

Bits, Bytes, and Integers

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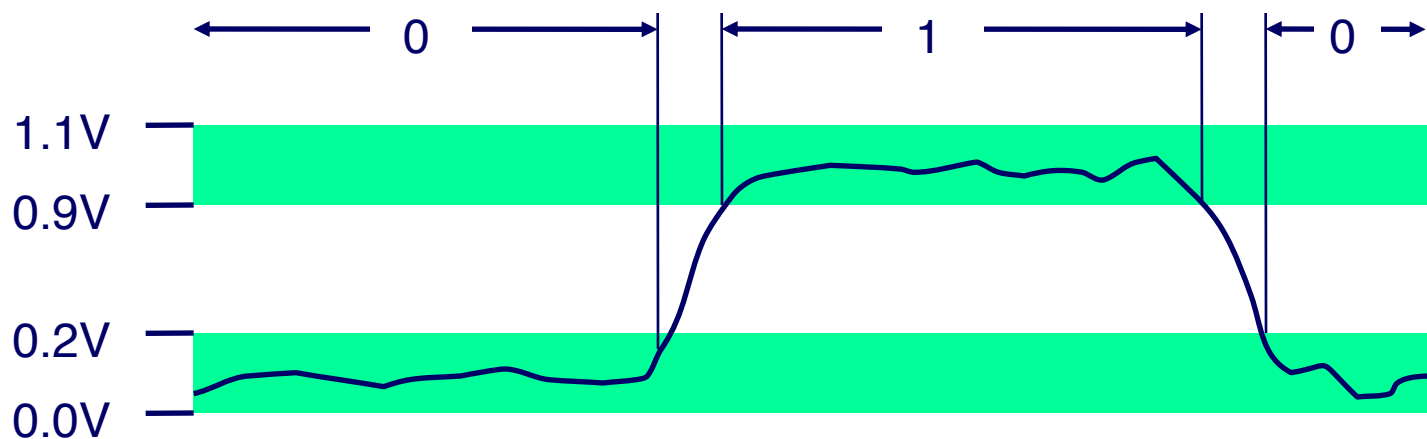
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Today: Bits, Bytes, and Integers

- **Representing information as bits**
- **Bit-level manipulations**
- **Integers**
 - Representation: unsigned and signed
 - Conversion, casting
 - Expanding, truncating
 - Addition, negation, multiplication, shifting
 - Summary
- **Representations in memory, pointers, strings**

Everything is bits

- Each bit is 0 or 1
- By encoding/interpreting sets of bits in various ways
 - Computers determine what to do (instructions)
 - ... and represent and manipulate numbers, sets, strings, etc...
- **Why bits? Electronic Implementation**
 - Easy to store with bistable elements
 - Reliably transmitted on noisy and inaccurate wires



For example, can count in binary

■ Base 2 Number Representation

- Represent 15213_{10} as 11101101101101_2
- Represent 1.20_{10} as $1.0011001100110011[0011]..._2$
- Represent 1.5213×10^4 as $1.1101101101101_2 \times 2^{13}$

Encoding Byte Values

■ Byte = 8 bits

- Binary 00000000_2 to 11111111_2
- Decimal: 0_{10} to 255_{10}
- Hexadecimal 00_{16} to FF_{16}
 - Base 16 number representation
 - Use characters '0' to '9' and 'A' to 'F'
 - Write $FA1D37B_{16}$ in C as
 - `0xFA1D37B`
 - `0xfa1d37b`

Hex	Decimal	Binary
0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
A	10	1010
B	11	1011
C	12	1100
D	13	1101
E	14	1110
F	15	1111

Example Data Representations

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Typical 64-bit	x86-64
<code>char</code>	1	1	1
<code>short</code>	2	2	2
<code>int</code>	4	4	4
<code>long</code>	4	8	8
<code>float</code>	4	4	4
<code>double</code>	8	8	8
<code>long double</code>	–	–	10/16
<code>pointer</code>	4	8	8

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Boolean Algebra

■ Developed by George Boole in 19th Century

- Algebraic representation of logic
 - Encode “True” as 1 and “False” as 0

And

- $A \& B = 1$ when both $A=1$ and $B=1$

$\&$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

Or

- $A | B = 1$ when either $A=1$ or $B=1$

$ $	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

Not

- $\sim A = 1$ when $A=0$

\sim	
0	1
1	0

Exclusive-Or (Xor)

- $A \wedge B = 1$ when either $A=1$ or $B=1$, but not both

\wedge	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

General Boolean Algebras

■ Operate on Bit Vectors

- Operations applied bitwise

01101001	01101001	01101001	
& 01010101	01010101	^ 01010101	~ 01010101
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
01000001	01111101	00111100	10101010

■ All of the Properties of Boolean Algebra Apply

Example: Representing & Manipulating Sets

■ Representation

- Width w bit vector represents subsets of $\{0, \dots, w-1\}$
- $a_j = 1$ if $j \in A$

- 01101001 $\{0, 3, 5, 6\}$

- 76543210

- 01010101 $\{0, 2, 4, 6\}$

- 76543210

■ Operations

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| ■ & Intersection | 01000001 | $\{0, 6\}$ |
| ■ Union | 01111101 | $\{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ |
| ■ ^ Symmetric difference | 00111100 | $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ |
| ■ ~ Complement | 10101010 | $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ |

Bit-Level Operations in C

■ Operations $\&$, $|$, \sim , \wedge Available in C

- Apply to any “integral” data type
 - long, int, short, char, unsigned
- View arguments as bit vectors
- Arguments applied bit-wise

■ Examples (Char data type)

- $\sim 0x41 \rightarrow 0xBE$
 - $\sim 01000001_2 \rightarrow 10111110_2$
- $\sim 0x00 \rightarrow 0xFF$
 - $\sim 00000000_2 \rightarrow 11111111_2$
- $0x69 \& 0x55 \rightarrow 0x41$
 - $01101001_2 \& 01010101_2 \rightarrow 01000001_2$
- $0x69 | 0x55 \rightarrow 0x7D$
 - $01101001_2 | 01010101_2 \rightarrow 01111101_2$

Contrast: Logic Operations in C

■ Contrast to Logical Operators

- `&&`, `||`, `!`
 - View 0 as “False”
 - Anything nonzero as “True”
 - Always return 0 or 1
 - Early termination

■ Examples (char data type)

- `!0x41` → `0x00`
- `!0x00` → `0x01`
- `!!0x41` → `0x01`

- `0x69 && 0x55` → `0x01`
- `0x69 || 0x55` → `0x01`
- `p && *p` (avoids null pointer access)
Early Termination

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 - View 0 as “False”
 - Anything nonzero
 - Always returns 0 or 1
 - **Early exit**

■ Example

- `!0x41`
- `!0x00`
- `!!0x41`

- `0x69 && 0x55 → 0x01`
- `0x69 || 0x55 → 0x01`
- `p && *p` (avoids null pointer access)

**Watch out for `&&` vs. `&` (and `||` vs. `|`)...
one of the more common oopsies in
C programming**

Shift Operations

■ Left Shift: $x \ll y$

- Shift bit-vector x left y positions
 - Throw away extra bits on left
 - Fill with 0's on right

■ Right Shift: $x \gg y$

- Shift bit-vector x right y positions
 - Throw away extra bits on right
- Logical shift
 - Fill with 0's on left
- Arithmetic shift
 - Replicate most significant bit on left

■ Undefined Behavior

- Shift amount < 0 or \geq word size

Argument x	01100010
$\ll 3$	00010000
Log. $\gg 2$	00011000
Arith. $\gg 2$	00011000

Argument x	10100010
$\ll 3$	00010000
Log. $\gg 2$	00101000
Arith. $\gg 2$	11101000

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Encoding Integers

Unsigned

$$B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

Two's Complement

$$B2T(X) = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

```
short int x = 15213;
short int y = -15213;
```

Sign
Bit



■ C short 2 bytes long

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011

■ Sign Bit

- For 2's complement, most significant bit indicates sign
 - 0 for nonnegative
 - 1 for negative

Two-complement Encoding Example (Cont.)

x = 15213: 00111011 01101101
y = -15213: 11000100 10010011

Weight	15213		-15213	
1	1	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	2
4	1	4	0	0
8	1	8	0	0
16	0	0	1	16
32	1	32	0	0
64	1	64	0	0
128	0	0	1	128
256	1	256	0	0
512	1	512	0	0
1024	0	0	1	1024
2048	1	2048	0	0
4096	1	4096	0	0
8192	1	8192	0	0
16384	0	0	1	16384
-32768	0	0	1	-32768
Sum	15213		-15213	

Numeric Ranges

■ Unsigned Values

- $UMin = 0$
000...0
- $UMax = 2^w - 1$
111...1

■ Two's Complement Values

- $TMin = -2^{w-1}$
100...0
- $TMax = 2^{w-1} - 1$
011...1

■ Other Values

- Minus 1
111...1

Values for $W = 16$

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
UMax	65535	FF FF	11111111 11111111
TMax	32767	7F FF	01111111 11111111
TMin	-32768	80 00	10000000 00000000
-1	-1	FF FF	11111111 11111111
0	0	00 00	00000000 00000000

Values for Different Word Sizes

	W			
	8	16	32	64
UMax	255	65,535	4,294,967,295	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
TMax	127	32,767	2,147,483,647	9,223,372,036,854,775,807
TMin	-128	-32,768	-2,147,483,648	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808

■ Observations

- $|TMin| = TMax + 1$
 - Asymmetric range
- $UMax = 2 * TMax + 1$

■ C Programming

- `#include <limits.h>`
- Declares constants, e.g.,
 - `ULONG_MAX`
 - `LONG_MAX`
 - `LONG_MIN`
- Values platform specific

Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values

X	$B2U(X)$	$B2T(X)$
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	8	-8
1001	9	-7
1010	10	-6
1011	11	-5
1100	12	-4
1101	13	-3
1110	14	-2
1111	15	-1

