



# base-10 numbers

$$12345 = 1 \cdot 10^4 + 2 \cdot 10^3 + 3 \cdot 10^2 + 2 \cdot 10^1 + 1 \cdot 10^0$$

$$987.65 = 9 \cdot 10^2 + 8 \cdot 10^1 + 7 \cdot 10^0 + 6 \cdot 10^{-1} + 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

# base-2 numbers

$$\begin{aligned}20_{\text{TEN}} \text{ (or } 20_{10}) &= 11101_{\text{TWO}} \text{ (or } 11101_2) \\&= 1 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 \\4_{\text{TEN}} &= 100_{\text{TWO}} \\&= 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0 \\1.25_{\text{TEN}} &= 1.01_{\text{TWO}} \\&= 1 \cdot 2^0 + 0 \cdot 2^{-1} + 1 \cdot 2^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

# base-16 numbers

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

$$15_{\text{TEN}} =$$

$$F_{\text{SIXTEEN}} =$$

$$15 \cdot 16^0$$

$$100_{\text{TEN}} =$$

$$64_{\text{SIXTEEN}} =$$

$$6 \cdot 16^1 + 4 \cdot 16^0$$

$$0.5_{\text{TEN}} =$$

$$0.8_{\text{SIXTEEN}} =$$

$$8 \cdot 16^{-1}$$

# integers in C++

15 <sub>TEN</sub>		15
17 <sub>EIGHT</sub>		017
F <sub>SIXTEEN</sub>		0xF

99 <sub>TEN</sub>		99
143 <sub>EIGHT</sub>		0143
63 <sub>SIXTEEN</sub>		0x63

16 <sub>TEN</sub>		16
20 <sub>EIGHT</sub>		020
10 <sub>SIXTEEN</sub>		0x10

# terminology

base- $X$  number —  $X$  is the **radix**

I will call components of base  $X$  number 'digits'

but not a great term — digit sometimes implies base-10  
sometimes "radit"

base-2 digit = bit

base-16 digit = nibble (sometimes)

base-10 = decimal

base-2 = binary

base-8 = octal

base-16 = hexadecimal

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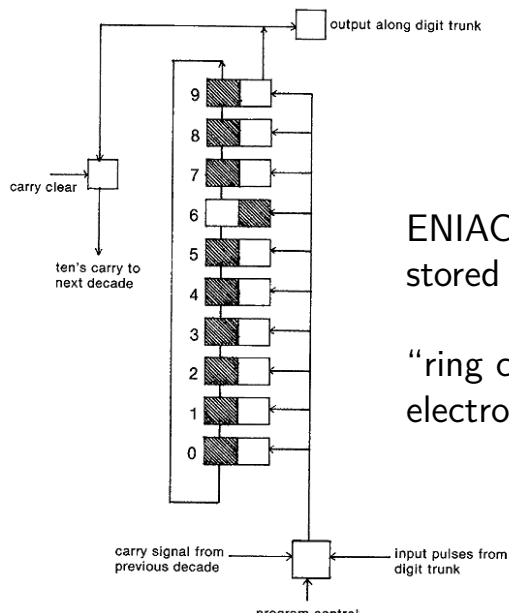
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# integer representation

modern machine represent integers as series of **bits** (base-2)

why not base-10?

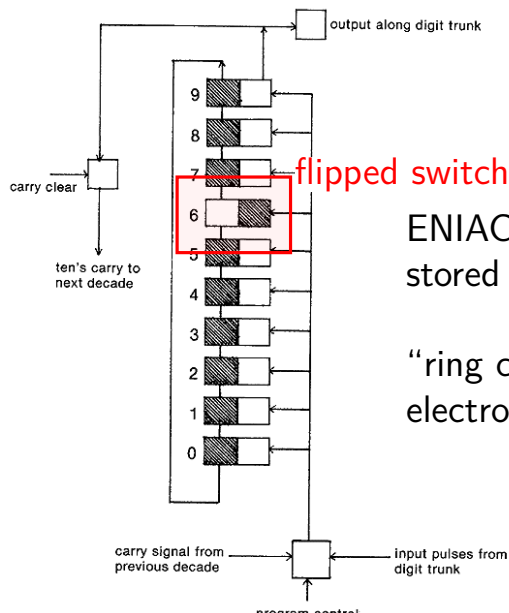
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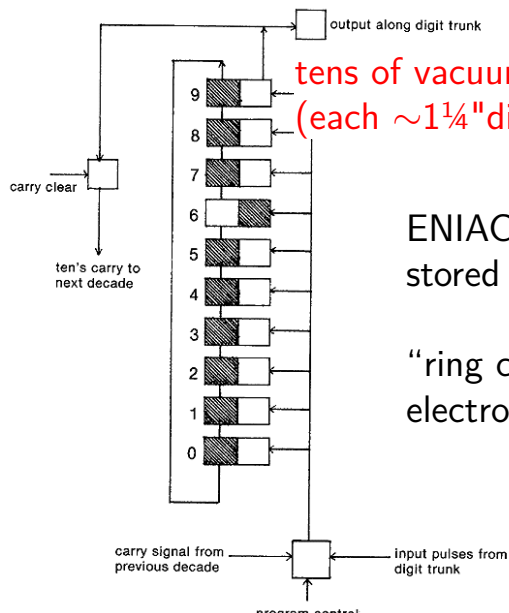


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why not used in ENIAC?

Eckert (ENIAC designer), 1953: “Although [binary-based digit counters] were known at the time of the construction of the ENIAC, it was not used because it required stable resistors, which were then much more expensive than they are now.”

also, important to input/output decimal digits directly

# base-2 bit addition

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“unsigned” — can't be negative (no sign)

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minimum size required by standard for all C++ compilers  
all allowed to be bigger

# querying sizes in C++

```
#include <climits>  // C: <limits.h>
...
ULONG_MAX or UINT_MAX or USHRT_MAX or UCHAR_MAX
// e.g. USHRT_MAX == 65535 on lab machines
```

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```
#include <limits>
...
std::numeric_limits<unsigned long>::max()
    // == ULONG_MAX
...
```

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```
sizeof(unsigned long) // number of *bytes*
    // == 8 on lab machines
...
```

# numbering bits

option 1:  $n$ -bit number:  $b_{n-1}b_{n-2}b_{n-3} \dots b_2b_1b_0$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i \cdot 2^i$$

