



COMP-2650 Computer Architecture I: Digital Design Fall 2024

Lab#	Date	Title	Due Date	Grade Release Date
Lab05	Week 05	Signed-Magnitude	Oct. 22, Tuesday Midnight	Oct. 28

This lab's objectives will be to master the topics in number systems, especially arithmetic, by implementing the algorithms with a programming language, herein, C/C++.

Step 1. Environment Setup

Our programming environment is the same as the first lab (Lab 01). In this lab, we want to code arithmetic on binary numbers. Specifically, we want to calculate the addition or subtraction of two binary numbers in signed-magnitude.

As we discussed in the lectures, there are different ways to represent negative and positive numbers. In signed-magnitude, we consider the highest significant position as the sign. Hence, it loses its value as a power of r in base-r. However, in signed-radix-complement, we use positive numbers to show the negative numbers. So, there is no position for the sign.

In C/C++, a variable can be defined as **unsigned** to indicate that the variable does not support negative numbers. This is like when we have number system with no negative numbers:

```
01 #include <stdio.h>
02 int main(void) {
03
04
       setbuf(stdout, NULL);
05
       unsigned int a;
96
07
       printf("Enter an unsigned integer number:\n");
98
       scanf("%u", &a);
09
10
       printf("The number is: \n");
       //printf("Binary: %b \n", a); There is no option for binary!
11
       printf("Octal: %o \n", a);
12
13
       printf("Decimal: %u \n", a);
       printf("Hexadecimal: %x \n", a); //Alphabet in small letters
14
15
       printf("HEXAdecimal: %X \n", a); //Alphabet in capital letters
16
       return 0;
17 }
```

As shown in lines# 05, we defined an **unsigned** integer variable filled with an **unsigned** decimal value by the user in line# 08. Please pay attention to the format specifier for **unsigned** variables in **scanf** and **printf**, which is "%u". An example run would be:

```
Enter an integer number:

15

The number is:

Octal: 17

Decimal: 15

Hexadecimal: f
```

You may know that C/C++ are so-called *weakly-typed* languages. This is because C/C++ does not raise exceptions or error, neither at *compile-time* nor *run-time*, in cases that a value of a type is assigned to a variable of a different type. This is due to *implicit casting*. For example, another run of our previous code could be:

Enter an unsigned integer number:



The number is:
Octal: 37777777723

Decimal: 4294967251

Hexadecimal: ffffffd3

HEXAdecimal: FFFFFFD3

As seen, the user enters a negative decimal number -45. Our program stores this value in the variable 'a' whose type is **unsigned**. However, no error or exception raised by C/C++. Indeed, C/C++ did an implicit cast and converted the type of variable 'a' to **signed** integer first, and then stored the negative value. You can see this in the output in octal and hexadecimal bases. In the decimal base, however, you may wonder why -45 became 4294967251 (Why?).

Also, you can define a variable that can store negative and positive numbers as **signed**. Indeed, any numeric variable in C/C++ is in signed-2's-complement by default, and *using the keyword signed is optional*, as seen below! Please pay attention to the format specifier for **signed** variables in **scanf** and **printf**, which is "%d".

```
01 #include <stdio.h>
02 int main(void) {
03
04
       setbuf(stdout, NULL);
       signed int a; //you can drop 'signed' keyword
05
06
07
       printf("Enter an integer number:\n");
80
       scanf("%d", &a);
09
10
       printf("The number is: \n");
       //printf("Binary: %b \n", a); There is no option for binary!
11
       printf("Octal: %o \n", a);
12
       printf("Decimal: %d \n", a);
13
14
       printf("Hexadecimal: %x \n", a); //Alphabet in small letters
15
       printf("HEXAdecimal: %X \n", a); //Alphabet in capital letters
16
       return 0;
17 }
```