■ Equivalence

- Same encodings for nonnegative values

■ Uniqueness

- Every bit pattern represents unique integer value
- Each representable integer has unique bit encoding

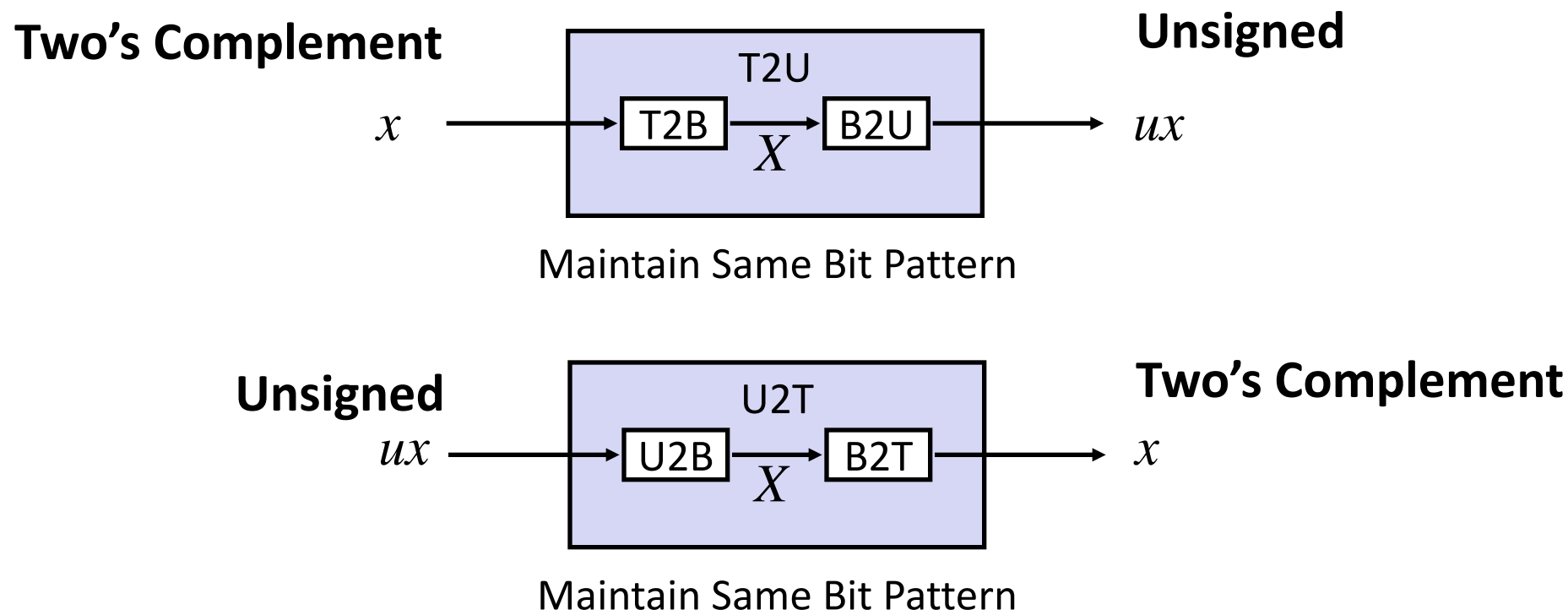
■ \Rightarrow Can Invert Mappings

- $U2B(x) = B2U^{-1}(x)$
 - Bit pattern for unsigned integer
- $T2B(x) = B2T^{-1}(x)$
 - Bit pattern for two's comp integer

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Mapping Between Signed & Unsigned



- Mappings between unsigned and two's complement numbers:
Keep bit representations and reinterpret

Mapping Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned

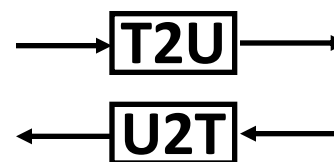
Absolute value:

$$|T| = \sim(T - 1)$$

Due to the zero
The Absolute value
of Tmin is itself

Bits
0000
0001
0010
0011
0100
0101
0110
0111

Signed
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7



Unsigned
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>

using namespace::std;

int main() {
    int imin = INT_MIN;
    cout << ~ (INT_MIN - 1) << endl;
    cout << abs(imin) << endl;
    // -2147483648
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}
```

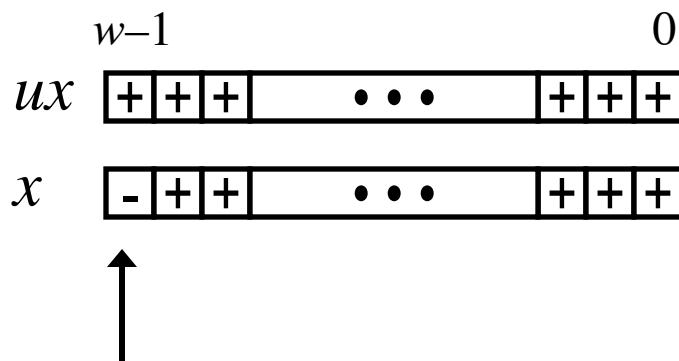
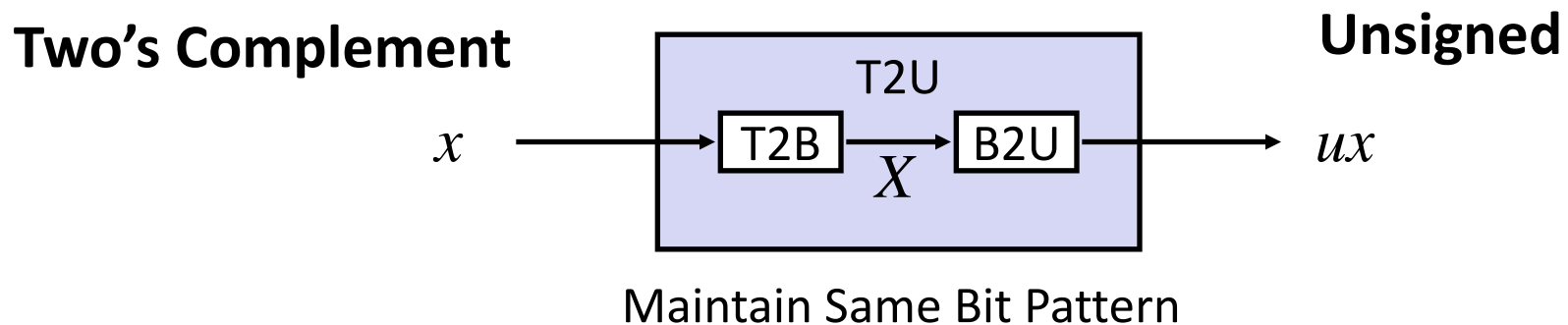
1111

-1

Mapping Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned

Bits	Signed		Unsigned
0000	0	$=$	0
0001	1		1
0010	2		2
0011	3		3
0100	4		4
0101	5		5
0110	6		6
0111	7		7
1000	-8	$+/- 16$	8
1001	-7		9
1010	-6		10
1011	-5		11
1100	-4		12
1101	-3		13
1110	-2		14
1111	-1		15

Relation between Signed & Unsigned

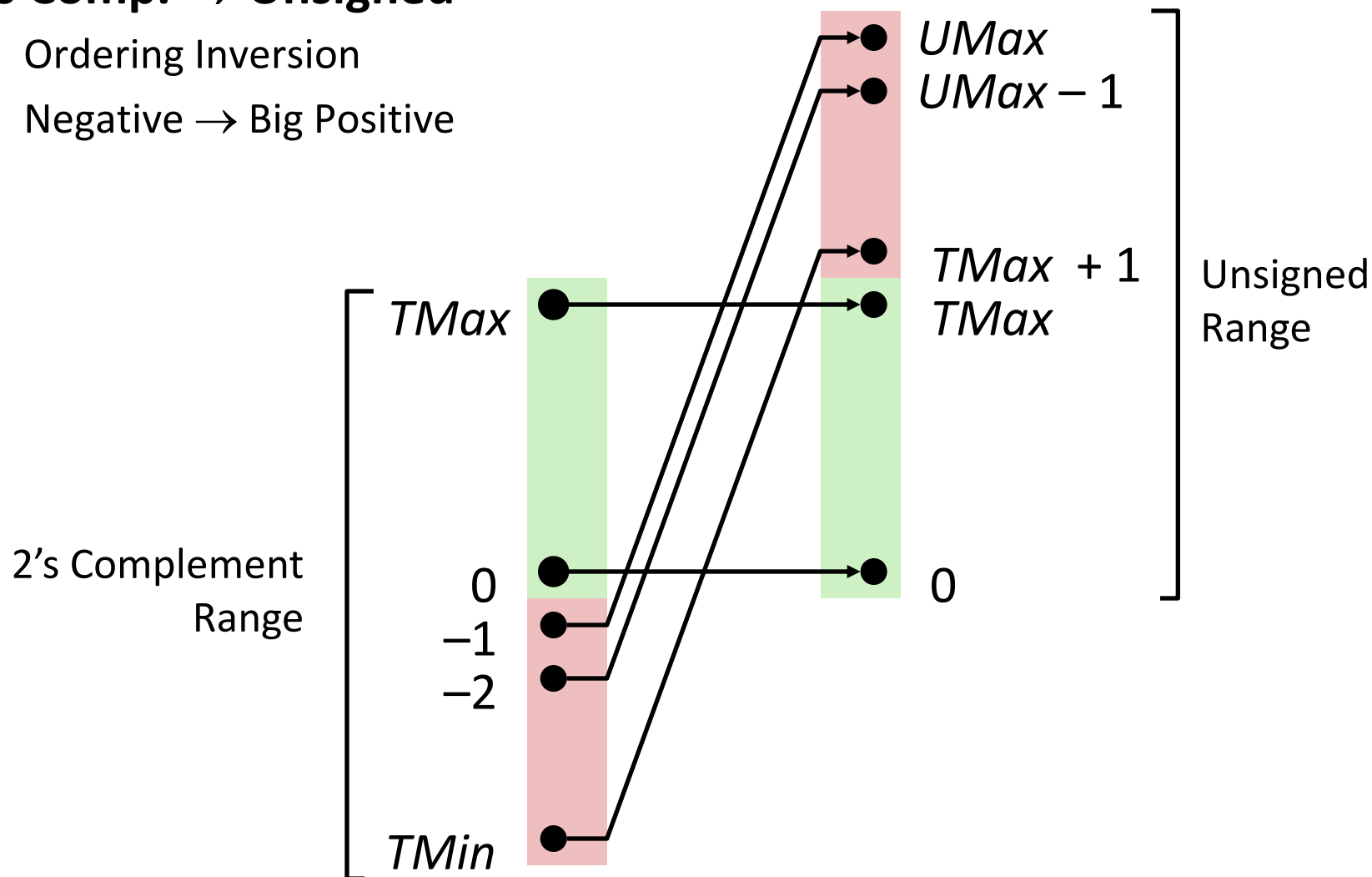


Large negative weight
becomes
Large positive weight

Conversion Visualized

■ 2's Comp. → Unsigned

- Ordering Inversion
- Negative → Big Positive



Signed vs. Unsigned in C

■ Constants

- By default are considered to be signed integers
- Unsigned if have “U” as suffix

`0U, 4294967259U`

■ Casting

- Explicit casting between signed & unsigned same as U2T and T2U