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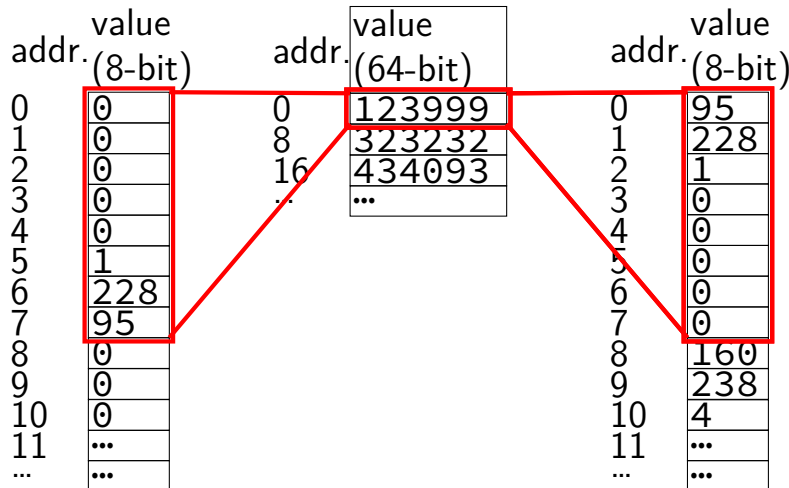
# memory

**memory**  
**(as 64-bit values)**

addr.	value (64-bit)
0	123999
8	323232
16	434093
...	...

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if **big endian**      memory      if **little endian**  
(as 8-bit values) (as 64-bit values) (as 8-bit values)



# finding endianness in C++

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::hex; using std::endl;
int main() {
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    unsigned char *ptr = (unsigned char*) &value;
    for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(unsigned long); ++i) {
        cout << (int) ptr[i] << "_";
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little endian (e.g. lab machine):

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get pointer to **byte** with  
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unless you do something like this  
won't see endianness

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use pointer to get *i*th byte of value  
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but we don't write numbers in a different order  
based on which end we call "part 0"

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# little versus big endian

little endian — least significant part has lowest address

i.e. index 0 is the one's place

big endian — most significant part has the lowest address

i.e. index  $n - 1$  is the one's place

# endianness in the real world

today and this course: little endian is dominant

e.g. x86, *typically* ARM

historically: big endian was dominant

e.g. *typically* SPARC, POWER, Alpha, MIPS, ...

still commonly used for networking because of this

many architectures have switchable endianness

e.g. ARM, SPARC, POWER, MIPS

usually, OS chooses endianness

# middle endian

sometimes not just big/little endian

e.g. number bytes most to least significant as  
5, 6, 7, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4

e.g. doubles on little-endian ARM

generally some sort of historical accident

e.g. ARM floating point designed for big endian?

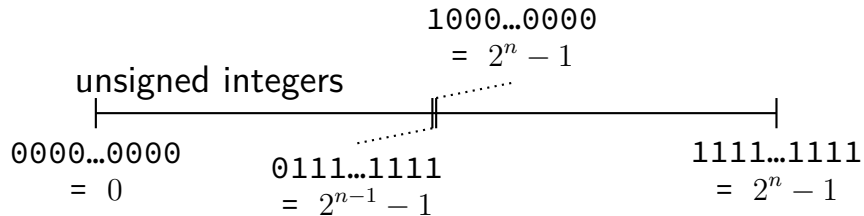
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endianness is about numbering,  
not (necessairily) placement on the page

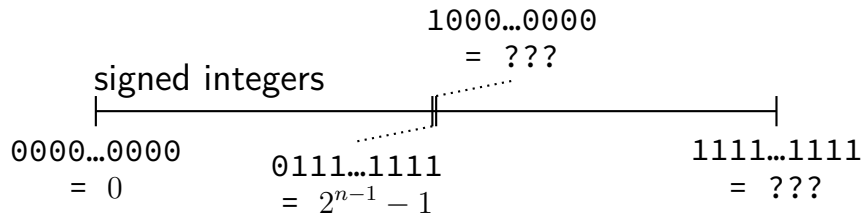
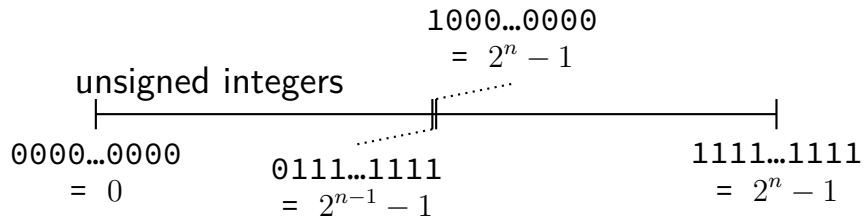
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2	1		10	4
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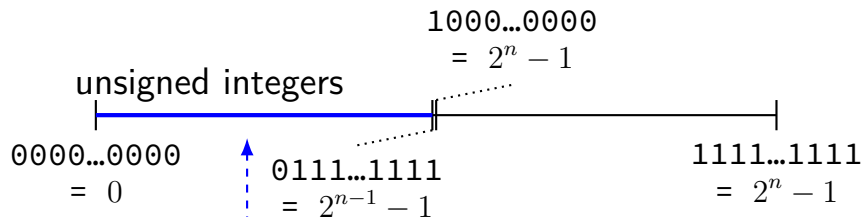
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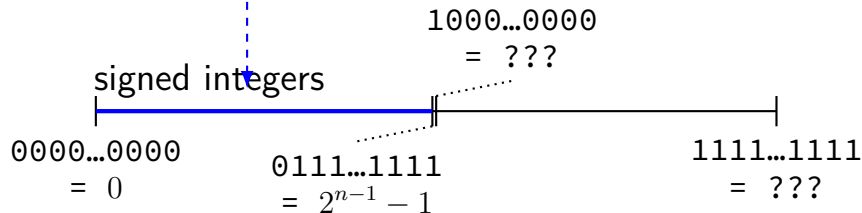
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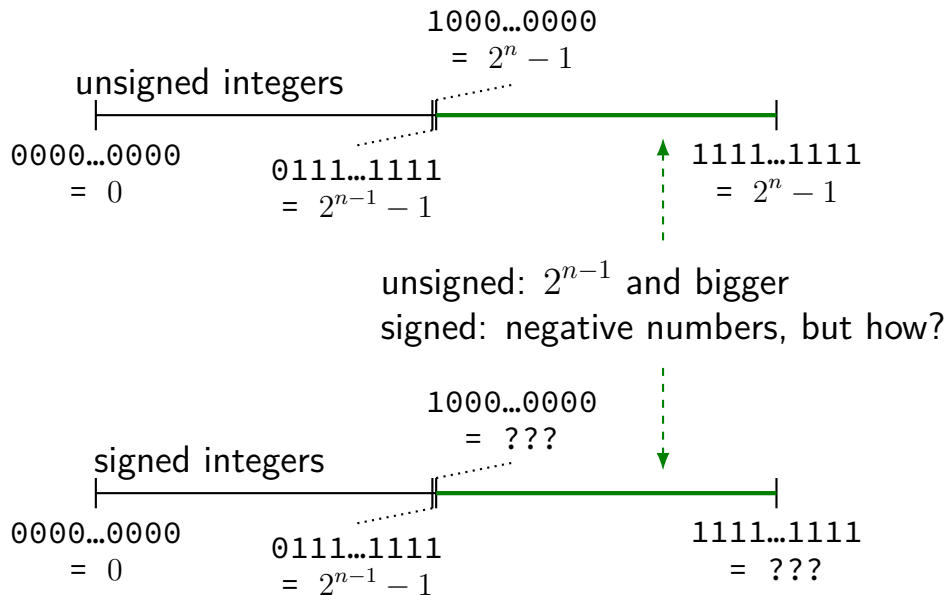
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positive numbers up to  $2^n - 1$   
goal: same bits, signed or not

