

DESIGN OF DOUBLE PRECISION FLOATING-POINT ARITHMETIC UNIT FOR SPACE SIGNAL APPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Detection of accurate phase estimation, functionality, reliability, accuracy and higher performance of the system are major concerns in space signal processing systems. The data is acquired at high speed and supervised continuously for the validation of correct data. In space applications, milli degree estimation is a major challenge. Fixed point arithmetic operations and single-precision floating-point operations have huge data losses. All existing double-precision floating-point arithmetic operations utilize dual-rail coding to perform complete detections and also require the circuit to receive acknowledgment on completion of execution. It leads to a worst-case delay irrespective of the actual completion time. With the help of modified double-precision floating-point operations, using memory-based synchronization architecture we can obtain more reliability and highly accurate phase detection. In order to estimate milli degree, the Double Precision Floating Point (DPFP) based arithmetic operations are designed using Verilog hardware description language and synthesized with help of Xilinx Design Suite, and finally implemented on Virtex-5 FPGA development board. All arithmetic operations use ternary logic at lower-level modules to optimize area and latency. The synthesized results show that the proposed floating-point design on the Arithmetic Logic Unit for estimation of milli-degree reduces the delay by 23%, throughput is improved by 13% and power consumption is reduced to 31% as compared to existing works.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The performance and dependability of space-based systems are critical. The primary function of current systems is to transport data rather than doing error checks, and the data is sent to the Earth for error checking. To ensure the authenticity of obtained data, correct system functionality must often be regularly monitored. The data capture system captures signal with Gigasamples per second (GSamp/s). In space-borne systems, phase shift data can be utilized to either confirm correct system performance or highlight potential problems. These phase shifts can be calculated for a single channel input vs a known signal model, as well as for two channels with data collected simultaneously. Microwave signals will be used to monitor the Earth's environment by a number of planned NASA remote sensing satellite projects. The National Research Council's decadal assessment identified three such missions and their importance. While each of these missions will employ signal phase in a different

way, the fact that their research products rely on it emphasizes the significance of accurate signal phase measurement. The use of the signal phase to characterize the data obtained is a typical feature of these missions. Phase calculations with a maximum inaccuracy of 5%0.021 degrees (0.006% of 360 degrees) are calculated using our adaptive algorithm.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Floating-point implementation on a Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) is a newer field that has seen significant achievements because FPGA development takes less time and costs less than ASIC design. This study's main purpose is to look at the area and timing of single and double-precision floating-point units (FPUs) and MAC units. On the Spartan 6 FPGA, the described model is both simulated and implemented [1]. This research article introduces hardware topologies based on FPGA for floating-point (FP) multipliers. Single-precision (SP), double-precision (DP), double-extended precision (DEP), and quadruple precision (QP) can all be used with the multiplier designs supplied. A variation to this pipeline division technique was presented in [4] to drastically reduce the LUT size. When compared to [9], this technique reduces the LUT size from 13 KB to 208 B for single-precision and from 470 MB to 56 KB for double-precision. In contrast to [4,] [5] suggests a further adjustment for double-precision floating-point values that greatly decreases chip space, particularly by reducing the LUT size from 56 KB to 2.5 KB. This effective pipeline divider technique is often used to reduce power consumption and latency in multi-media and signal processing applications, as well as quick processing [7]. Instructions in [8] have a latency at the cost of the improved architecture. [9] describes a Taylor series expansion-based high-radix pipeline division algorithm. Despite having a smaller lookup table (LUT) than other techniques, this algorithm's table was still somewhat huge. An array multiplier and a Booth multiplier were used to create the Finite Impulse Response Filter (FIR), and the results were compared for various constraints. It also utilizes the first six terms of Taylor series expansion for the approximation to reduce the size of the LUT [10].