Regarding overflow, C/C++ does not raise an error or exception when an overflow happens either in **signed** or **unsigned** numeric variables. We explain this in the following program:

```
00 #include <limits.h>
01 #include <stdio.h>
02 int main(void) {
03
04
       setbuf(stdout, NULL);
05
       unsigned int a;
06
       printf("Enter an unsigned integer number between %u and %u:\n", 0, UINT MAX);
07
       scanf("%u", &a);
80
09
       printf("The number is: \n");
10
       //printf("Binary: %b \n", a); There is no option for binary!
11
       printf("Octal: %o \n", a);
12
       printf("Decimal: %u \n", a);
13
14
       printf("Hexadecimal: %x \n", a); //Alphabet in small letters
15
       printf("HEXAdecimal: %X \n", a); //Alphabet in capital letters
16
       return 0;
17 }
```

From the library imits.h>, we can find the minimum and maximum for a given type in C/C++. Here, we used UINT MAX for the maximum unsigned integer, which is equal to 4294967295 in C/C++:



```
Enter an unsigned integer number between 0 and 4294967295: 4294967295
The number is:
Octal: 3777777777
Decimal: 4294967295
Hexadecimal: ffffffff
HEXAdecimal: FFFFFFFF
```

As seen, we enter the maximum number, and the program prints out this value in octal, decimal, and hexadecimal bases. What would be this number in base-2? It is 32 bits of 1 (Why?).

Now, let's create an overflow by entering the maximum number + 1:

```
Enter an unsigned integer number between 0 and 4294967295: 4294967296

The number is:
Octal: 0
Decimal: 0
Hexadecimal: 0
HEXAdecimal: 0
```

You see that the program did not raise any error or exception about an overflow. This number would be 33 bits with the highest bit equal to 1 and all other remaining bits equal to 0. Why? Simply increment the maximum **unsigned** integer by one unit in base-2. However, the program dropped the bit 1 in the 33rd bit and only stored the 0s since there are only 32 bits for **unsigned** integer in C/C++.

You can try overflow in **signed** integer by running the following code and see that C/C++ does *not* raise any error or exception for an overflow.

```
00 #include <limits.h>
01 #include <stdio.h>
02 int main(void) {
03
       setbuf(stdout, NULL);
04
05
       int a;
96
07
       printf("Enter a signed integer number between %d and %d:\n", INT MIN, INT MAX);
80
       scanf("%d", &a);
09
10
       printf("The number is: \n");
11
       //printf("Binary: %b \n", a); There is no option for binary!
12
       printf("Octal: %o \n", a);
       printf("Decimal: %d \n", a);
13
       printf("Hexadecimal: %x \n", a); //Alphabet in small letters
14
15
       printf("HEXAdecimal: %X \n", a); //Alphabet in capital letters
16
       return 0;
17 }
Enter a signed integer number between -2147483648 and 2147483647:
2147483648
The number is:
Octal: 20000000000
Decimal: -2147483648
Hexadecimal: 8000000
HEXAdecimal: 8000000
Enter a signed integer number between -2147483648 and 2147483647:
-214748364<mark>9</mark>
The number is:
Octal: 1777777777
```



Decimal: 2147483647 Hexadecimal: 7fffffff HEXAdecimal: 7FFFFFF

Can you explain what the program printed out in octal, decimal, and hexadecimal? As seen, the minimum negative number minus one became the maximum positive number given 32 bits. Why?

Regarding arithmetic, all calculations happen in signed-2's-complement in C/C++. No built-in feature has been included for other number systems such as signed-magnitude due to their inefficient representation of negative numbers and arithmetic, as we discussed in our lectures.

In this lab, we are going to add arithmetic in *signed-magnitude* to our program. Also, we want to let the user know whether an overflow happens.

Step2. Writing Modular Programs

As we did in Lab04, let's add a new header file arithmetic.h and code (source) file arithmetic.c to implement all functions related to arithmetic in signed-magnitude.

```
arithmetic.h
void func_signed_mag_addition(int a[], int b[], int result[]);
void func_signed_mag_subtraction(int a[], int b[], int result[]);
arithmetic.c
#define MAX 8//Byte = 8 bits
void func_signed_mag_addition(int a[], int b[], int result[]){...}
void func_signed_mag_subtraction(int a[], int b[], int result[]){...}
```