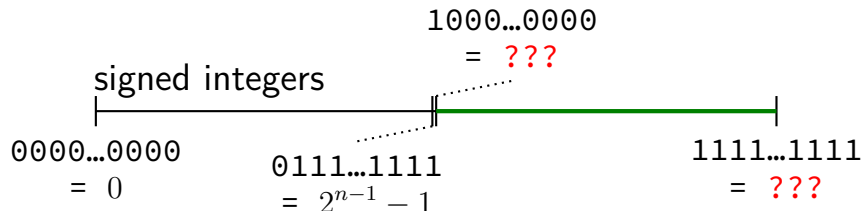


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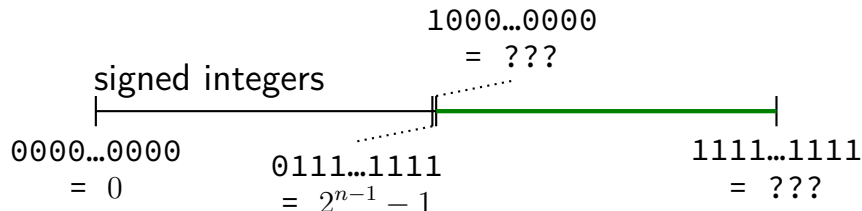


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two representations of zero?

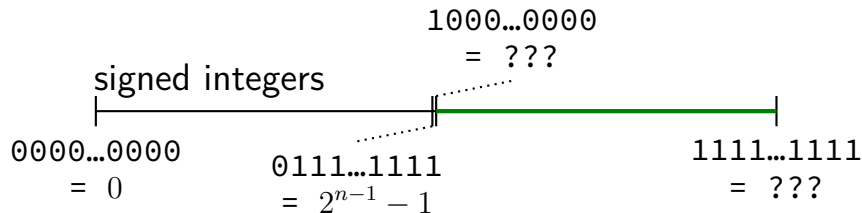
$x == y$  needs to do something special



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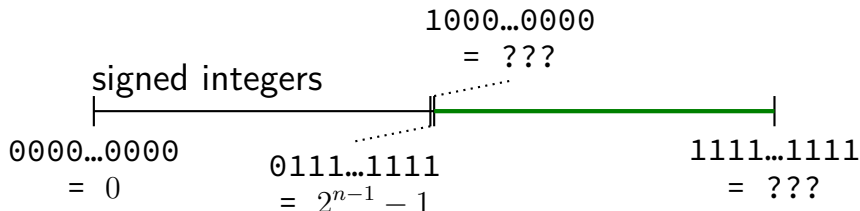
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111...111	$-2^{n-1} + 1$	0	-1

all 1's — least negative?

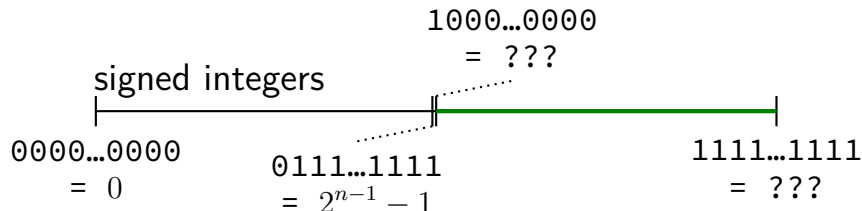




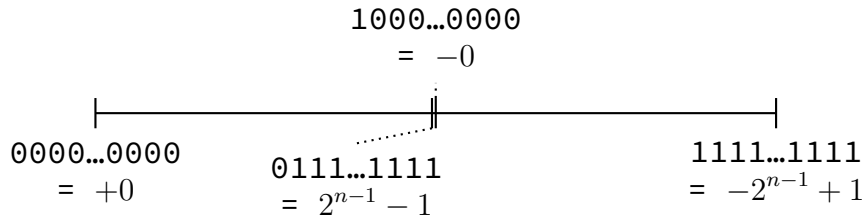
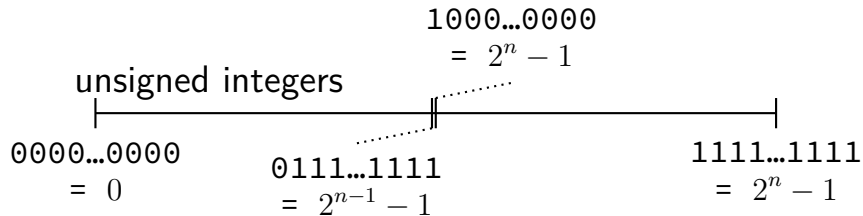
# representing negative numbers

	sign & magnitude	1's complement	2's complement
000...000	0	0	0
011...111	$2^{n-1} - 1$	$2^{n-1} - 1$	$2^{n-1} - 1$
100...000	0	$-2^{n-1} + 1$	$-2^{n-1}$
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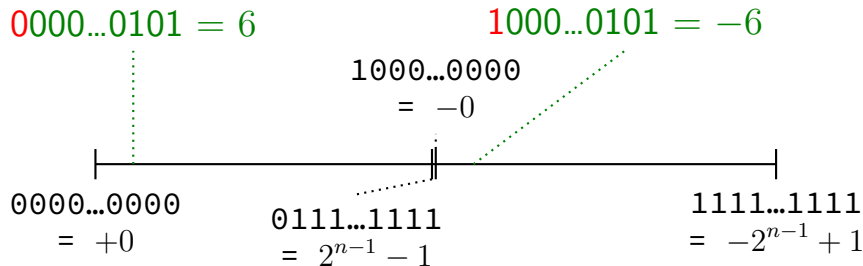
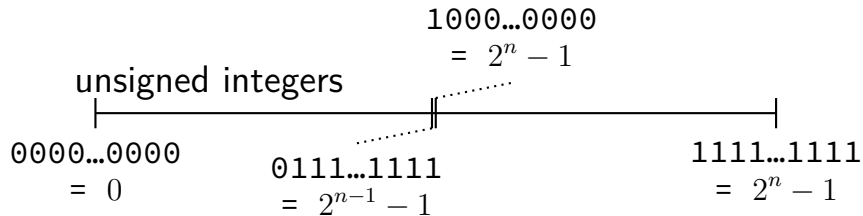
all 1's — most negative?



