

Creating double-precision integer multiplication with a quad-precision result from single-precision multiplication with a double-precision result using intrinsics (part 1)

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Some time ago, I derived how to create double-precision integer multiplication with a quad-precision result from single-precision multiplication with a double-precision result, but I expressed it in assembly language. This time, I'll express it in C using intrinsics.

Using intrinsics rather than inline assembly language is slightly more portable, since all the compiler toolchains that implement the intrinsics agree on what the intrinsics mean. They disagree on the members of a `m128i`, but at least they agree on the intrinsics.

First, a straightforward translation of the assembly language code to intrinsics:

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__m128i Multiply64x64To128(uint64_t x, uint64_t y)
{
    // movq xmm0, x           // xmm0 = { 0, 0, A, B } = { *, *, A, B }
    auto x00AB = _mm_loadl_epi64((__m128i*) &x);

    // movq xmm1, y           // xmm1 = { 0, 0, C, D } = { *, *, C, D }
    auto x00CD = _mm_loadl_epi64((__m128i*) &y);

    // punpckldq xmm0, xmm0 // xmm0 = { A, A, B, B } = { *, A, *, B }
    auto xAABB = _mm_unpacklo_epi32(x00AB, x00AB);

    // punpckldq xmm1, xmm1 // xmm1 = { C, C, D, D } = { *, C, *, D }
    auto xCCDD = _mm_unpacklo_epi32(x00CD, x00CD);

    // pshufd xmm2, xmm1, _MM_SHUFFLE(1, 0, 3, 2)
    //                                         // xmm2 = { D, D, C, C } = { *, D, *, C }
    auto xDDCC = _mm_shuffle_epi32(xCCDD, _MM_SHUFFLE(1, 0, 3, 2));

    // pmuludq xmm1, xmm0 // xmm1 = { AC, BD } // provisional result
    auto result = _mm_mul_epu32(xAABB, xCCDD);

    // pmuludq xmm2, xmm0 // xmm2 = { AD, BC } // cross-terms
    auto crossterms = _mm_mul_epu32(xAABB, xDDCC);

    // mov     eax, crossterms[0]
    // add     result[4], eax
    auto carry = _addcarry_u32(0,
                               result.m128i_u32[1],
                               crossterms.m128i_u32[0],
                               &result.m128i_u32[1]);

    // mov     edx, crossterms[4] // edx:eax = BC
    // adc     result[8], edx
    carry = _addcarry_u32(carry,
                          result.m128i_u32[2],
                          crossterms.m128i_u32[1],
                          &result.m128i_u32[2]);

    // adc     result[12], 0      // add the first cross-term
    _addcarry_u32(carry,
                  result.m128i_u32[3],
                  0,
                  &result.m128i_u32[3]);

    // mov     eax, crossterms[8]
    // add     result[4], eax
    carry = _addcarry_u32(0,
                          result.m128i_u32[1],
                          crossterms.m128i_u32[2],
                          &result.m128i_u32[1]);

    // mov     edx, crossterms[12] // edx:eax = AD

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// adc    result[8], edx
carry = _addcarry_u32(carry,
                      result.m128i_u32[2],
                      crossterms.m128i_u32[3],
                      &result.m128i_u32[2]);

// adc    result[12], 0      // add the second cross-term
_caddcarry_u32(carry,
                result.m128i_u32[3],
                0,
                &result.m128i_u32[3]);

return result;
}
```

The Microsoft Visual Studio compiler produces the following:

```

; standard function prologue
    push    ebp
    mov     ebp, esp
    and     esp, -16    ; room for _result on the stack
    sub     esp, 24

; load up x and y
    movq    xmm1, QWORD PTR _y$[ebp]
    movq    xmm2, QWORD PTR _x$[ebp]

; duplicate x
    punpckldq xmm1, xmm1

; make another copy of the duplicated x
    movaps  xmm0, xmm1

; duplicate y
    punpckldq xmm2, xmm2

; multiply main terms, result in xmm0
    pmuludq xmm0, xmm2

; shuffle and multiply cross terms, cross-terms in xmm1
    pshufd  xmm1, xmm1, 141
    pmuludq xmm1, xmm2

; Now the adjustments for cross-terms

; save a register
    push    esi

; save result to memory
    movaps  XMMWORD PTR _result$[esp+32], xmm0

; load up result[2] into esi and result[3] into ecx
    mov     esi, DWORD PTR _result$[esp+40]
    mov     ecx, DWORD PTR _result$[esp+44]

; load result[1] into edx by shifting
    psrlqd xmm0, 4
    movd    edx, xmm0

; xmm0 holds cross-terms
    movaps  xmm0, xmm1

; load crossterms[0] into eax
    movd    eax, xmm1

; prepare to load crossterms[1] into eax by shifting
    psrlqd xmm0, 4

; add crossterms[0] to result[1]

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        add      edx, eax

; load crossterms[1] into eax
        movd    eax, xmm0

; xmm0 holds cross-terms (again)
        movaps  xmm0, xmm1

; prepare to load crossterms[3] into eax by shifting
        psrldq xmm1, 12

; prepare to load crossterms[2] into eax by shifting
        psrldq xmm0, 8

; add crossterms[1] to result[2], with carry
        adc     esi, eax

; load crossterms[2] into eax
        movd    eax, xmm0

; propagate carry into result[3]
        adc     ecx, 0

; add crossterms[2] to result[1]
        add     edx, eax

; load crossterms[3] into eax
        movd    eax, xmm1

; save final result[1]
        mov     DWORD PTR _result$[esp+36], edx

; add crossterms[3] to result[2]
        adc     esi, eax

; save final result[2]
        mov     DWORD PTR _result$[esp+40], esi

; propagate carry into result[3]
        adc     ecx, 0

; save final result[3]
        mov     DWORD PTR _result$[esp+44], ecx

; load final result
        movaps  xmm0, XMMWORD PTR _result$[esp+32]

; clean up stack and return
        pop     esi
        mov     esp, ebp
        pop     ebp
        ret

```

I was impressed that the compiler was able to convert our direct accesses to the internal members of the `__m128i` into corresponding shifts and extractions. (Since this code was compiled with only SSE2 support, the compiler could not use the `pextrd` instruction to do the extraction.)

Even with this very lame conversion, the compiler does quite a good job of optimiznig the code. The opening instructions match our handwritten assembly almost exactly; the second half doesn't match as well, but that's because the compiler was able to replace many of our memory accesses with register accesses.

The compiler was able to optimize our inline assembly!

We'll take this as inspiration for trying to get rid of all the memory accesses. The story continues next time.

Bonus chatter: In the three years since I wrote the original article, nobody picked up on the fact that I got the parameters to `_MM_SHUFFLE` wrong.

Bonus bonus chatter: I could have reduced the dependency chain a bit by tweaking the calculation of `XDDCC` :

```
// pshufd xmm2, xmm1, _MM_SHUFFLE(0, 0, 1, 1);
//                                     // xmm2 = { D, D, C, C } = { *, D, *, C }
auto XDDCC = _mm_shuffle_epi32(x00CD, _MM_SHUFFLE(0, 0, 1, 1));

// punpckldq xmm1, xmm1 // xmm1 = { C, C, D, D } = { *, C, *, D }
auto XCCDD = _mm_unpacklo_epi32(x00CD, x00CD);
```

Basing the calculation of `XDDCC` on `x00CD` rather than `0xCCDD` removes one instruction from the dependency chain.

Bonus bonus bonus chatter: I chose to use `punpckldq` instead of `pshufd` to calculate `XCCDD` because `punpckldq` encodes one byte shorter.

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