As seen, header files contain only the signatures of the functions and not the bodies. Please look at the ';' in the end of each function. Now we are ready to add the headers to our main program and use the functions in each separate file:

```
01 #include <stdio.h>
02 #include "arithmetic.h"
03
04 #define MAX 8//Byte = 8 bits
05 int main(void) {
       setbuf(stdout, NULL);
96
07
98
       int x[MAX];
09
       int y[MAX];
10
11
       printf("Enter the first binary number:\n");
12
       for(int i=0; i < MAX; i = i + 1){</pre>
           scanf("%d", &x[i]);
13
14
       printf("Enter the second binary number:\n");
15
16
       for(int i=0; i < MAX; i = i + 1){
           scanf("%d", &y[i]);
17
18
       }
19
20
       int z[MAX];
       func_signed_mag_addition(x, y, z);
21
       printf("The first number AND second binary yield:\n");
22
23
       for(int i=0; i < MAX; i = i + 1){
            printf("%d", z[i]);
24
25
       }
26
27
      return 0;
28}
```



In singed-magnitude, the requested operation may or may not change to a different operation. Given two signed numbers with magnitudes x and y (not considering the last bit):

Addition:

- 1. +x + (+y) = + (x+y); the sign of result is already positive followed by a simple addition. *Overflow may happen*.
- 2. +x + (-y) = ? (x-y); the sign of result depends on the last borrow. We have to do the subtraction and if there is a last borrow, the result is negative and we need to do another subtraction from the higher number that we borrowed from!
- 3. -x + (+y) = ?(y-x); this is similar to previous item but the x and y are switched.
- 4. -x + (-y) = -(x+y); the sign of the result is already negative followed by a simple addition. *Overflow may happen*.

Subtraction:

- 1. +x (+y); this is the same as +x + (-y) in item 2 of addition above
- 2. +x (-y); this is the same as +x + (+y) in item 1 of addition above
- 3. -x (+y); this is the same as (x+y) in item 4 of addition above
- 4. -x (-y); this is the same as -x + (+y) in item 3 of addition above

As seen, although the user may ask our program to do subtraction, we can call the addition part of the program.

Step 3. Lab Assignment

You should complete the above program that firstly outputs a menu of commands as follows:

Enter the command number:

- 0) Exit
- 1) Addition in signed-magnitude
- 2) Subtraction in signed-magnitude

Based on the user's chosen number of commands, the program should then ask for the two inputs. After that, the program asks to what base the user wants to see the results. Then, it applies the command and prints out the result in the requested base. For instance, if a user selects (1), the program should accept two inputs as follows:

```
Enter the first binary number:
x0 =
x1 =
...
x7 =
Enter the second binary number:
y0 =
y1 =
...
y7 =
```

When the user enters the two binary numbers, the program asks for a base number to print out the result:

Enter the output base:

- 1) Binary
- 2) Octal
- Decimal
- 4) Hexadecimal

Then the program adds the input x to y in signed-magnitude and prints the result on the selected base and comes back to the main menu. Other commands should follow the same flow. If the user selects (0), the program ends. Please restrict the user to enter inputs within the range {0,1}. For instance, if the user enters 2, -1, ..., print out an error message and come back to ask for correct inputs. Also, print an error/warning message whether an overflow happened during the arithmetic. Do *not* try to fix the overflow. It is required to write a modular program.



Deliverables

Prepare and submit the program in one single zip file lab05 uwinid.zip containing the following items:

- 1. The code file (main.c or main.cpp) and executable file (main.exe in Windows or main in Unix/macOS)
- 2. The result of the four commands in the file results.pdf/png/jpg. Simply make a screenshot of the results.
- 3. [Optional and if necessary] A readme document in a txt file readme.txt. It explains how to build and run the program as well as any prerequisites that are needed. Please note that if your program cannot be built and run on our computer systems, you will lose marks.

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- (15%) conversion.c, conversion.h
- (45%) arithmetic.c, arithmetic.h => (15%) Addition, (15%) Subtraction, (15%) Overflow
- (10%) main.c => Must be compiled and built with no error!
- (05%) main.exe or main
- (10%) results.pdf/jpg/png
- (Optional) readme.txt

(10%) Modular Programming (using separate header and source files)

(05%) Files Naming and Formats

Please follow the naming convention as you lose marks otherwise. Instead of uwinid, use your own UWindsor account name, e.g., mine is hfani@uwindsor.ca, so, lab05_hfani.zip