# sign and magnitude

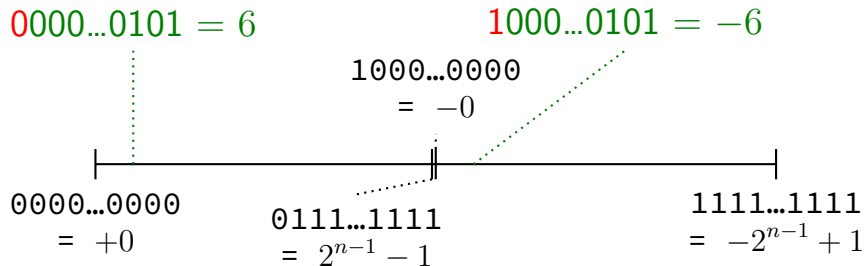


# sign and magnitude



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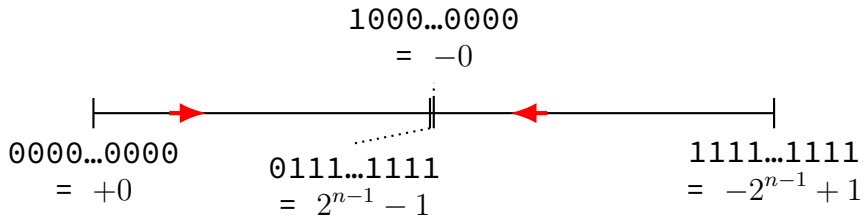
first bit is “sign bit” — 0 = positive, 1 = negative  
flip sign bit to negate number



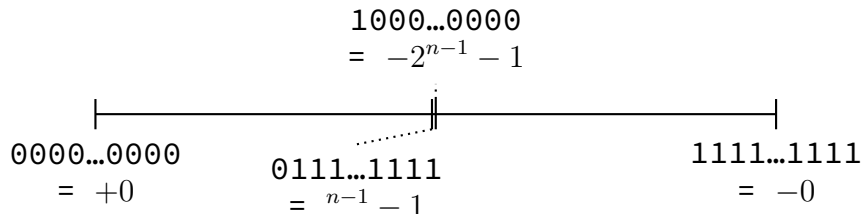
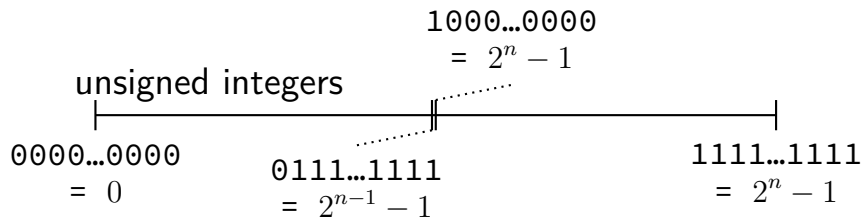
# sign and magnitude

adding 1

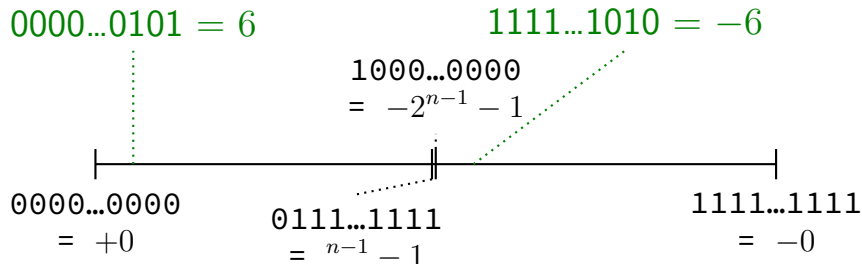
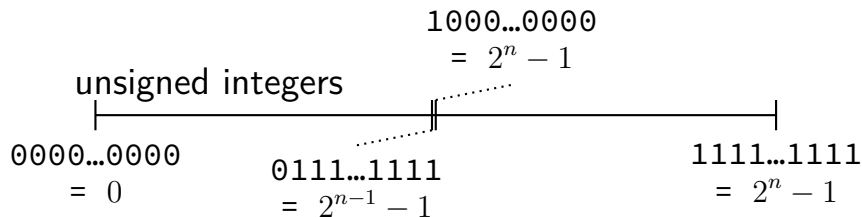
different direction if negative



# 1's complement



# 1's complement



# 1's complement

flip all bits to negate number

$$0000\dots0101 = 6$$

$$1111\dots1010 = -6$$

$$1000\dots0000 \\ = -2^{n-1} - 1$$

$$0000\dots0000 \\ = +0$$

$$0111\dots1111 \\ = 2^{n-1} - 1$$

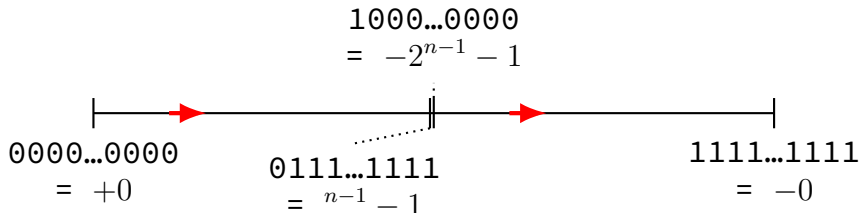
$$1111\dots1111 \\ = -0$$



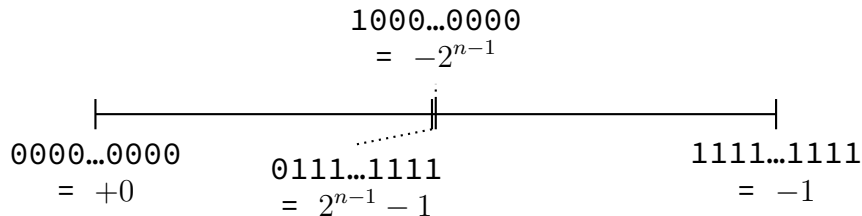
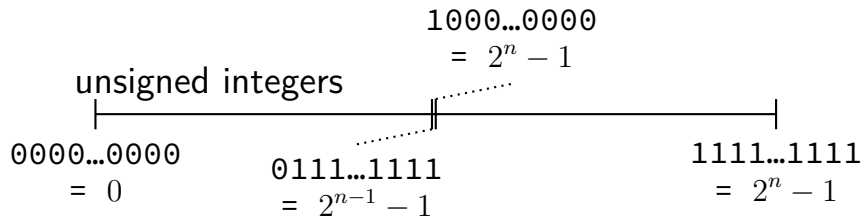
# 1's complement