III. METHODS AND ALGORITHM

i. Half Unit 64-bit based (HUB) based double precision 64 bit floating point addition and subtraction

The comparator, extra shifter, and bit inverter, which were identified as sources of bias are all eliminated in Fig.1. As a result, the operation can have a positive or negative outcome. A leading zero-one detector (LZOD) and a final conditional inverter are required in the new design to detect if the result is negative and to calculate the magnitude of the result if it is negative. The conditional inverter after the swap module in Fig. 1 and the ILSB at the R-input Shifter is responsible for acquiring the two's complement of the right operand when an effective subtraction is required. When an effective subtraction is performed, the conditional upper inverter conducts a bitwise inversion of the significand's MSB. The value ILSB=1 is concatenated at the R-input shifter to produce the right operand to the adder ($m + 2$ bits), which is two's complement in subtraction. In the case of aligned addition ($d=0$, $Eop=0$), the hardware required is the same as in adder A+. The "unbiased" logic box is shown in Figure 4. This "unbiased" box also includes the logic needed to deal with the tie condition that occurs when executing a subtraction with $d=1$ (case $d=1$, $Eop=1$). Consider 5-bit significands as shown in Fig.1 by assuming two HUB numbers A and B with two operands x and y with

mantissa $M_a = 01.1010 (1)$ and $M_b = 01.0100 (1)$, with the sign bit also included and exponent of both are 0. For subtraction, perform $A+(-B)$ and the results as per normal subtraction is 01.10000 with $\text{exp}-2$

As per the HUB concept, there are two ways to perform floating addition and subtraction such as

A. $M_a+(-M_b)$ as per Fig.1(a)

The detailed explanation for $M_a+(-M_b)$ with example is elaborated below

- a. Let consider M_a-M_b and $M_a=M_b$ conditions along with $S_a = S_b = 0$ (sign bit) and Cop (Control operation) is to perform either addition or subtraction with single algorithm as per Fig.1(a) and Fig.1(b).
- b. If Cop=0 for addition and Cop=1 for subtraction, here M_a-M_b is called left input of $01.1010(1)$ and $M_a=M_b$ is called right input whose value is $10.1011(1)$, and these two inputs added through 2's complement, results in $00.0110(0)$ shown in Fig.1(a).
- c. The output of L-Shifter shown in Fig.1(a) is $01.1000(0) \text{ exp}-2$ (here exact value, sign bits are included) and it is found that result is positive so the inverter condition module does not alter any value so the final results are $01.1000(1) \text{ exp}-2$, the sign bit is 0 and it has $0.00001 \text{ exp}-2$ positive bias.
- d. As per the above discussion, the mathematical calculations of $M_a+(-M_b)$ are validated through subtraction as shown below.

$$\begin{array}{r} 01.1010(1) \\ - 01.0100(1) \\ \hline 00.0110(0) \end{array}$$

This result is left-shifted and the output is $01.1000(0)$, after rounded up of $01.1000(0)$, the final result is $01.1000(1)$

B. $-M_b + M_a$ as per Fig.1(b)

- a. To perform $-M_b + M_a$, consider $M_x = M_a$ as left input and $M_y = M_b$ as right input and $S_x = 1$ and $S_y = 0$ (sign bit) and Cop=0 then both inputs are added as 2's compliments i.e $01.0100(1)$ and $10.0101(1)$ then result is $11.1010(0)$ as shown in Fig.1(b).
- b. After the left shifter, the result is $10.1000(0) \text{ exp}-2$ inclusive of sign bit. The result is found to be negative and hence inverter condition module inverts the bits and its output is $01.0111(1) \text{ exp}-2$, sign=0, it involves a negative bias of 0.00001 .
- c. The mathematical validation of the same is shown below:

$$\begin{array}{r} - M_b + M_a \\ -01.0100(1) \\ +01.1010(1) \\ \hline 11.1010(0) \end{array}$$

After left-shifted, the result is $10.1000(0)$ and after rounding up, it is $01.0111(1)$. Finally, depending on the operands' positions, rounding up or down is performed.

Operation: Subtraction (Cop=1)

Sx=Sy=0, d=0 (sign)

01.10101-01.011001

(a) HUB based Subtraction ($M_a+(-M_b)$)(b)HUB based subtraction ($-M_b +M_a$)**Figure .1** Proposed architecture of HUB based 64 bit double precision floating point subtraction

- i. The direction of the final rounding (up or down) is not known as the position of the operands is known a priori and therefore the result is not biased (assuming the same chance of having operations ($M_a+(-M_b)$) and ($-M_b +M_a$). On the other hand, in the unusual event, if the input pattern ahead of time is known apriori, the swap module of Fig. 2 can provide an alternative option.
- ii. When $d=0$ and subtraction is done, this module can swap the inputs based on the value of the input LSBs, obtaining the necessary unbiased rounding. Because the operation ($M_a+(-M_b)$) is always done with the biggest absolute number of the left input of the adder due to the comparator, this case of bias cannot be avoided in Fig.2.



