

# Digital Logic and System Design

## Lecture 2: Representation

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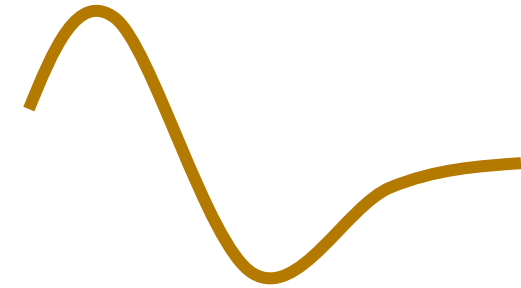
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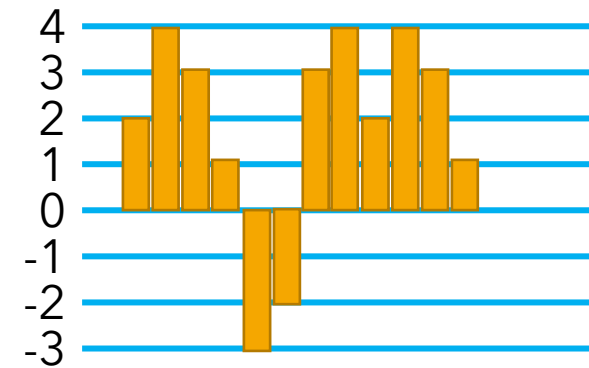
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# A Digital System

- Represent and Manipulate **DISCRETE** Values
  - Instead of **CONTINUOUS** Values (Analog System)
- **FINITE** set of elements



Analog

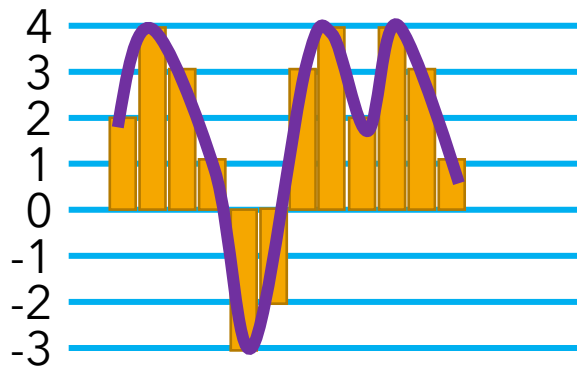


Digital

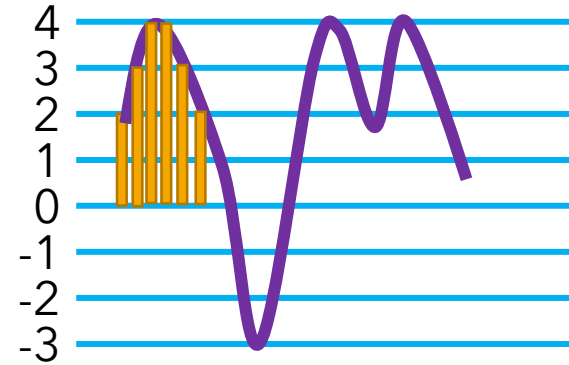
# Why Digital?

- Information is lost! Why bother?
- Exact representation
- Reproducibility of results
  - E.g., fewer errors due to atmospheric conditions
- Ease of design
  - We'll see in this course!
- Sophisticated automation techniques
- High speed
- Low cost

# Can we reduce the information loss?



**Digital  
Large errors**



**Digital  
Smaller errors**

Errors can be reduced by taking more data points

[Recall Fundamental Theorem of Integral Calculus]

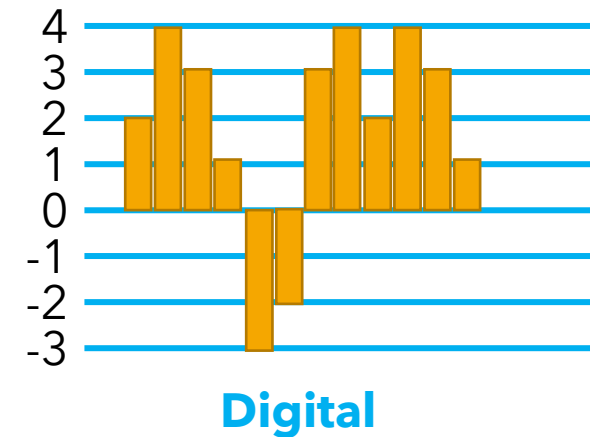
# Example Digital Systems

- Camera
  - Where is the digital element?
- Phone (over data connection)
  - What is digital about it?
- Computer
  - Was always digital



# Representation

- Need ways to represent data
  - Store and Retrieve
  - Manipulate
- How do we represent the data on right?
- Sequence of **NUMBERS**