adding 1

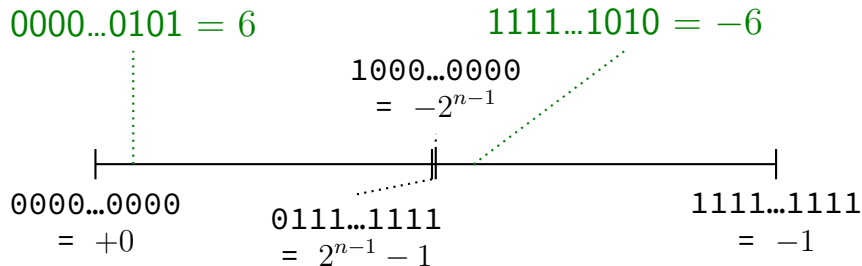
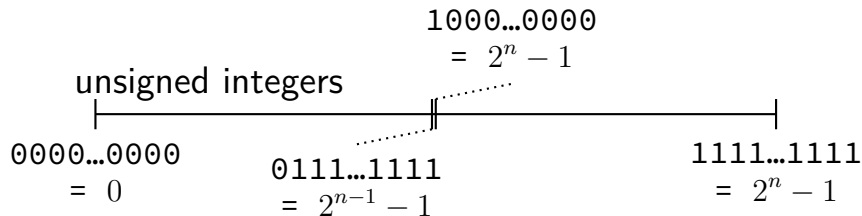
same direction, no matter original sign



# two's complement

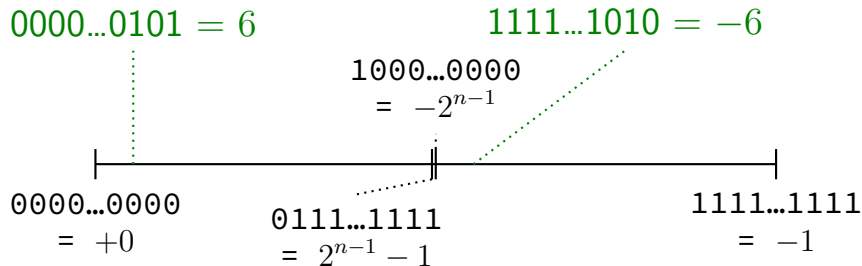


# two's complement



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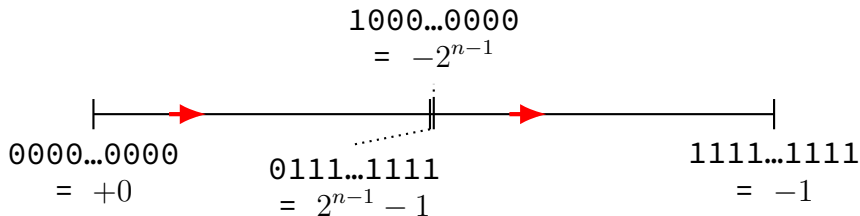
flip all bits and add 1 to negate number



# two's complement

adding 1

same direction, no matter original sign



# 2's complement (alt. perspective)

2's complement (5 bit)

$$+10 = \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

$$0 \cdot (-2^4) + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0$$

$$0 + 2^3 + 0 + 2^1 + 0 = 10$$

$$-10 = \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

$$1 \cdot (-2^4) + 0 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0$$

$$-2^4 + 0 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 0 = -10$$

# 2's complement (alt. perspective)

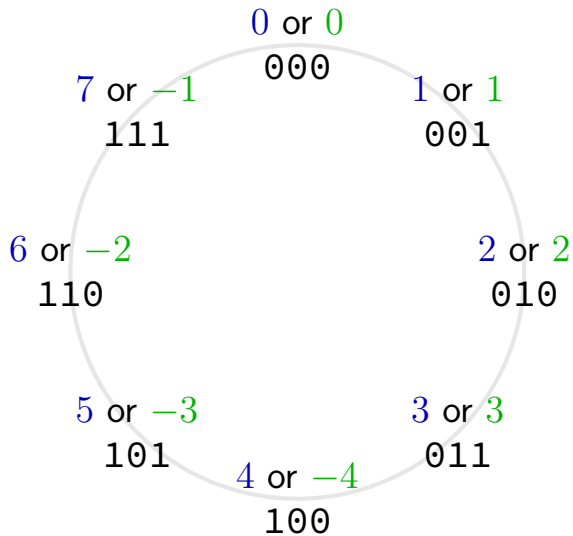
2's complement (5 bit)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} +10 = & \boxed{0} & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & & & \\ & 0 \cdot (-2^4) & + & 1 \cdot 2^3 & + & 0 \cdot 2^2 & + & 1 \cdot 2^1 & + & 0 \cdot 2^0 \\ & 0 & + & 2^3 & + & 0 & + & 2^1 & + & 0 = 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} -10 = & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & & & \\ & 1 \cdot (-2^4) & + & 0 \cdot 2^3 & + & 1 \cdot 2^2 & + & 1 \cdot 2^1 & + & 0 \cdot 2^0 \\ & \boxed{-2^4} & + & 0 & + & 2^2 & + & 2^1 & + & 0 = -10 \end{array}$$

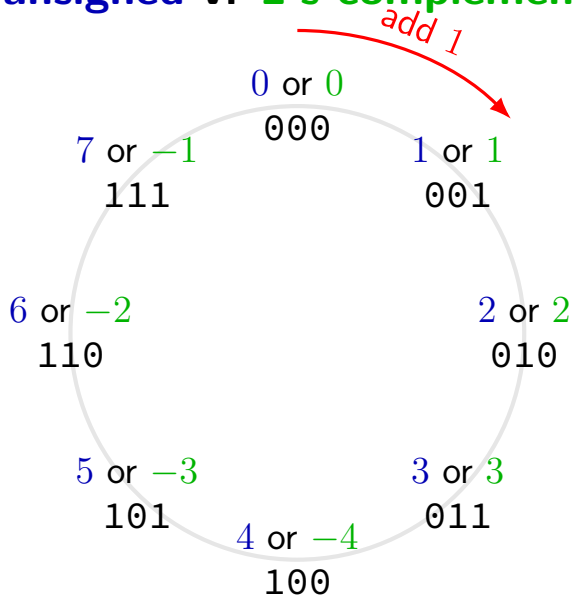
" $-2^4$ 's place"