Figure.2: The proposed architecture of HUB based 64-bit double-precision floating-point adder

ii. Double-precision 64 bits floating point Division

The reciprocal generator, as shown in Fig. 3, has three integer multipliers, two of which are responsible for generating a reciprocal after many repetitions. To accomplish the rapid calculations inside the reciprocal generator, the Karatsuba multiplier is used instead of the commonly used integer multiplier. In this multiplier, the partial products are totaled in stages of the half and full adders. Then, standard procedures are used to aggregate the data. A 16-bit custom floating-point format is presented as a comparison to the existing 16-bit brain floating-point format. In addition, a 24-bit unique floating-point format is provided to validate performance comparisons with various floating-point formats. The above format for accumulation is used to improve the accuracy of a 16-bit convolution block.

In existing research works, many algorithms are proposed for accurate division operations, out of which, Newton Raphson algorithm is widely used in many applications. This algorithm requires only one multiplier and subtractor for the calculation of inverse($1/B$) of number and its calculations as per equation (1).

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad (1)$$

Where $f'(x_n)$ is derivative of $f(x_n)$ and this equation is recursive with respect to y and the number of iterations are performed to get reciprocal values as expected results. The negative numbers are not allowed due to the nature of the recursive process. As the reciprocal method for divider operation requires many multipliers and iterations it has excessive delay and area overhead. In order to optimize these limitations, the proposed double-precision floating-point divider uses a signed array with one multiplier and minimum delay. It uses the Array-based Processing Unit (APU) as shown in Fig.3 and selects quotient using subtraction module and carry-out by feedback module.

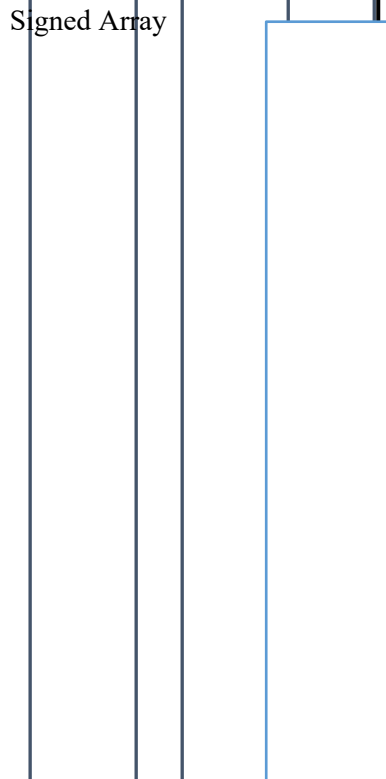


Figure.3. The proposed internal architecture of divider 64-bit double-precision floating-point Divider

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Xilinx Design Suite Design Compiler is utilized to synthesize Verilog HDL designs for the proposed double-precision arithmetic operations. The Virtex-5 FPGA development board, which is based on 32nm manufacturing technology and has a fixed frequency of 100 Mhz, was chosen for our evaluation. Table 1 compares the synthesis results of floating-point adders/subtractors with varied bit widths. As the number of bits required lowers, the amount of area or energy used by a floating-point adder/subtractor operation reduces. The floating-point format for each bit width is N (S, E, M), where N is the total number of bits, S is a sign bit, E is an exponent, and M is a Mantissa.

