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Lecture 2: Key Questions
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1. Explain the basic hardware method for performing binary multiplication.

2. Explain the optimizations we can make to this hardware to save bits, and the operation of the refined hardware multiplier.
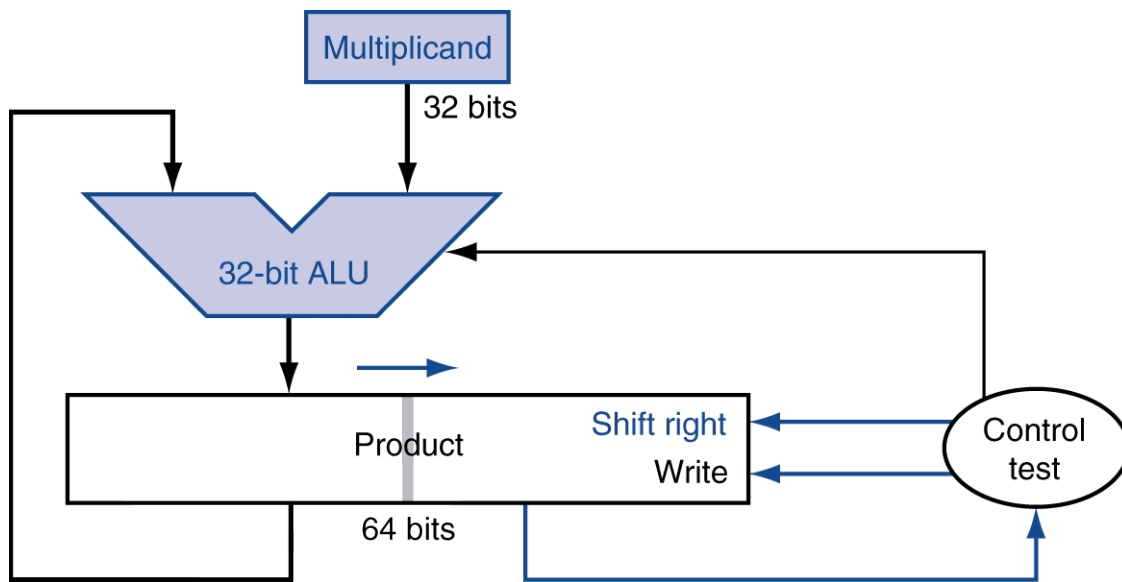
Figure 1: Basic multiplication hardware

Figure 2: Optimized multiplication hardware

Show how the refined multiplier handles:
a.   4 x 3

b.   6 x 7

3. Explain how MIPS processors handle multiply operations.

4. Briefly describe division hardware and the MIPS divide instructions.

5. Describe the IEEE floating-point formats.

6. **Example:** Represent 0.75 in both single and double-precision floating-point format.

7. **Example:** What decimal value is represented by the single-precision float
    11000000101000…00?

8.   Describe floating-point addition.

9.   Describe floating-point multiplication.

10. Describe the MIPS floating-point instructions.