## unsigned v. 2's complement

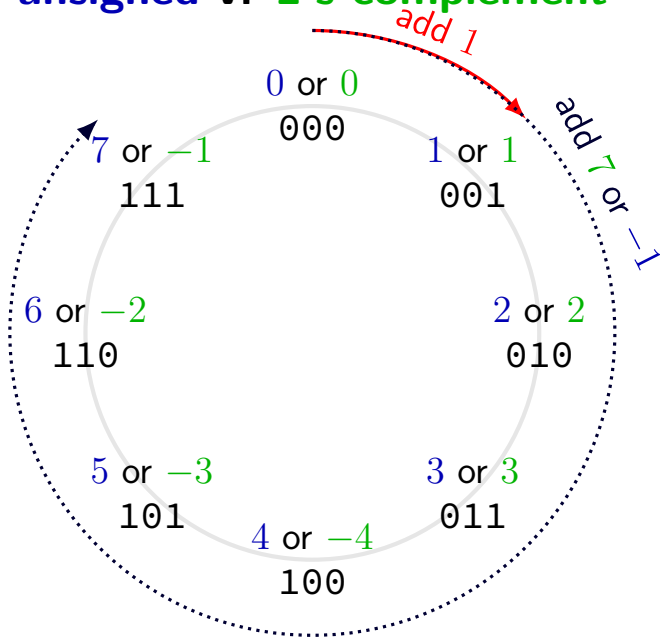




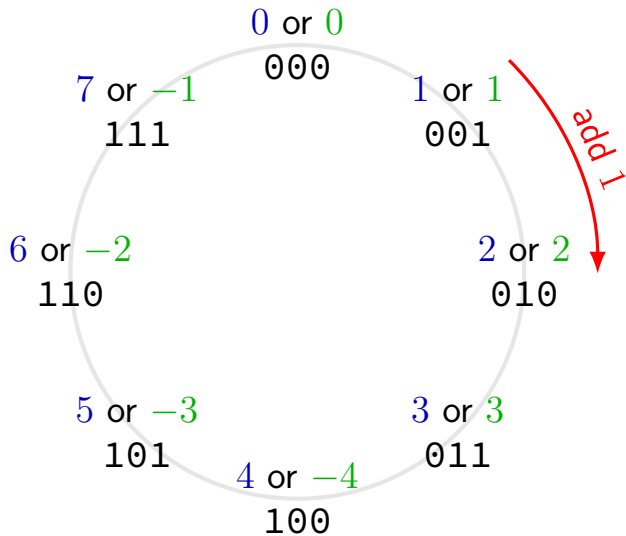
# unsigned v. 2's complement



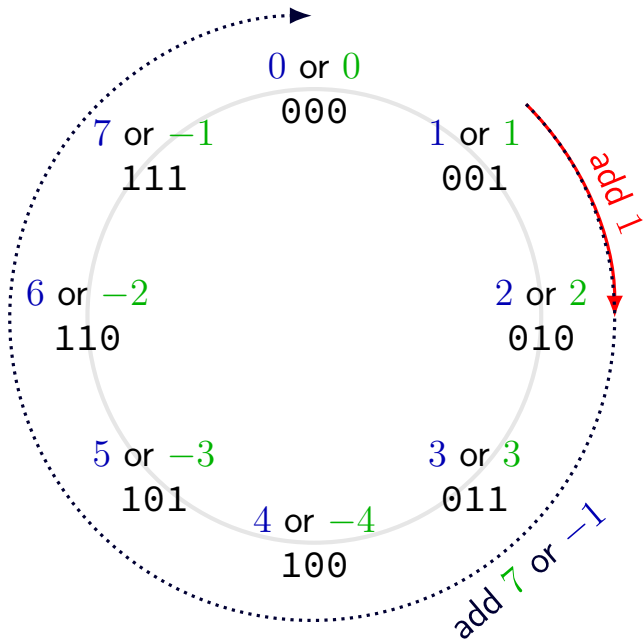
# unsigned v. 2's complement



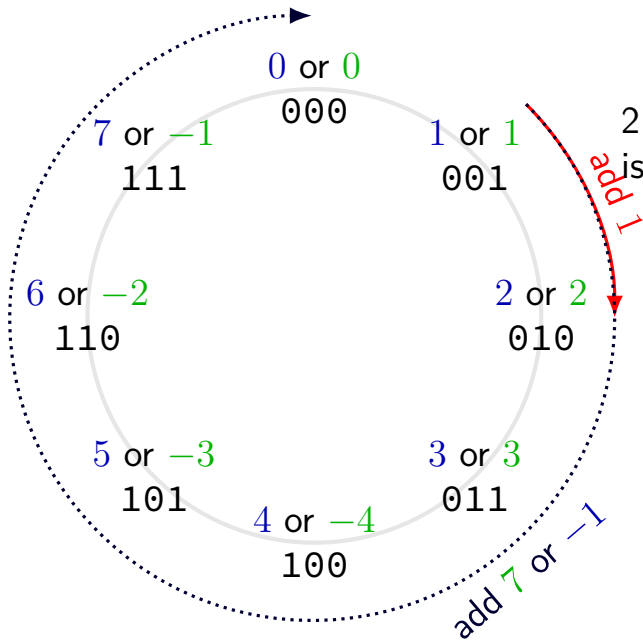
## unsigned v. 2's complement



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## unsigned v. 2's complement



2's complement addition  
is same as unsigned addition

# converting to 2's complement (version 1)

take absolute value, convert to bits

if negative, flip all the bits and add one

$$-14 \rightarrow -00001110 \rightarrow 11110001 + 1 \rightarrow 11110010$$

$$-127 \rightarrow -01111111 \rightarrow 10000000 + 1 \rightarrow 10000001$$

$$-128 \rightarrow -10000000 \rightarrow 01111111 + 1 \rightarrow 10000000$$

## converting to 2's complement (version 2)

if negative, take absolute value, subtract from  $2^n$ , encode that

$$-14 \rightarrow 2^8 - 14 = 242 \rightarrow 11110010$$

$$-127 \rightarrow 2^8 - 127 = 129 \rightarrow 10000001$$

$$-128 \rightarrow 2^8 - 127 = 129 \rightarrow 10000000$$

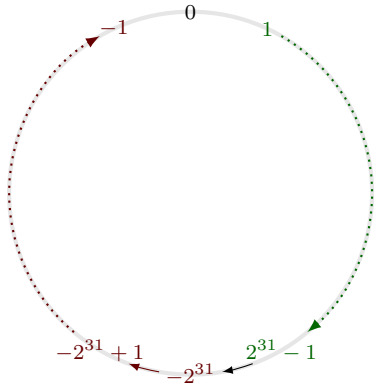
# two's complement summary

$$-1 = \begin{array}{ccccccc} & -2^{31} & +2^{30} & +2^{29} & & +2^2 & +2^1 & +2^0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$