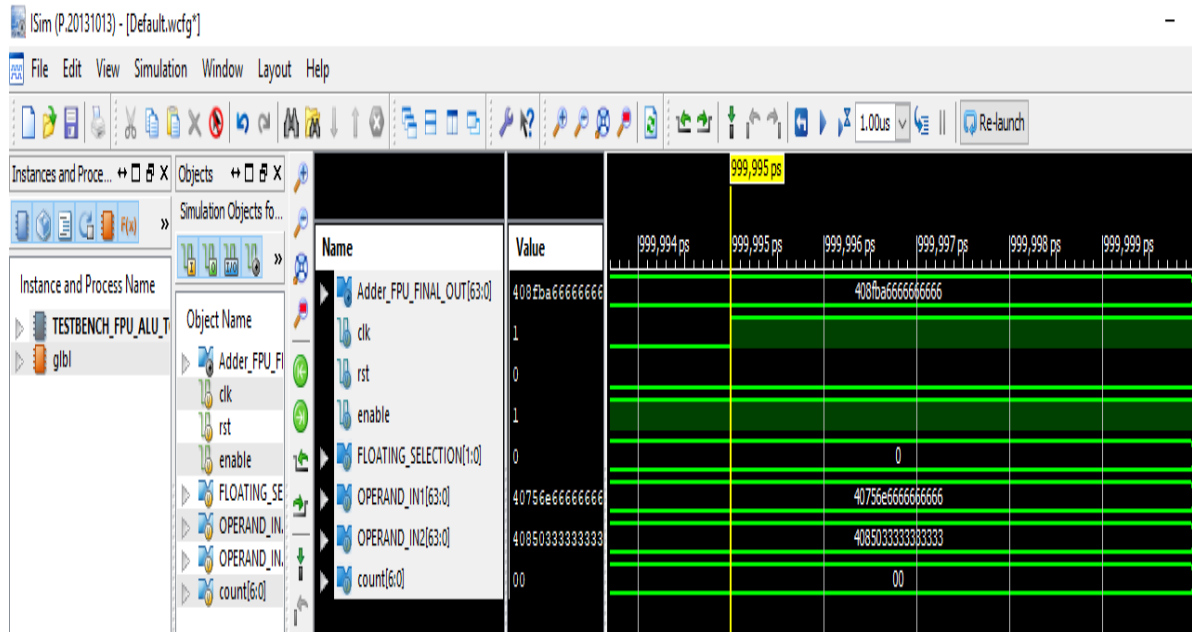


Figure.4. Simulated results of Double precision floating point adder for two operands

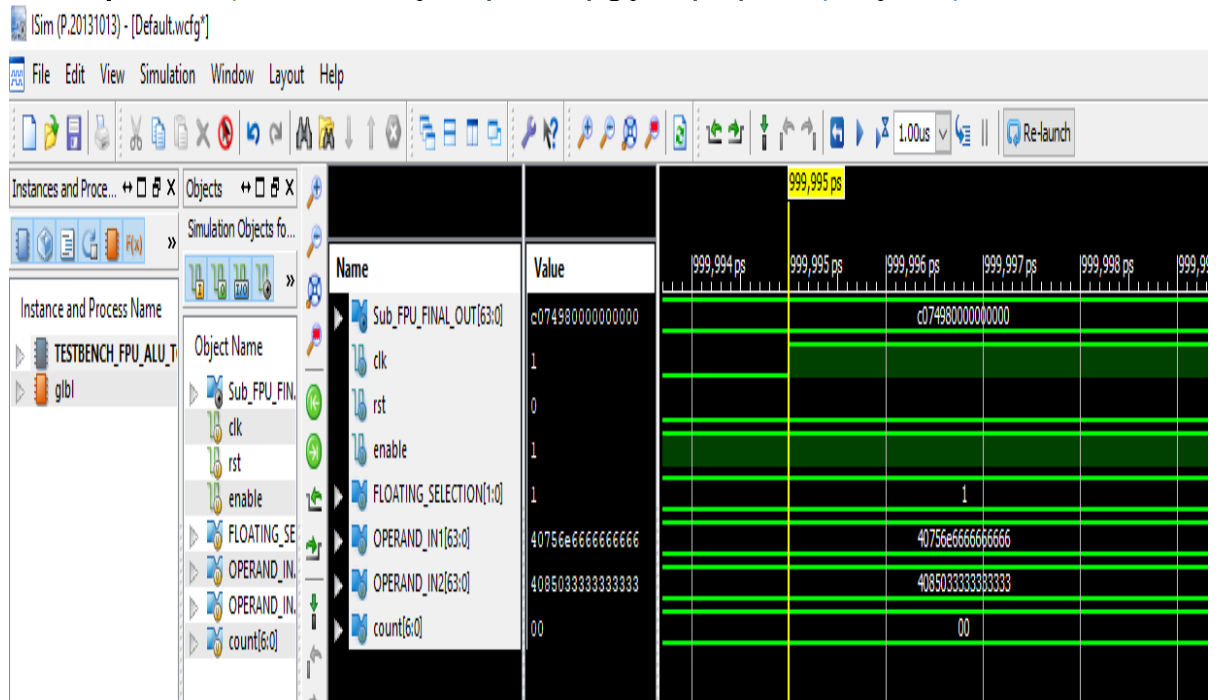


Figure.5. Simulated results of Double precision floating point for subtraction for two operand values