```
int tx, ty;  
unsigned ux, uy;  
tx = (int) ux;  
uy = (unsigned) ty;
```

- Implicit casting also occurs via assignments and procedure calls

```
tx = ux;  
uy = ty;
```

If either argument is unsigned then it interprets remaining arguments as being unsigned

Casting Surprises

■ Expression Evaluation

- If there is a mix of unsigned and signed in single expression,
signed values implicitly cast to unsigned $U_{max} = 2 * T_{max} + 1$
- Including comparison operations $<$, $>$, $==$, $<=$, $>=$ $T_{min} = -T_{max} - 1$
- Examples for $W = 32$: $T_{MIN} = -2,147,483,648$, $T_{MAX} = 2,147,483,647$

■ Constant ₁	Constant ₂	Relation	Evaluation
0	0U	==	unsigned
-1	0	<	signed
-1	0U	>	unsigned
2147483647	-2147483647-1	>	signed
2147483647U	-2147483647-1 (TMin)	<	unsigned
-1	-2	>	signed
(unsigned)-1	-2	>	unsigned
2147483647	2147483648U	<	unsigned
2147483647	(int) 2147483648U	>	signed

Summary

Casting Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned: Basic Rules

- Bit pattern is maintained

There do not have any difference when ALU do calculations between unsigned and signed number.

- But reinterpreted

Only the representation has some difference

- Can have unexpected effects: adding or subtracting 2^w

- Expression containing signed and unsigned int

- `int` is cast to `unsigned`!!

Will output positive number from Umax to 0



```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
```

```
using namespace::std;
```

```
int main() {
    unsigned i;
    vector<int> vi(10);

    for (i = vi.size()-1; i >= 0; i--) {
        cout << i << endl;
    }
}
```

```
// since i is unsigned, when i is -1(10...0), computer will treat it as Unsigned max
```

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- Representat

Will output numbers from 0 to Tmin

Will treat that statement as an unsigned number

```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>

using namespace::std;

int main() {
    vector<int> vi(10);
    for (int i = vi.size()-1; i - sizeof(char) >= 0; i--) {
        cout << i << endl;
    }
}
```

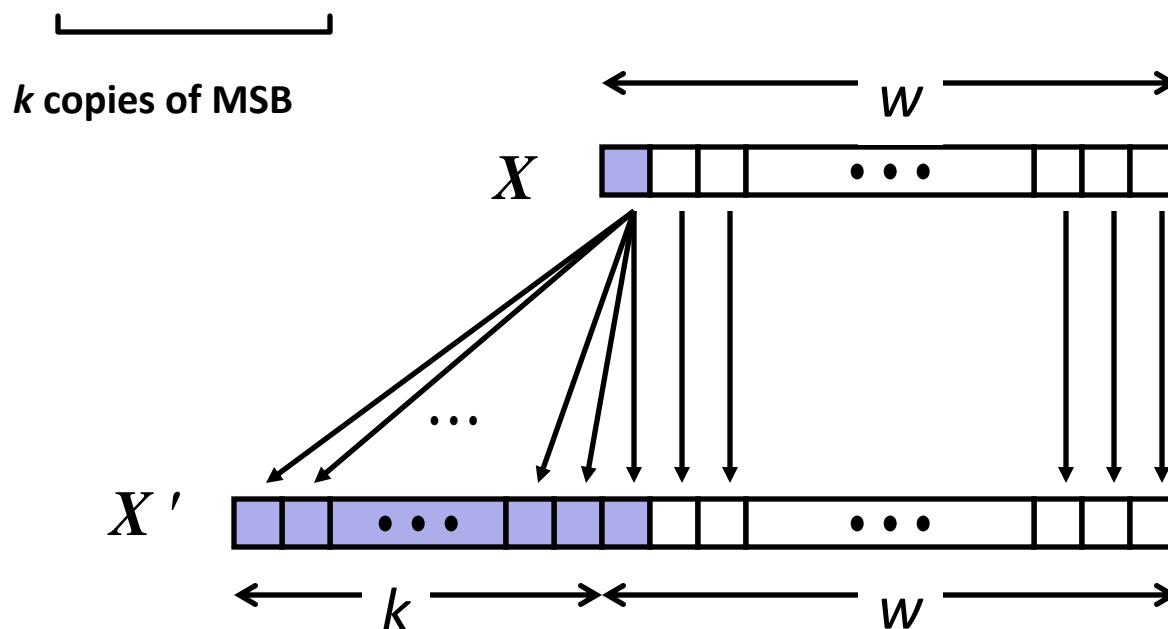
Sign Extension

■ Task:

- Given w -bit signed integer x
- Convert it to $w+k$ -bit integer with same value

■ Rule:

- Make k copies of sign bit:
- $X' = \underbrace{x_{w-1}, \dots, x_{w-1}}_{k \text{ copies of MSB}}, x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \dots, x_0$



Sign Extension Example