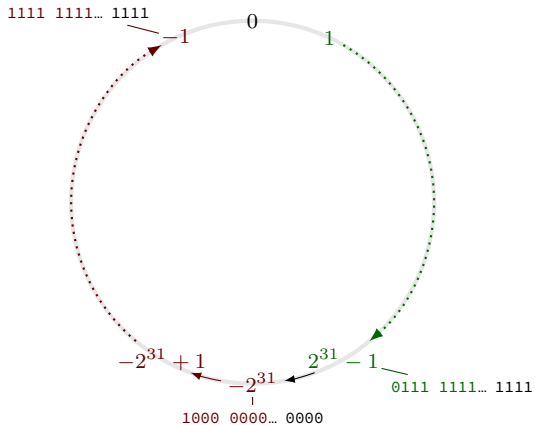
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# some real numbers

1

3

$-\frac{100}{7}$

$\pi$

0.1

$\sqrt{2}$

...

want to represent these: accurately? compactly? efficiently?

# fixed point

$$\frac{1}{3} = 0.101010101 \dots_{\text{TWO}}$$

$$\approx +0000.1010_{\text{TWO}} \text{--- represent as } 00000 \ 1010$$

$$\frac{100}{7} = 1110.001001001 \dots_{\text{TWO}}$$

$$\approx -1110.0010_{\text{TWO}} \text{--- represent as } 01110 \ 0010$$

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$x \approx y/2^K$  — represent with fixed-sized signed integer  $y$

this case:  $y/2^4$  and  $y$  is 9 bits.

# why fixed-point?

$$x \approx y/2^K \text{ (} y \text{ fixed-sized signed integer)}$$

math similar to integer math:

- addition/subtraction — same

- multiplication — same except divide by  $2^K$

- division — same except multiply by  $2^K$

easy to understand what values are represented well

# why not fixed-point?

pretty small range of numbers for space used

hard to choose a  $2^K$  that works for lots of applications

## recall (?): scientific notation

$$+\frac{1}{3} = +0.33333333\dots$$

$$\approx +3.33 \cdot 10^{-1}$$

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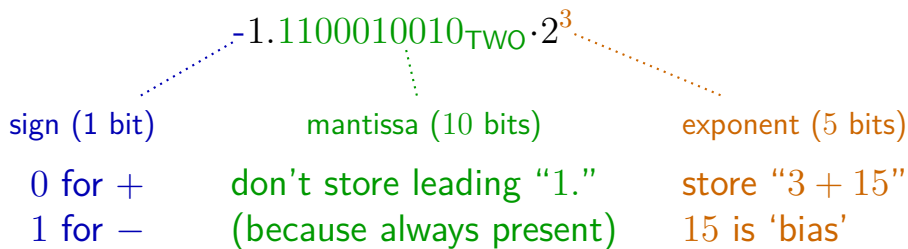
## base-2 scientific notation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{3} &= 0.101010101\dots_{\text{TWO}} \\ &\approx 0.1010101010_{\text{TWO}} = +1.0101010101_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{-1} \\ \frac{100}{7} &= 1110.001001001\dots_{\text{TWO}} \\ &\approx -1110.0010010_{\text{TWO}} = -1.1100010010_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^3\end{aligned}$$

# IEEE half-precision floating point

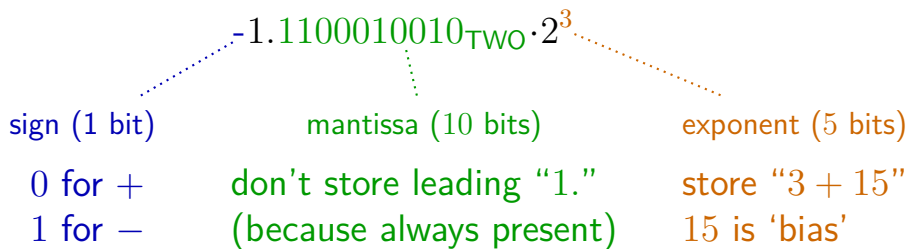
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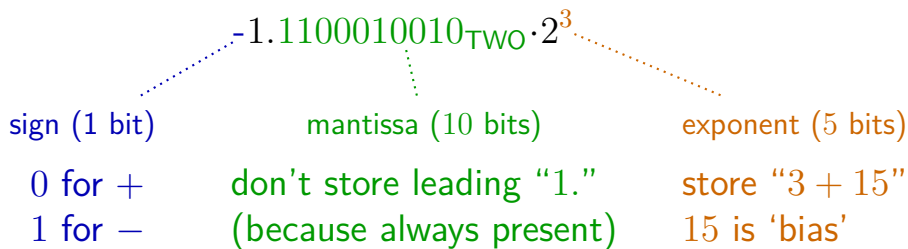


# IEEE half-precision floating point



1 10010 1100010010

# IEEE half-precision floating point



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on typical little endian system:

byte 0: 00010010

byte 1: 11001011

# IEEE half precision float

1 sign bit (1 for negative)

5 exponent bits

bias of 15 — if bits as unsigned are  $e$ , exponent is  $E = e - 127$

10 mantissa bits

leading “1.” not stored

$$\text{value} = (1 - 2 \cdot \text{sign}) \cdot (1.\text{mantissa}_{\text{TWO}}) \cdot 2^{\text{exponent}-15}$$

## other IEEE precisions

	half	single	double	quad
C++*/Java type	—	float	double	—
sign bits	1	1	1	1
exponent bits	5	8	11	15
exponent bias	15 ( $2^5 - 1$ )	127 ( $2^7 - 1$ )	1023 ( $2^{10} - 1$ )	16383 ( $2^{14} - 1$ )
mantissa bits	10	23	52	112
total bits	16	32	64	128

(\* = typical C++ type; might vary in some implementations)

# float example: manually (1)

$$25.25 = \frac{101}{4} = \frac{101}{2^2}$$

largest power of two  $< 101$ ?  $128 = 2^6$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{101}{4} \cdot \frac{2^4}{2^4} &= \frac{101 \cdot 2^4}{2^6} \\ &= \frac{101}{2^6} \times 2^4 \\ &= \frac{1100101_{TWO}}{2^6} \times 2^4 \\ &= 1.000101_{TWO} \times 2^4\end{aligned}$$

## float example: manually (2)

$$25.25 = \frac{101}{4} = 11001.01_{\text{TWO}} =$$
$$+1.1001\ 0100\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 000_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^4$$

