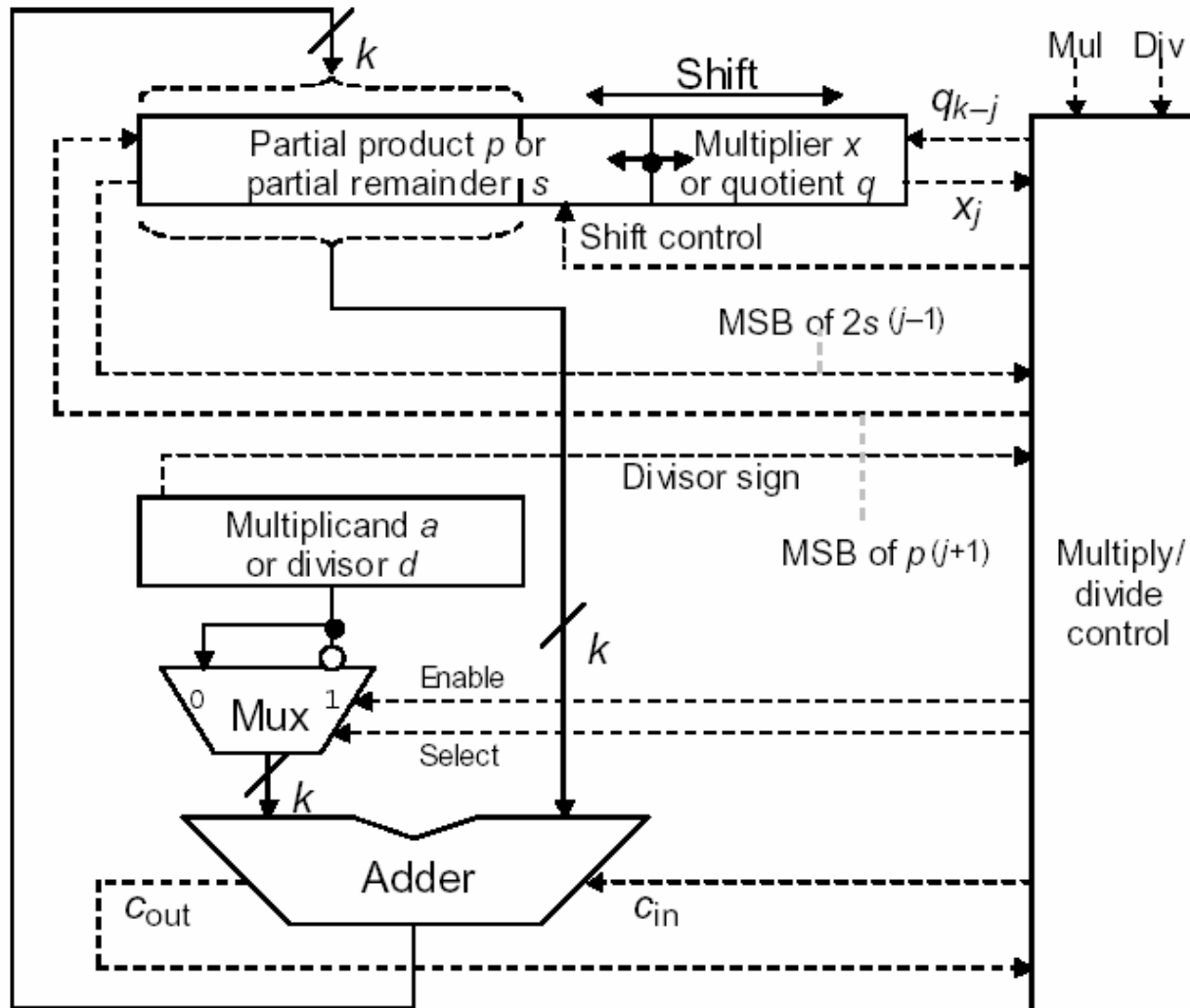


Fig. 14.15 Block diagram of radix- $r$  divider with partial remainder in stored-carry form.

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# Combined Multiply/Divide Units

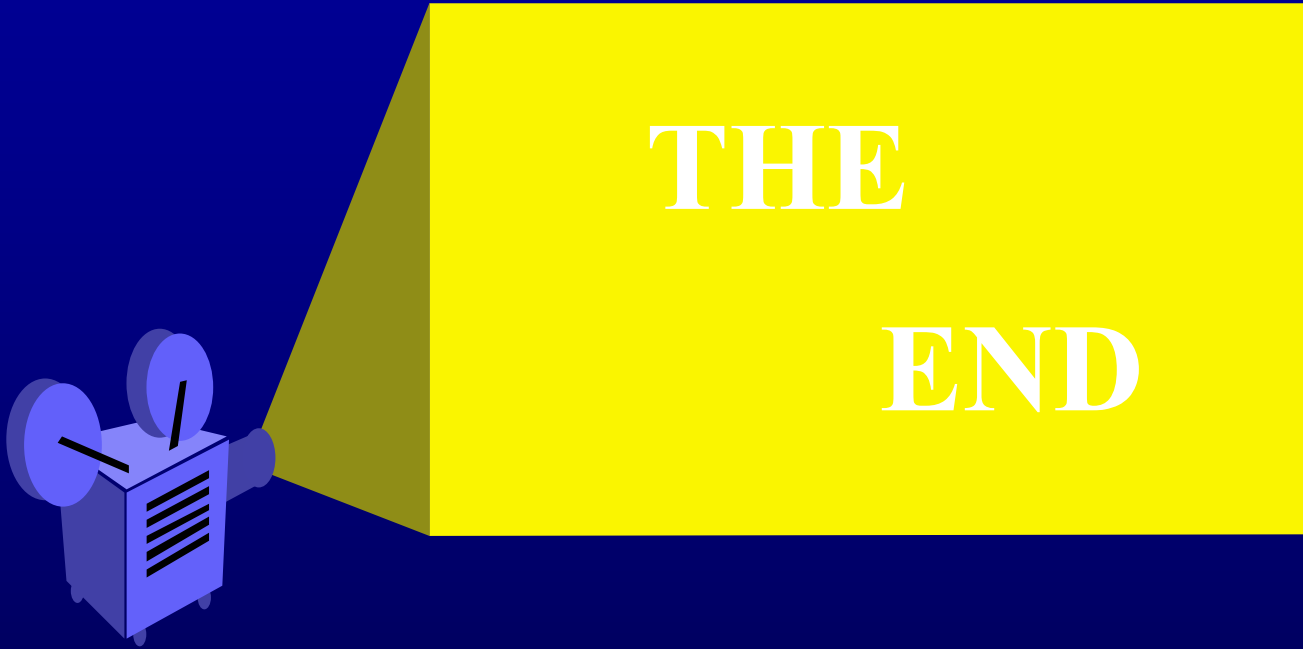


Sequential radix-2 multiply/divide unit.



# Other Methods for Division

- ❑ General High-Radix Dividers
- ❑ Division with prescaling
- ❑ Array Dividers
- ❑ Division by Convergence
  - ❖ Division by repeated multiplication
  - ❖ Division by reciprocation



A stylized illustration of the Hollywood sign on a mountain. The scene is set at sunset, with a sky transitioning from dark purple at the top to bright orange and red near the horizon. The Hollywood sign is rendered in white, block letters on the dark silhouette of the mountain. To the left, a city skyline is visible as a series of black rectangles of varying heights, with a large red sun partially obscured by one of the buildings. The foreground is a dark, black expanse filled with numerous small, glowing dots in yellow, orange, blue, and white, representing city lights or stars.

Hollywood