```
short int x = 15213;
int      ix = (int) x;
short int y = -15213;
int      iy = (int) y;
```

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
ix	15213	00 00 3B 6D	00000000 00000000 00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
iy	-15213	FF FF C4 93	11111111 11111111 11000100 10010011

- Converting from smaller to larger integer data type
- C automatically performs sign extension

Summary:

Expanding, Truncating: Basic Rules

- **Expanding (e.g., short int to int)**
 - Unsigned: zeros added
 - Signed: sign extension
 - Both yield expected result

- **Truncating (e.g., unsigned to unsigned short)**
 - Unsigned/signed: bits are truncated
 - Result reinterpreted
 - Unsigned: mod operation
 - Signed: similar to mod
 - For small numbers yields expected behavior

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Unsigned Addition

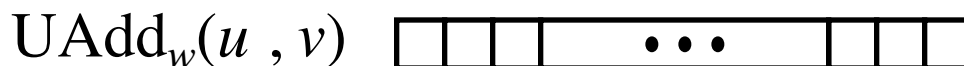
Operands: w bits



True Sum: $w+1$ bits



Discard Carry: w bits



■ Standard Addition Function

- Ignores carry output

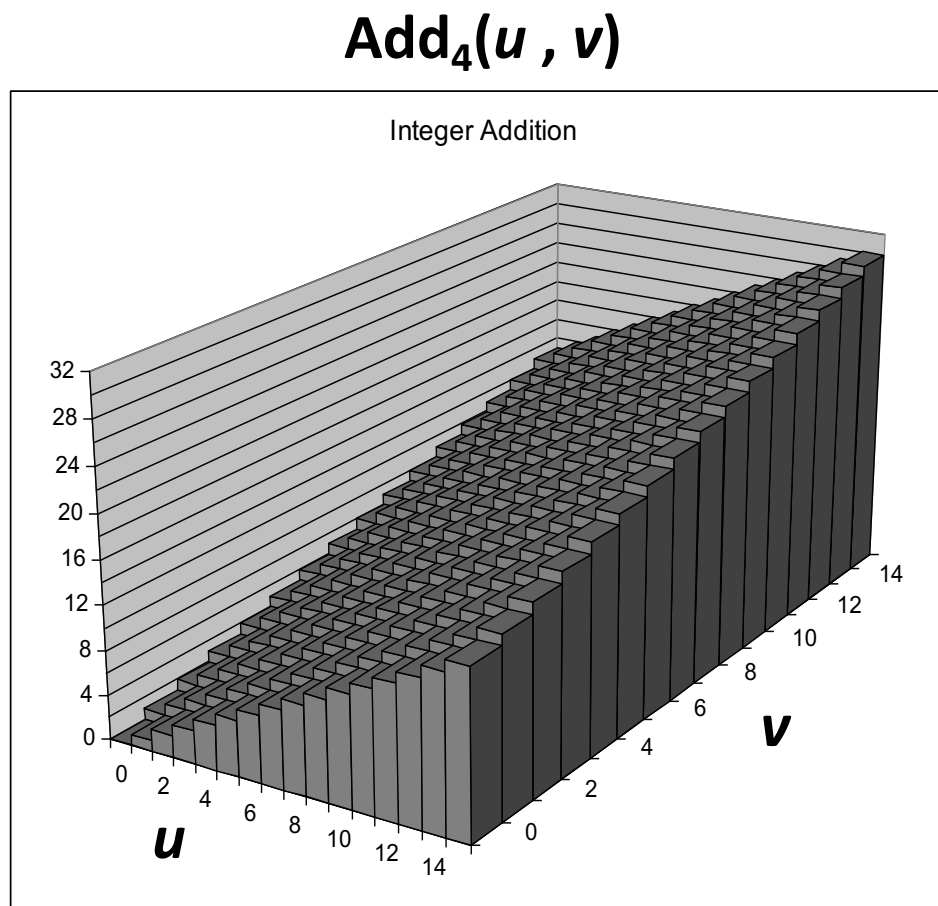
■ Implements Modular Arithmetic

$$s = \text{UAdd}_w(u, v) = u + v \bmod 2^w$$

Visualizing (Mathematical) Integer Addition

■ Integer Addition

- 4-bit integers u, v
- Compute true sum $\text{Add}_4(u, v)$
- Values increase linearly with u and v
- Forms planar surface



Visualizing Unsigned Addition

■ Wraps Around

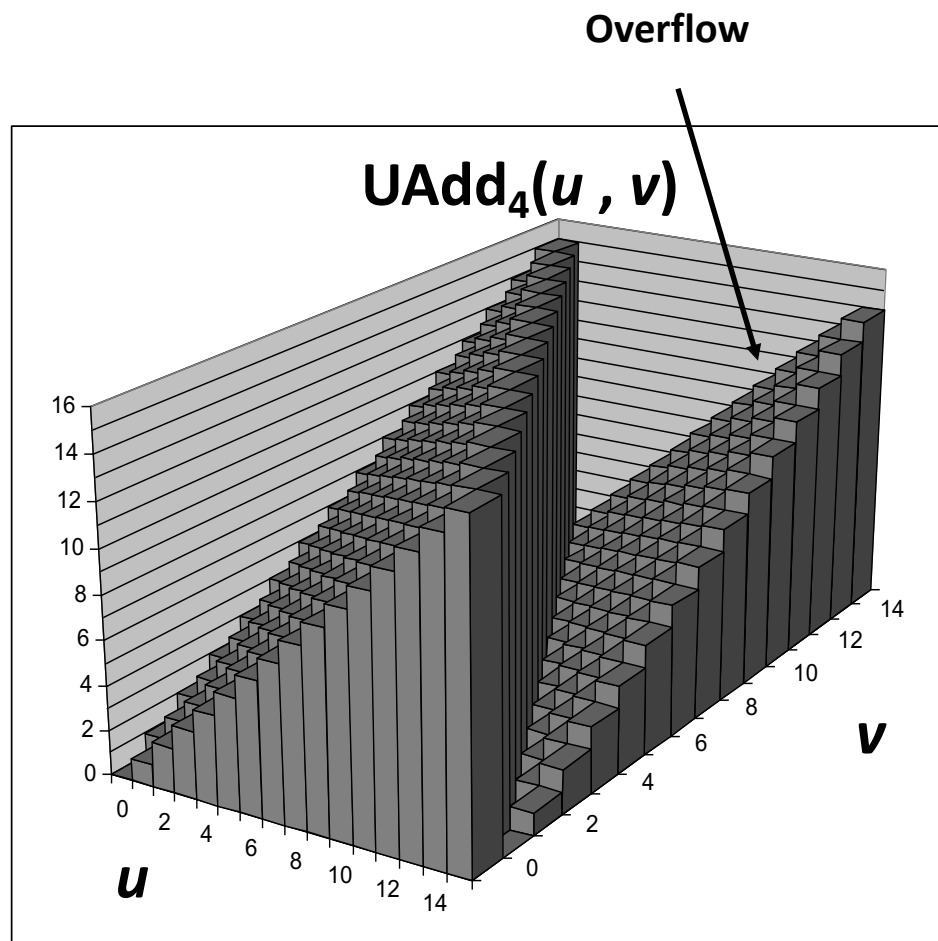
- If true sum $\geq 2^w$
- At most once

True Sum

2^{w+1}
 2^w
0

Overflow

Modular Sum

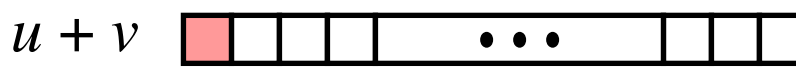


Two's Complement Addition

Operands: w bits



True Sum: $w+1$ bits



Discard Carry: w bits



■ TAdd and UAdd have Identical Bit-Level Behavior

- Signed vs. unsigned addition in C:

```
int s, t, u, v;
```

```
s = (int) ((unsigned) u + (unsigned) v);
```

```
t = u + v
```

Why two's complement is the most used way of representing signed numbers.

- Will give `s == t`

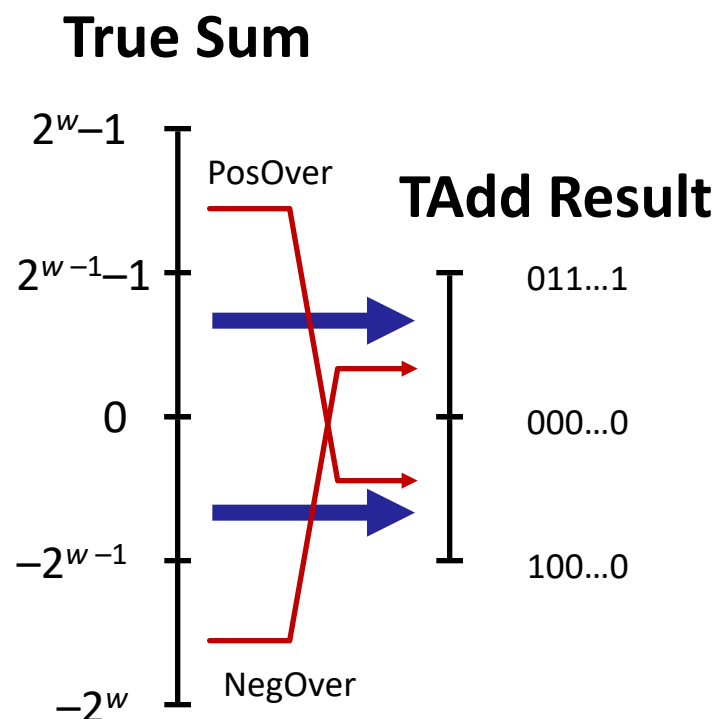
Because the same hardware the same algorithms that are used for doing addition in work for either unsigned or two's complement numbers

TAdd Overflow

■ Functionality

- True sum requires $w+1$ bits
- Drop off MSB
- Treat remaining bits as 2's comp. integer

0 111...1
 0 100...0
 0 000...0
 1 011...1
 1 000...0



Visualizing 2's Complement Addition

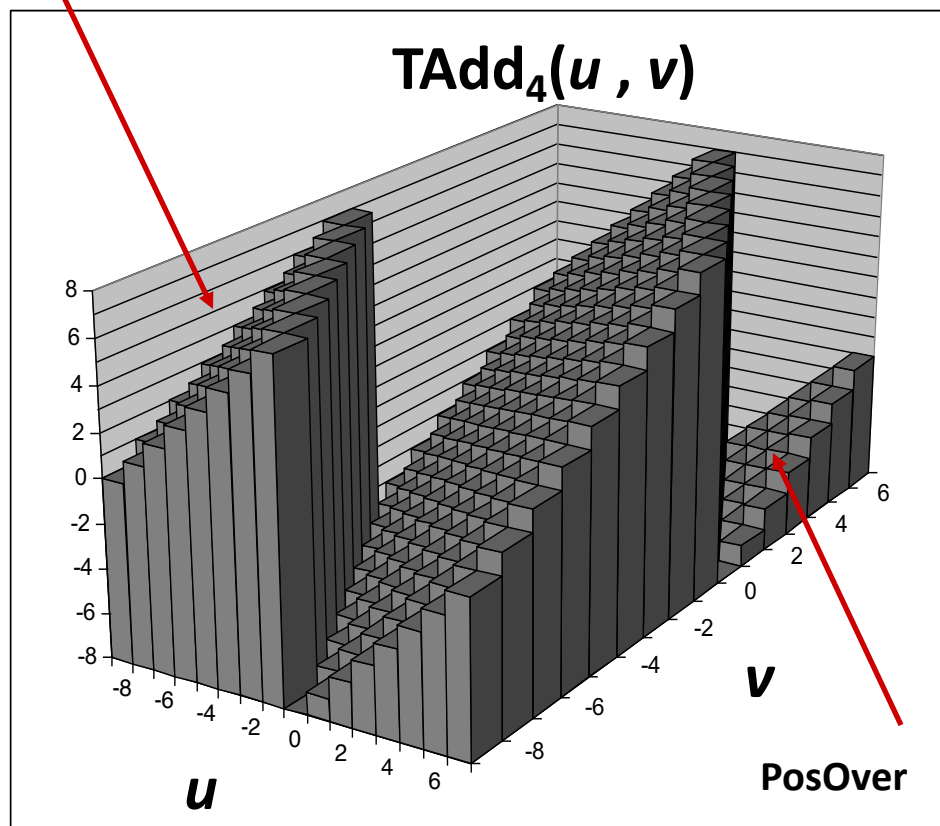
■ Values

- 4-bit two's comp.
- Range from -8 to +7

■ Wraps Around

- If $\text{sum} \geq 2^{w-1}$
 - Becomes negative
 - At most once
- If $\text{sum} < -2^{w-1}$
 - Becomes positive
 - At most once

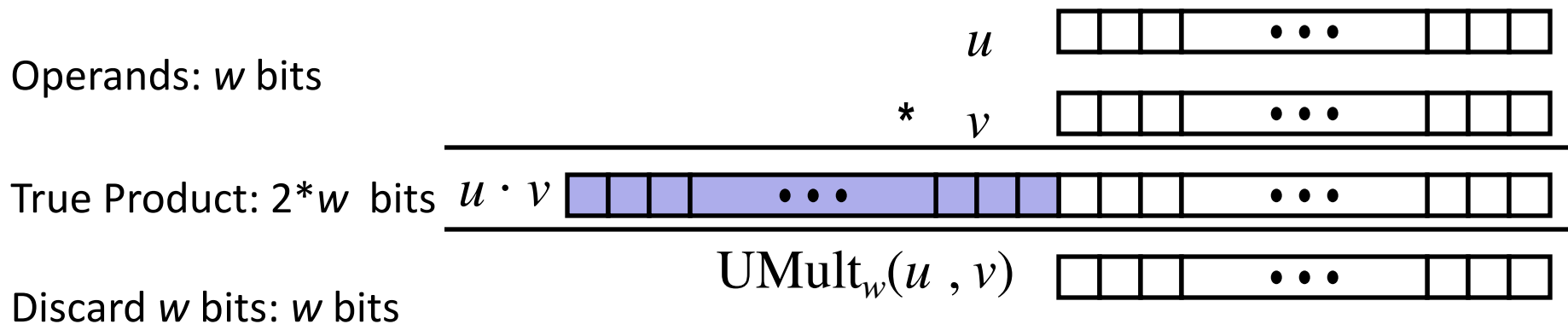
NegOver



Multiplication

- **Goal: Computing Product of w -bit numbers x, y**
 - Either signed or unsigned
- **But, exact results can be bigger than w bits**
 - Unsigned: up to $2w$ bits
 - Result range: $0 \leq x * y \leq (2^w - 1)^2 = 2^{2w} - 2^{w+1} + 1$
 - Two's complement min (negative): Up to $2w-1$ bits
 - Result range: $x * y \geq (-2^{w-1}) * (2^{w-1} - 1) = -2^{2w-2} + 2^{w-1}$
 - Two's complement max (positive): Up to $2w$ bits, but only for $(TMin_w)^2$
 - Result range: $x * y \leq (-2^{w-1})^2 = 2^{2w-2}$
- **So, maintaining exact results...**
 - would need to keep expanding word size with each product computed
 - is done in software, if needed
 - e.g., by “arbitrary precision” arithmetic packages

Unsigned Multiplication in C



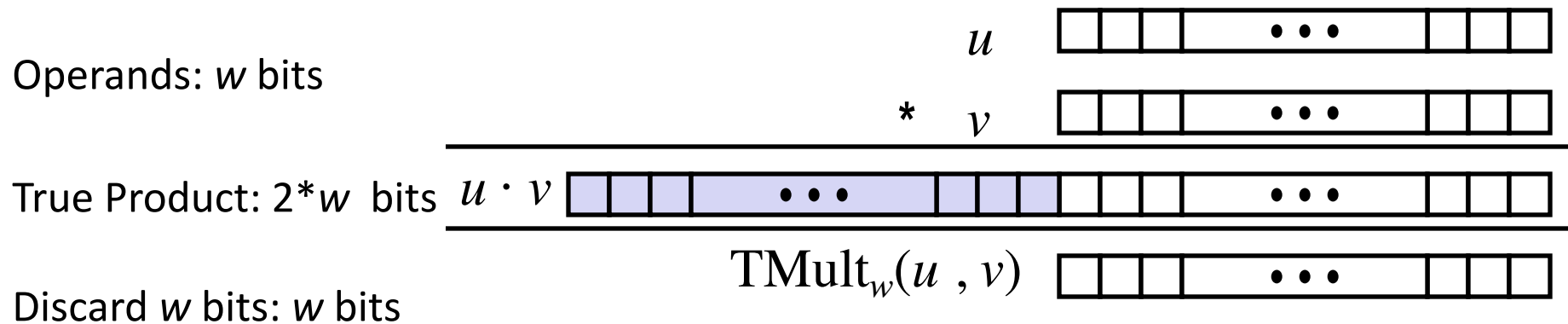
■ Standard Multiplication Function

- Ignores high order w bits

■ Implements Modular Arithmetic

$$\text{UMult}_w(u, v) = u \cdot v \bmod 2^w$$

Signed Multiplication in C



■ Standard Multiplication Function

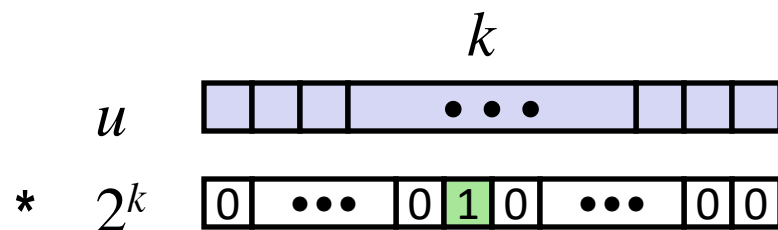
- Ignores high order w bits
- Some of which are different for signed vs. unsigned multiplication
- Lower bits are the same

Power-of-2 Multiply with Shift

■ Operation

- $u \ll k$ gives $u * 2^k$
- Both signed and unsigned

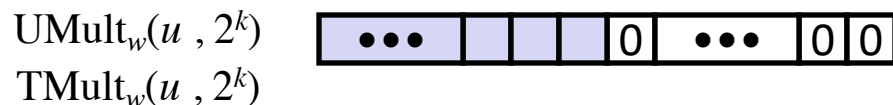
Operands: w bits



True Product: $w+k$ bits



Discard k bits: w bits



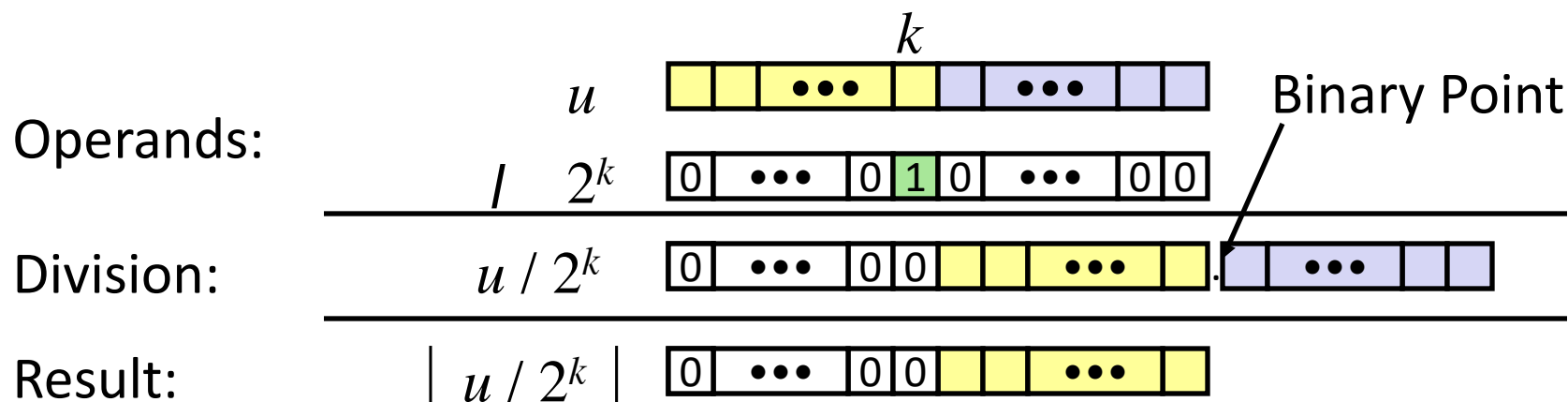
■ Examples

- $u \ll 3 \quad \quad \quad == \quad u * 8$
- $(u \ll 5) - (u \ll 3) == \quad u * 24$
- Most machines shift and add faster than multiply
 - Compiler generates this code automatically

Unsigned Power-of-2 Divide with Shift

■ Quotient of Unsigned by Power of 2

- $u \gg k$ gives $\lfloor u / 2^k \rfloor$
- Uses logical shift



	Division	Computed	Hex	Binary
x	15213	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
x >> 1	7606.5	7606	1D B6	00011101 10110110
x >> 4	950.8125	950	03 B6	00000011 10110110
x >> 8	59.4257813	59	00 3B	00000000 00111011

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Arithmetic: Basic Rules

■ Addition:

- Unsigned/signed: Normal addition followed by truncate, same operation on bit level
- Unsigned: addition mod 2^w
 - Mathematical addition + possible subtraction of 2^w
- Signed: modified addition mod 2^w (result in proper range)
 - Mathematical addition + possible addition or subtraction of 2^w

■ Multiplication:

- Unsigned/signed: Normal multiplication followed by truncate, same operation on bit level
- Unsigned: multiplication mod 2^w
- Signed: modified multiplication mod 2^w (result in proper range)

Why Should I Use Unsigned?

■ *Don't* use without understanding implications

- Easy to make mistakes

```
unsigned i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i >= 0; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

- Can be very subtle

```
#define DELTA sizeof(int)  
int i;  
for (i = CNT; i-DELTA >= 0; i-= DELTA)  
    . . .
```


Counting Down with Unsigned

■ Proper way to use unsigned as loop index

```
unsigned i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i < cnt; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

■ See Robert Seacord, *Secure Coding in C and C++*

- C Standard guarantees that unsigned addition will behave like modular arithmetic
 - $0 - 1 \rightarrow UMax$

■ Even better

```
size_t i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i < cnt; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

- Data type `size_t` defined as unsigned value with length = word size
- Code will work even if `cnt = UMax`
- What if `cnt` is signed and `< 0`?

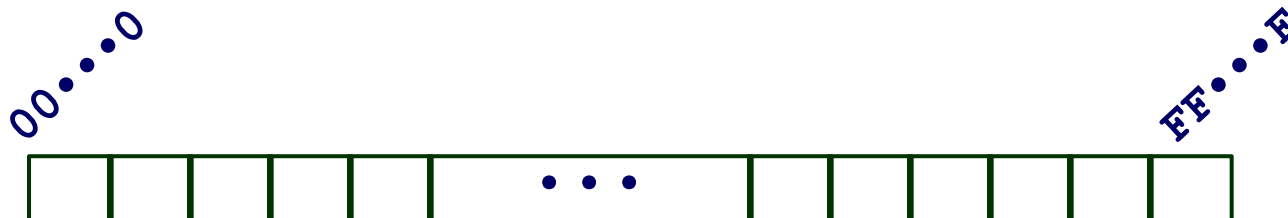
Why Should I Use Unsigned? (cont.)