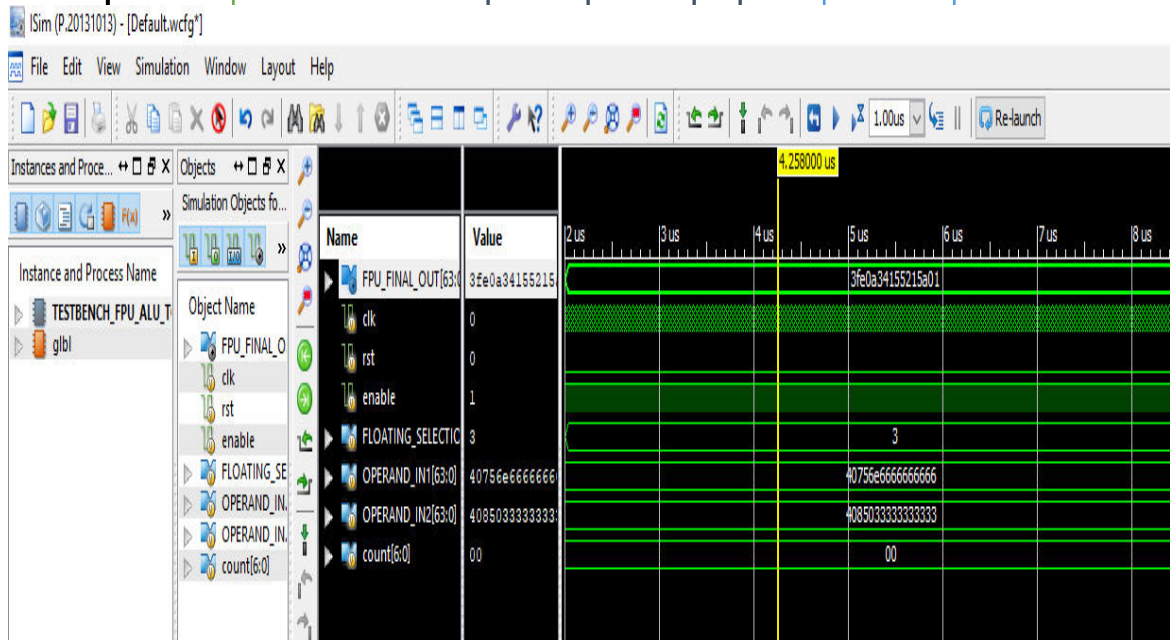


Figure 6.. Simulated results of Double precision floating point for divider

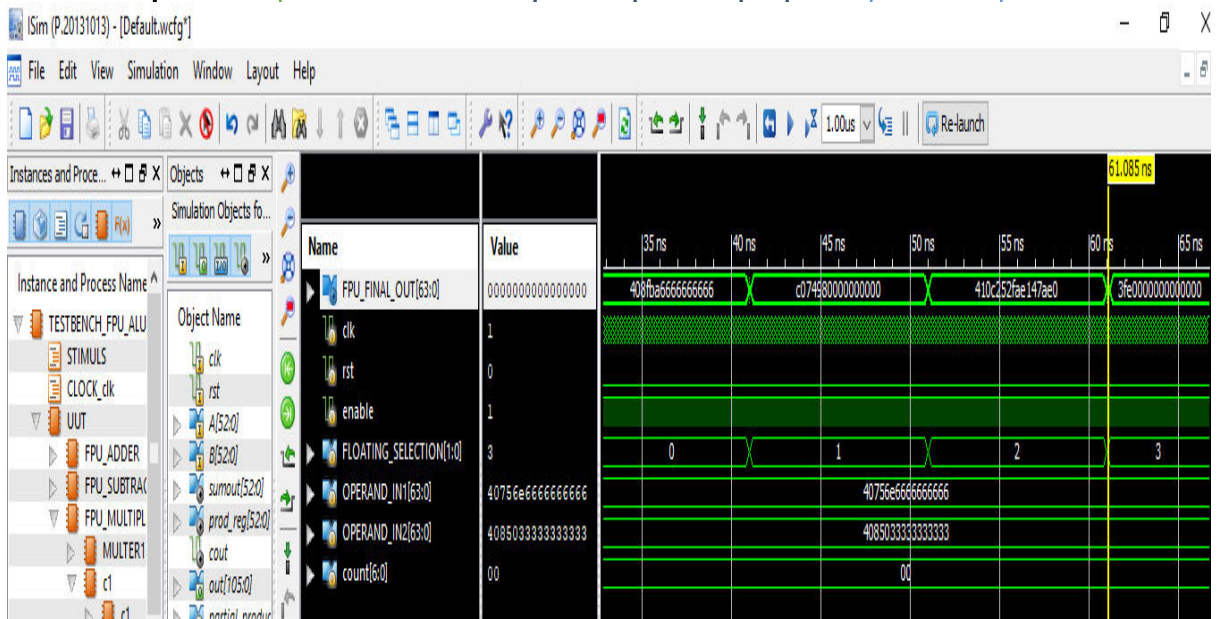


Figure.7. Simulated results of Double precision floating point for ALU for two operand values

Finally, Table 1 compares division operators in a variety of floating-point formats. Despite the fact that the operation delay time remains constant when compared to other operators, the smaller the number of bits employed for the floating-point division operation, the lower the area or energy consumption. Many test cases have been run to determine the appropriate arithmetic architecture without sacrificing milli degree estimation accuracy. In the register-transfer-level design, the recommended milli degree estimation training accelerator was constructed in Verilog and functionally verified using the Vivado Verilog Simulator. In the Milli, degree estimation has a Training/Inference engine and involved analyzing several floating-point formats and improving the FP

operators. It can operate at frequencies up to 80 MHz, increasing the circuit's throughput. It uses 5.44 times less energy and takes up five times less space than its predecessors., and has great accuracy.

Table.1 Proposed ternary based double-precision floating-point adder

Adders	Slices	Delay (ns)	FF's	Power (W)	Slice LUT's	Area (Slices)	Memory	Frequency MHz
Kogge-Stone [14]	1140	2.87e ⁻¹¹	2021	7.69m	---	---	---	---
Sklansky [15]	1047	11.15 e ⁻¹¹	1724	36.34m	---	---	---	---
Brent-Kung [14]	1268	9.24 e ⁻¹¹	1536	0.4micr o	---	---	---	---
Han-Carlson [15]	992	82.21 e ⁻¹¹	4990	13.54m	---	---	---	---
Villalba [16]	1655	12.584	1642	0.6micr o	---	---	---	---
Proposed Ternary based double precision floating point adder	607	6.940ns	606	0.088	334	208	145KB	144.09

V. CONCLUSION

The addition is the primary operation in signal processing, machine and deep learning, such as matrix and vector addition or average computation. This paper investigates the impact of efficient FP ALU for high-speed FP formats on the implementation of FP arithmetic in FPGAs without native FP capability. We developed single-precision and double-precision floating-point arithmetic operations in this study, which were subsequently implemented on an FPGA for signal processing with the MAC module using the Verilog programming language. More efficient structures in FPGA-based designs while maintaining the precision operations can use this strategy to construct efficient arithmetic circuits. When compared to the IEEE-754 standard, the proposed converters to/from any radix allow working at high speeds inside the FPGA and returning output numbers in IEEE-754 format. The results of the implementation suggest that the huge area and latency benefits of utilizing FPGAs to build high-speed FP adders may offset the disadvantages of using FPGAs to implement high-radix FP multipliers. For algorithms that contain both adds and multiplications, this work allows selecting the optimal acceptable radix of the FP arithmetic representation as a function of the ratio between the number of additions and multiplications in the targeted algorithm. This

guidance allows the designer to choose between maximum speed, area, or a trade-off choice, depending on the needs of the designer's specific application. The number of additions equals the number of multiplications in numerous processes, including dot product, matrix by matrix multiplications, convolutions, and others.

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