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$$25.25 = \frac{101}{4} = 11001.01_{\text{TWO}} =$$

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sign (1 bit)

0 for +

mantissa (23 bits)

(leading "1." not stored)

exponent (5 bits)

store "4 + 127 =

1000 0011<sub>TWO</sub>"

127 is bias for float

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0 1000 0011 1001 0100 0000 0000 0000 0000



## diversion: 25.25 to binary

$$\begin{aligned} 25.25 &= \frac{101}{4} \\ &= \frac{1100101_{\text{TWO}}}{2^2} \\ &= 11001.01_{\text{TWO}} \end{aligned}$$

## diversion: 25.25 to binary

$$\begin{aligned} 25.25 &= 2^4 + 2^3 + (9.25 - 2^3) = 2^4 + 2^3 + 1.25 \\ &\quad (1.25 < 2^2) \\ &\quad (1.25 < 2^1) \\ &= 2^4 + 2^3 + (1.25 - 2^0) = 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^0 + 0.25 \\ &\quad (0.25 < 2^{-1}) \\ &= 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^0 + (0.25 - 2^{-2}) = 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^0 + 2^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

# float example: from C++

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::hex; using std::endl;
// union: all elements use the *same memory*
union floatOrInt {
    float f;
    unsigned int u;
};
int main() {
    union floatOrInt x;
    x.f = 25.25;
    cout << hex << x.u << endl;
    // OUTPUT: 41ca0000
}
```

4 1 c a 0 0 0 0  
0100 0001 1100 1010 0000 0000 0000 0000

## float example 2: manually

$$\begin{aligned} 0.1_{\text{TEN}} &= \frac{1}{16} + 0.0375 = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + 0.00625 = \\ &\dots = 0.00011001100110011\dots_{\text{TWO}} \approx \\ &+ 1.1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 101_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

## float example 2: manually

$$0.1_{\text{TEN}} = \frac{1}{16} + 0.0375 = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + 0.00625 = \dots = 0.00011001100110011\dots_{\text{TWO}} \approx$$

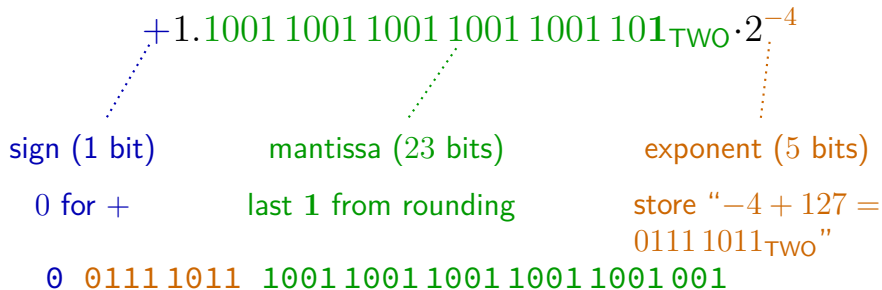
$+1.1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 101_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{-4}$

sign (1 bit)                      mantissa (23 bits)                      exponent (5 bits)

0 for +                      last 1 from rounding                      store “ $-4 + 127 = 0111\ 1011_{\text{TWO}}$ ”

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+ 1.1001 1001 1001 1001 1001 1001 101<sub>TWO</sub> · 2<sup>-4</sup>  
sign (1 bit)                      mantissa (23 bits)                      exponent (5 bits)  
0 for +                      last 1 from rounding                      store “-4 + 127 = 123 = 0111 1011<sub>TWO</sub>”  
0 0111 1011 1001 1001 1001 1001 1001 1001 1001 001

closest float to 0.1 between 0.1 and 0.1000001

## float example 2: inaccurate (1)

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;

int main(void) {
    int count;
    float base = 0.1f;
    for (count = 0; base * count < 100000000; ++count) {}
    cout << count << endl;
    // OUTPUT: 99999996
    return 0;
}
```



## float example 2: inaccurate (2)

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;

int main(void) {
    int count = 0;
    for (float f = 0; f < 2000.0; f += 0.1) {
        ++count;
    }
    cout << count << endl;
    // OUTPUT: 20004
    return 0;
}
```

## float example 2: inaccurate (3)

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;
int main(void) {
    cout.precision(30);
    for (float f = 0; f < 2000.0; f += 0.1) {
        cout << f << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

---

0

0.100000001490116119384765625

0.20000000298023223876953125

...

2.2000000476837158203125

2.2999999523162841796875

...

# on comparing floats

```
#include <cmath>
using std::fabs;
// or #include <math.h> and use fabs
// without a using statement
...
// chose based on expected accuracy
const float EPSILON = 1e-6;
float x, y;
...
if (fabs(x - y) < EPSILON) {
    ...
}
```

# floating point accuracy

`float` — about 7 decimal places

`double` — about 15 decimal places

# the problem of 0

0 is a very important number

can't be represented with implicit "1."

solution: special cases

# IEEE float special cases

exponent bits	mantissa bits	meaning
00000000	000...000	$\pm 0$
00000000	non-zero	<i>denormal</i> number
11111111	000...000	$\pm \infty$
11111111	non-zero	not a number (NaN)
$(+1/1000000000) \div \text{huge positive number} = +0$		
$(-1/1000000000) \div \text{huge positive number} = -0$		
$(+1000000000) \cdot \text{huge positive number} = +\infty$		
$(-1000000000) \cdot \text{huge positive number} = -\infty$		
$1 \div 0 = +\infty$		
$0 \div 0 = \text{NaN}$		
$\sqrt{-1} = \text{NaN}$		

# float min magnitude value

exponent of 0000 0001 (not 0 since that's special)

mantissa of 000...000

$$1.000000 \dots_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{1-\text{bias}} = 2^{-126}$$

# float max magnitude value

exponent of 1111 1110 (not all 1s since that's special)

mantissa of 111...111

$$1.111111 \dots 11_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{254 - \text{bias}} = 1.111111 \dots 1_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{127} = 2^{128} - 2^{104}$$



# on denormals

denormals — minimum exponent bits, non-zero mantissa

smaller in magnitude than “normal” minimum value

ignore the “implicit 1.” rule

notorious for being superslow on some systems

some CPUs take 100s of times longer to compute on them

we won't ask you about them

# rounding errors (1)

$$2^{100} + 1$$

$2^{100} + 1$  cannot be represented exactly  
would need 99 mantissa bits  
rounds to  $2^{100}$

(but  $2^{100}$  and 1 can)

## rounding errors (2)

$$\begin{array}{r} (2^{100} + 1) - 2^{100} \\ 2^{100} - 2^{100} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} (2^{100} - 2^{100}) + 1 \\ 0 + 1 \\ 1 \end{array}$$