- **Do Use When Performing Modular Arithmetic**
 - Multiprecision arithmetic
- **Do Use When Using Bits to Represent Sets**
 - Logical right shift, no sign extension

Today: Bits, Bytes, and Integers

- Representing information as bits
- Bit-level manipulations
- Integers
 - Representation: unsigned and signed
 - Conversion, casting
 - Expanding, truncating
 - Addition, negation, multiplication, shifting
 - Summary
- **Representations in memory, pointers, strings**

Byte-Oriented Memory Organization



■ Programs refer to data by address

- Conceptually, envision it as a very large array of bytes
 - In reality, it's not, but can think of it that way
- An address is like an index into that array
 - and, a pointer variable stores an address

■ Note: system provides private address spaces to each “process”

- Think of a process as a program being executed
- So, a program can clobber its own data, but not that of others

Machine Words

■ Any given computer has a “Word Size”

Trick

Approximate value

$2^{10} = 1024$

$10^3 = 1000$

In real machines (64 bits) program are allowed to using 47 bits address space

Which is $128 * 10^{12} = 16$ tera bytes

1 million = 10^6 (MHZ)

1 billion = 1000 million = 10^9 (GHZ)

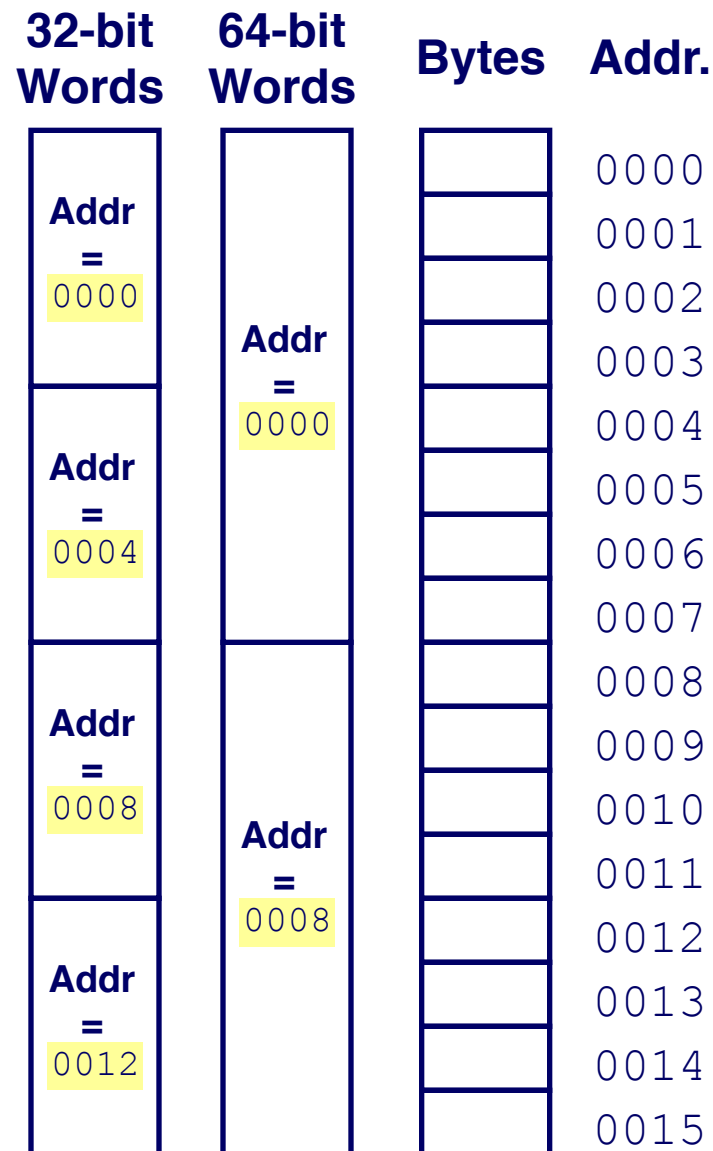
$10^{12} = 1$ tera = 1000 billion (THZ)

- Nominal size of integer-valued data
 - and of addresses
- Until recently, most machines used 32 bits (4 bytes) as word size
 - Limits addresses to 4GB (2^{32} bytes)
- Increasingly, machines have 64-bit word size
 - Potentially, could have 18 EB (exabytes) of addressable memory
 - That's 18.4×10^{18}
- Machines still support multiple data formats
 - Fractions or multiples of word size
 - Always integral number of bytes

Word-Oriented Memory Organization

■ Addresses Specify Byte Locations

- Address of first byte in word
- Addresses of successive words differ by 4 (32-bit) or 8 (64-bit)



Example Data Representations

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Typical 64-bit	x86-64
<code>char</code>	1	1	1
<code>short</code>	2	2	2
<code>int</code>	4	4	4
<code>long</code>	4	8	8
<code>float</code>	4	4	4
<code>double</code>	8	8	8
<code>long double</code>	–	–	10/16
<code>pointer</code>	4	8	8

Byte Ordering

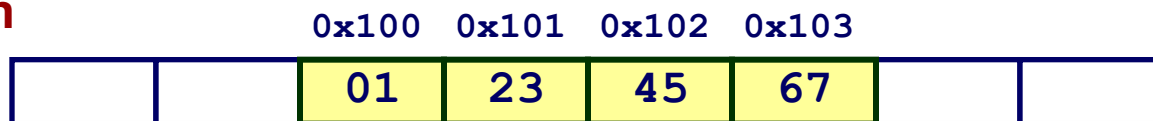
- So, how are the bytes within a multi-byte word ordered in memory?
- Conventions
 - Big Endian: Sun, PPC Mac, Internet
 - Least significant byte has highest address
 - Little Endian: x86, ARM processors running Android, iOS, and Windows
 - Least significant byte has lowest address

Byte Ordering Example

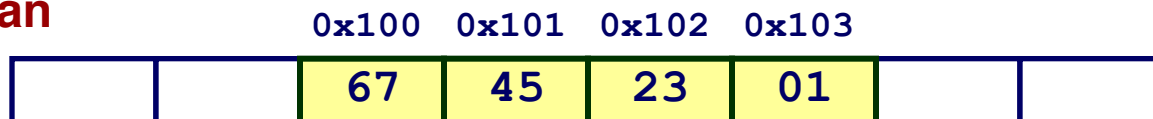
■ Example

- Variable x has 4-byte value of 0x01234567
- Address given by &x is 0x100

Big Endian



Little Endian



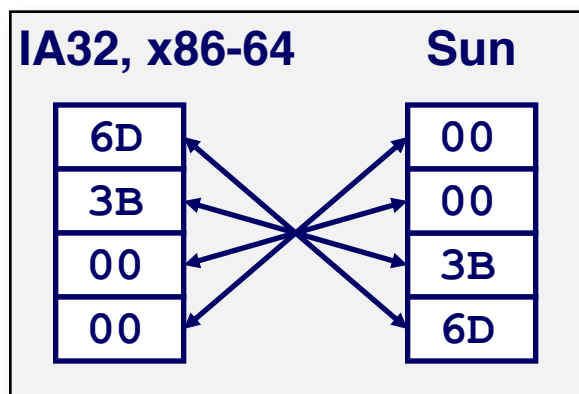
Representing Integers

Decimal: 15213

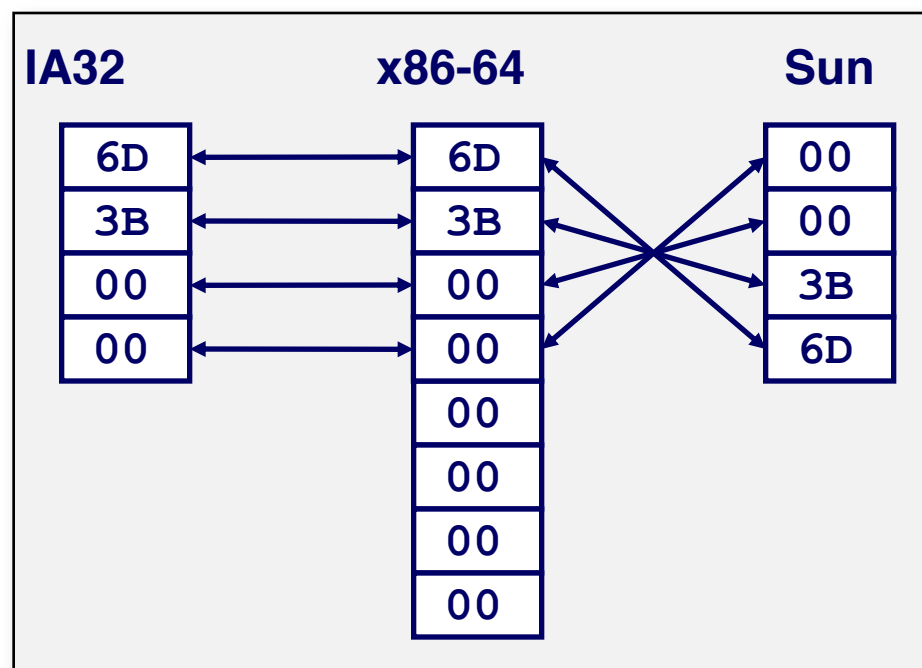
Binary: 0011 1011 0110 1101

Hex: 3 B 6 D

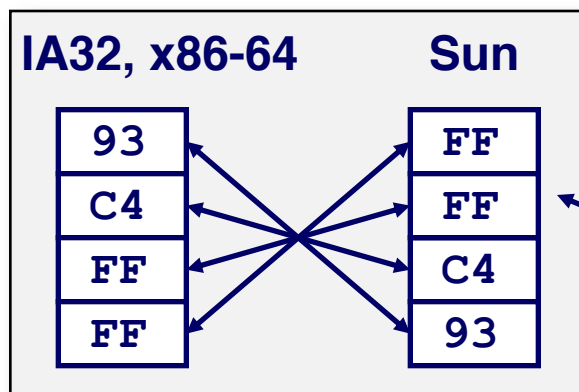
`int A = 15213;`



`long int C = 15213;`



`int B = -15213;`



Two's complement representation

Examining Data Representations

■ Code to Print Byte Representation of Data

- Casting pointer to unsigned char * allows treatment as a byte array

```
typedef unsigned char *pointer;

void show_bytes(pointer start, size_t len){
    size_t i;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        printf("%p\t0x%.2x\n", start+i, start[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
```