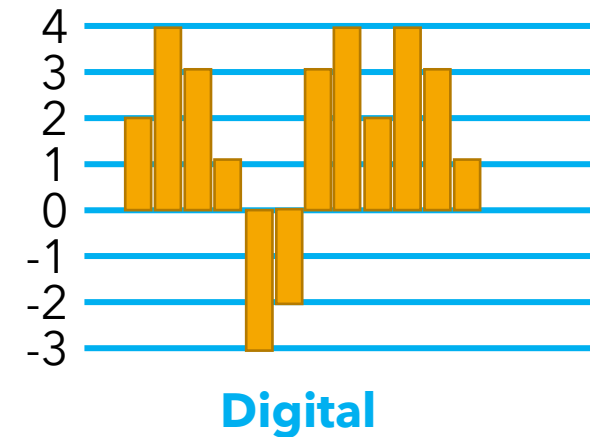


Representation:

**[2, 4, 3, 1, -3, -2, 3, 4, 2, 4, 3, 1]**

# Representing a Number

- Can a number be represented **exactly**?
  - Integer?
  - Rational number?
  - Real number?
  - Complex number?
- Needs to be element of a **FINITE set**



Representation:  
**[2, 4, 3, 1, -3, -2, 3, 4, 2, 4, 3, 1]**

# Need to impose some restrictions

- Limited range
  - e.g., [-100, 200]
- Simple way:
  - **FIXED** number of digits
  - Each digit can take a **FIXED** number of values



# Decimal Representation

- Number **3465** is a DECIMAL number
  - **base** is **10**
  - each **digit** of number  $\in \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$
- Interpretation:  
$$\mathbf{3465} = \mathbf{3} \times 10^3 + \mathbf{4} \times 10^2 + \mathbf{6} \times 10^1 + \mathbf{5} \times 10^0$$

# Other Bases

- We could represent the same number in a different **BASE** (also called **RADIX**)
  - E.g., Base **12**
  - in Base 12, each digit of number  $\in \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11\}$
  - $3465_{10} = 2009_{12} = 2 \times 12^3 + 0 \times 12^2 + 0 \times 12^1 + 9 \times 12^0$
- ...or base **5**
  - in this base, each digit of number  $\in \{0,1,2,3,4\}$
  - $3465_{10} = 102330_5 = 1 \times 5^5 + 0 \times 5^4 + 2 \times 5^3 + 3 \times 5^2 + 3 \times 5^1 + 0 \times 5^0$

# Representing Integers in Arbitrary Bases

- Base **r**
- **n-digit** number
  - Digits  **$a_{n-1}, \dots, a_2, a_1, a_0 \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, r-1\}$**
- Interpretation of number in base r:  
$$a_{n-1} \times r^{n-1} + a_{n-2} \times r^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 \times r^2 + a_1 \times r^1 + a_0 \times r^0$$

# Binary Numbers

- Binary number: **Base 2**
- n-digit number
  - Digits  $a_{n-1}, \dots, a_2, a_1, a_0 \in \{0, 1\}$
- Interpretation of number in base 2:
$$a_{n-1} \times 2^{n-1} + a_{n-2} \times 2^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 \times 2^2 + a_1 \times 2^1 + a_0 \times 2^0$$
- $1101_2 = 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$ 
$$= 1 \times 8 + 1 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1$$
$$= 8 + 4 + 1 = 13_{10}$$
- Thus,  $1101_2$  is another way to represent thirteen

# Which base should we use?

- Need **reliable** way to:
  - **Store** numbers
  - **Manipulate** numbers
- Decimal system:
  - need to find a way to represent 10 different entities for each digit
- Binary system:
  - find a way to represent 2 different things
- Modern digital systems: 2 voltage levels
  - 1 V (or 2V, etc.) represents '1'
  - 0 V represents '0'

13  
Decimal  
System

or

15  
Octal  
System

or

1101?  
Binary  
System

# Choice based on engineering efficiency

- Should be easy/efficient to:
  - **Store/Retrieve** number
  - **Manipulate** numbers
- **Charge** stored on a capacitor
  - if capacitor is **charged**, a '**1**' is stored
  - if capacitor is **discharged**, a '**0**' is stored
  - Other physical phenomena could be used (e.g., magnetization direction)
- Since ANY number can be represented as a binary number, we have a way to store anything we want
- Binary is popular: **easier to distinguish between 2 values**
  - Exceptions: some memory types
  - Manipulation/computation usually in binary

# Other Popular Bases

- Base **8** (Octal)
  - digits are: 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7
- Base **16** (Hexadecimal)
  - digits are: 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F
  - 10=A, 11=B, 12=C, 13=D, 14=E, 15=F



# Representing Real Numbers

- $3465.28 = 3 \times 10^3 + 4 \times 10^2 + 6 \times 10^1 + 5 \times 10^0 + 2 \times 10^{-1} + 8 \times 10^{-2}$

- $1101.11_2 = 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 + 1 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2}$

$$= 1 \times 8 + 1 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 0.5 + 1 \times 0.25$$

$$= 8 + 4 + 1 + .5 + .25 = 13.75_{10}$$

**Integral Part**

**Fractional Part**

# Conversion between Number Systems

- Conversion from some base to decimal system easy
  - use equation
- Conversion from decimal system to other base
  - repeated division by base
  - keep track of remainders