Printf directives:

%p: Print pointer

%x: Print Hexadecimal

show_bytes Execution Example

```
int a = 15213;  
printf("int a = 15213;\n");  
show_bytes((pointer) &a, sizeof(int));
```

Result (Linux x86-64):

```
int a = 15213;  
0x7fffb7f71dbc    6d  
0x7fffb7f71dbd    3b  
0x7fffb7f71dbe    00  
0x7fffb7f71dbf    00
```

Representing Pointers

```
int B = -15213;  
int *P = &B;
```

Sun

EF
FF
FB
2C

IA32

AC
28
F5
FF

x86-64

3C
1B
FE
82
FD
7F
00
00

Different compilers & machines assign different locations to objects

Even get different results each time run program

Representing Strings

■ Strings in C

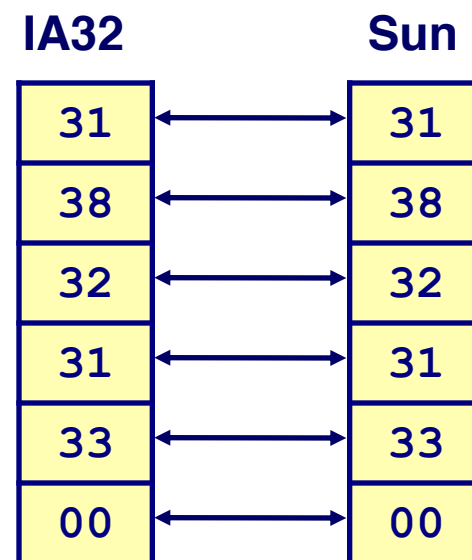
- Represented by array of characters
- Each character encoded in ASCII format
 - Standard 7-bit encoding of character set
 - Character “0” has code 0x30
 - Digit i has code $0x30+i$
- String should be null-terminated
 - Final character = 0

■ Compatibility

- Byte ordering not an issue

The C standard is still back in the days of only supporting the ASCII format

```
char S[6] = "18213";
```



Integer C Puzzles

Initialization

```
int x = foo();
int y = bar();
unsigned ux = x;
unsigned uy = y;
```

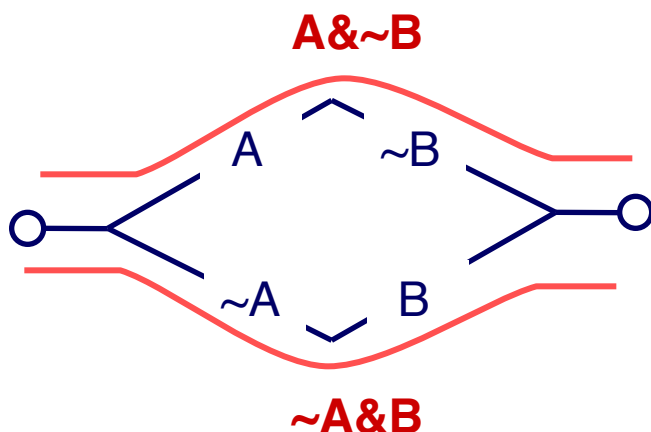
- `x < 0` ☐ ☐ `((x*2) < 0)`
- `ux >= 0`
- `x & 7 == 7` ☐ ☐ `(x<<30) < 0`
- `ux > -1`
- `x > y - Tmin = Tmin` ☐ ☐ `-x < -y`
- `x * x >= 0`
- `x > 0 && y > 0` ☐ ☐ `x + y > 0`
- `x >= 0` ☐ ☐ `-x <= 0`
- `x <= 0` ☐ ☐ `-x >= 0`
- `(x|-x)>>31 == -1`
- `ux >> 3 == ux/8`
- `x >> 3 == x/8`
- `x & (x-1) != 0`

Bonus extras

Application of Boolean Algebra

■ Applied to Digital Systems by Claude Shannon

- 1937 MIT Master's Thesis
- Reason about networks of relay switches
 - Encode closed switch as 1, open switch as 0



Connection when

$$A \& \sim B \mid \sim A \& B$$

$$= A \wedge B$$

Binary Number Property

Claim

$$1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{w-1} = 2^w$$


$$1 + \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} 2^i = 2^w$$

- **w = 0:**

- $1 = 2^0$

- **Assume true for w-1:**

- $1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{w-1} + 2^w = 2^w + 2^w = 2^{w+1}$


$$= 2^w$$

Code Security Example

```
/* Kernel memory region holding user-accessible data */
#define KSIZE 1024
char kbuf[KSIZE];

/* Copy at most maxlen bytes from kernel region to user buffer */
int copy_from_kernel(void *user_dest, int maxlen) {
    /* Byte count len is minimum of buffer size and maxlen */
    int len = KSIZE < maxlen ? KSIZE : maxlen;
    memcpy(user_dest, kbuf, len);
    return len;
}
```

- Similar to code found in FreeBSD's implementation of `getpeername`
- There are legions of smart people trying to find vulnerabilities in programs

Typical Usage

```
/* Kernel memory region holding user-accessible data */
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char kbuf[KSIZE];

/* Copy at most maxlen bytes from kernel region to user buffer */
int copy_from_kernel(void *user_dest, int maxlen) {
    /* Byte count len is minimum of buffer size and maxlen */
    int len = KSIZE < maxlen ? KSIZE : maxlen;
    memcpy(user_dest, kbuf, len);
    return len;
}
```

```
#define MSIZE 528

void getstuff() {
    char mybuf[MSIZE];
    copy_from_kernel(mybuf, MSIZE);
    printf("%s\n", mybuf);
}
```

Malicious Usage

```
/* Declaration of library function memcpy */
void *memcpy(void *dest, void *src, size_t n);
```

```
/* Kernel memory region holding user-accessible data */
#define KSIZE 1024
char kbuf[KSIZE];

/* Copy at most maxlen bytes from kernel region to user buffer */
int copy_from_kernel(void *user_dest, int maxlen) {
    /* Byte count len is minimum of buffer size and maxlen */
    int len = KSIZE < maxlen ? KSIZE : maxlen;
    memcpy(user_dest, kbuf, len);
    return len;
}
```

```
#define MSIZE 528

void getstuff() {
    char mybuf[MSIZE];
    copy_from_kernel(mybuf, -MSIZE);
    . . .
}
```

Mathematical Properties

■ Modular Addition Forms an *Abelian Group*

- **Closed** under addition

$$0 \leq \text{UAdd}_w(u, v) \leq 2^w - 1$$

- **Commutative**

$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, v) = \text{UAdd}_w(v, u)$$

- **Associative**

$$\text{UAdd}_w(t, \text{UAdd}_w(u, v)) = \text{UAdd}_w(\text{UAdd}_w(t, u), v)$$

- **0** is additive identity

$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, 0) = u$$

- Every element has additive **inverse**

- Let $\text{UComp}_w(u) = 2^w - u$
 $\text{UAdd}_w(u, \text{UComp}_w(u)) = 0$

Mathematical Properties of TAdd

■ Isomorphic Group to unsigneds with UAdd

- $TAdd_w(u, v) = U2T(UAdd_w(T2U(u), T2U(v)))$
 - Since both have identical bit patterns

■ Two's Complement Under TAdd Forms a Group

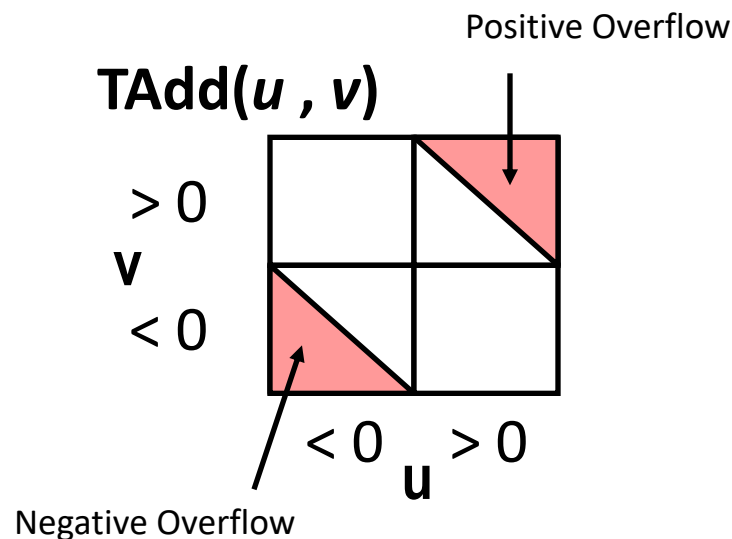
- Closed, Commutative, Associative, 0 is additive identity
- Every element has additive inverse

$$TComp_w(u) = \begin{cases} -u & u \neq TMin_w \\ TMin_w & u = TMin_w \end{cases}$$

Characterizing TAdd

■ Functionality

- True sum requires $w+1$ bits
- Drop off MSB
- Treat remaining bits as 2's comp. integer



$$TAdd_w(u, v) = \begin{cases} u + v + 2^w & u + v < TMin_w \text{ (NegOver)} \\ u + v & TMin_w \leq u + v \leq TMax_w \\ u + v - 2^w & TMax_w < u + v \text{ (PosOver)} \end{cases}$$

Negation: Complement & Increment

■ Claim: Following Holds for 2's Complement

$$\sim x + 1 == -x$$

■ Complement

- Observation: $\sim x + x == 1111\dots111 == -1$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x \quad \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \\
 + \quad \sim x \quad \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \\
 \hline
 -1 \quad \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1}
 \end{array}$$

■ Complete Proof?

Complement & Increment Examples

x = 15213

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
~x	-15214	C4 92	11000100 10010010
~x+1	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011

x = 0

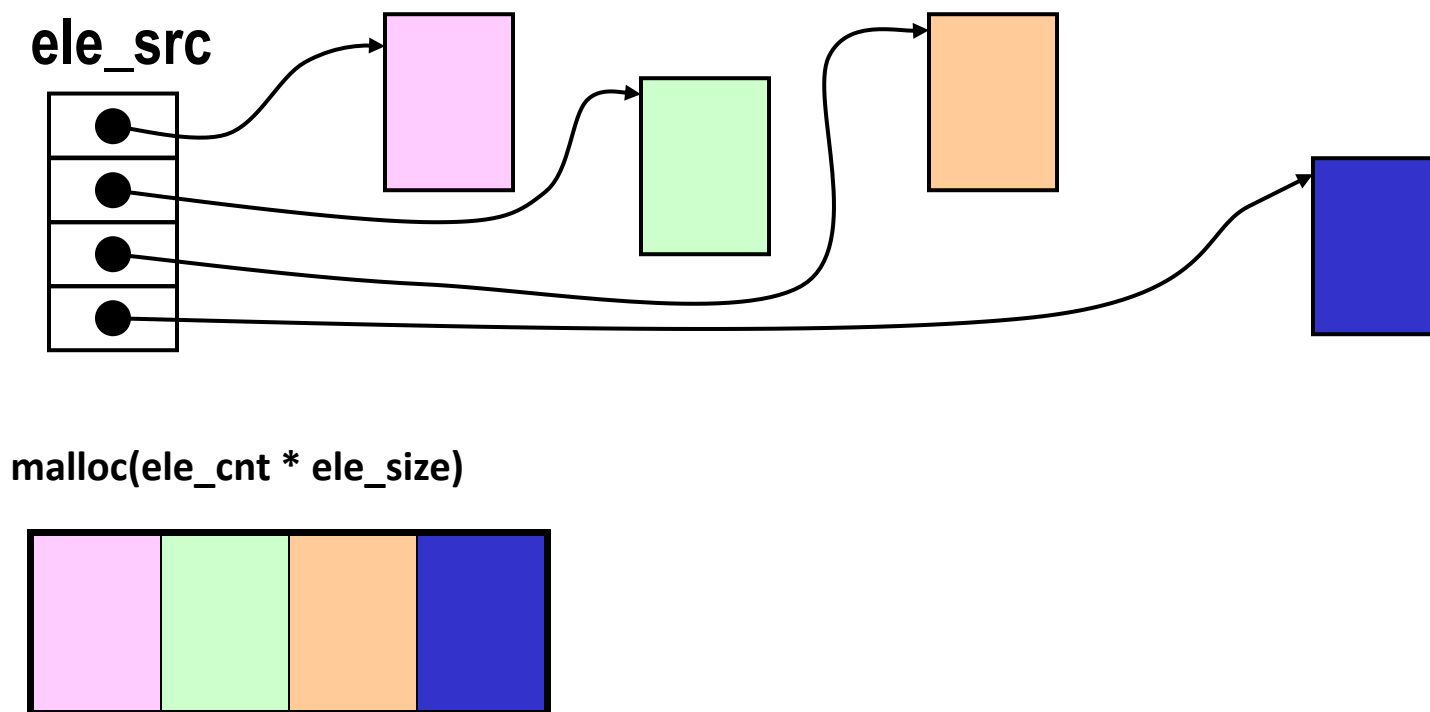
	Decimal	Hex	Binary
0	0	00 00	00000000 00000000
~0	-1	FF FF	11111111 11111111
~0+1	0	00 00	00000000 00000000

Code Security Example #2

■ SUN XDR library

- Widely used library for transferring data between machines

```
void* copy_elements(void *ele_src[], int ele_cnt, size_t ele_size);
```



XDR Code

```
void* copy_elements(void *ele_src[], int ele_cnt, size_t ele_size) {  
    /*  
     * Allocate buffer for ele_cnt objects, each of ele_size bytes  
     * and copy from locations designated by ele_src  
     */  
    void *result = malloc(ele_cnt * ele_size);  
    if (result == NULL)  
        /* malloc failed */  
        return NULL;  
    void *next = result;  
    int i;  
    for (i = 0; i < ele_cnt; i++) {  
        /* Copy object i to destination */  
        memcpy(next, ele_src[i], ele_size);  
        /* Move pointer to next memory region */  
        next += ele_size;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

XDR Vulnerability

`malloc(ele_cnt * ele_size)`

■ What if:

- `ele_cnt` = $2^{20} + 1$
- `ele_size` = 4096 = 2^{12}
- Allocation = ??

■ How can I make this function secure?

Compiled Multiplication Code

C Function

```
long mul12(long x)
{
    return x*12;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
leaq (%rax,%rax,2), %rax
salq $2, %rax
```

Explanation

```
t <- x+x*2
return t << 2;
```

- C compiler automatically generates shift/add code when multiplying by constant

Compiled Unsigned Division Code

C Function

```
unsigned long udiv8
(unsigned long x)
{
    return x/8;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
shrq $3, %rax
```

Explanation

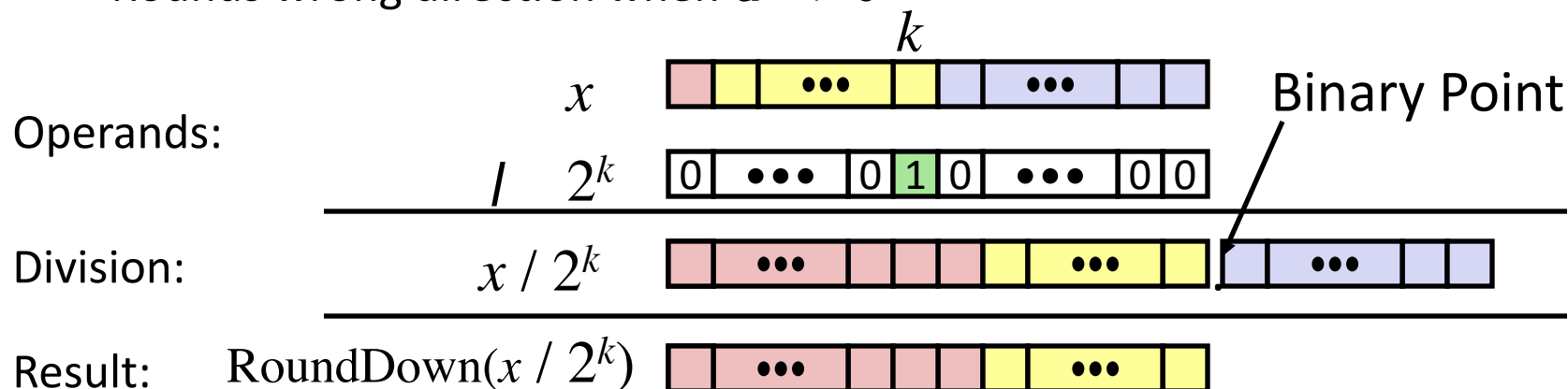
```
# Logical shift
return x >> 3;
```

- Uses logical shift for unsigned
- For Java Users
 - Logical shift written as >>>

Signed Power-of-2 Divide with Shift

■ Quotient of Signed by Power of 2

- $x \gg k$ gives $\lfloor x / 2^k \rfloor$
- Uses arithmetic shift
- Rounds wrong direction when $u < 0$



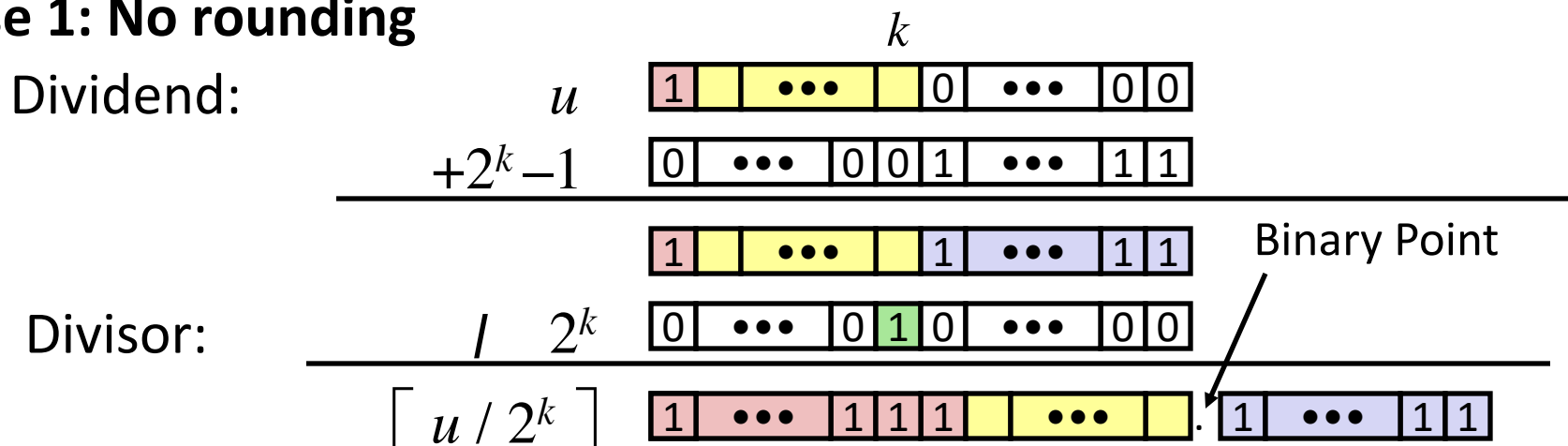
	Division	Computed	Hex	Binary
y	-15213	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
y >> 1	-7606.5	-7607	E2 49	11100010 01001001
y >> 4	-950.8125	-951	FC 49	11111100 01001001
y >> 8	-59.4257813	-60	FF C4	11111111 11000100

Correct Power-of-2 Divide

■ Quotient of Negative Number by Power of 2

- Want $\lceil \mathbf{x} / 2^k \rceil$ (Round Toward 0)
- Compute as $\lfloor (\mathbf{x} + 2^k - 1) / 2^k \rfloor$
 - In C: $(\mathbf{x} + (1 \ll k) - 1) \gg k$
 - Biases dividend toward 0

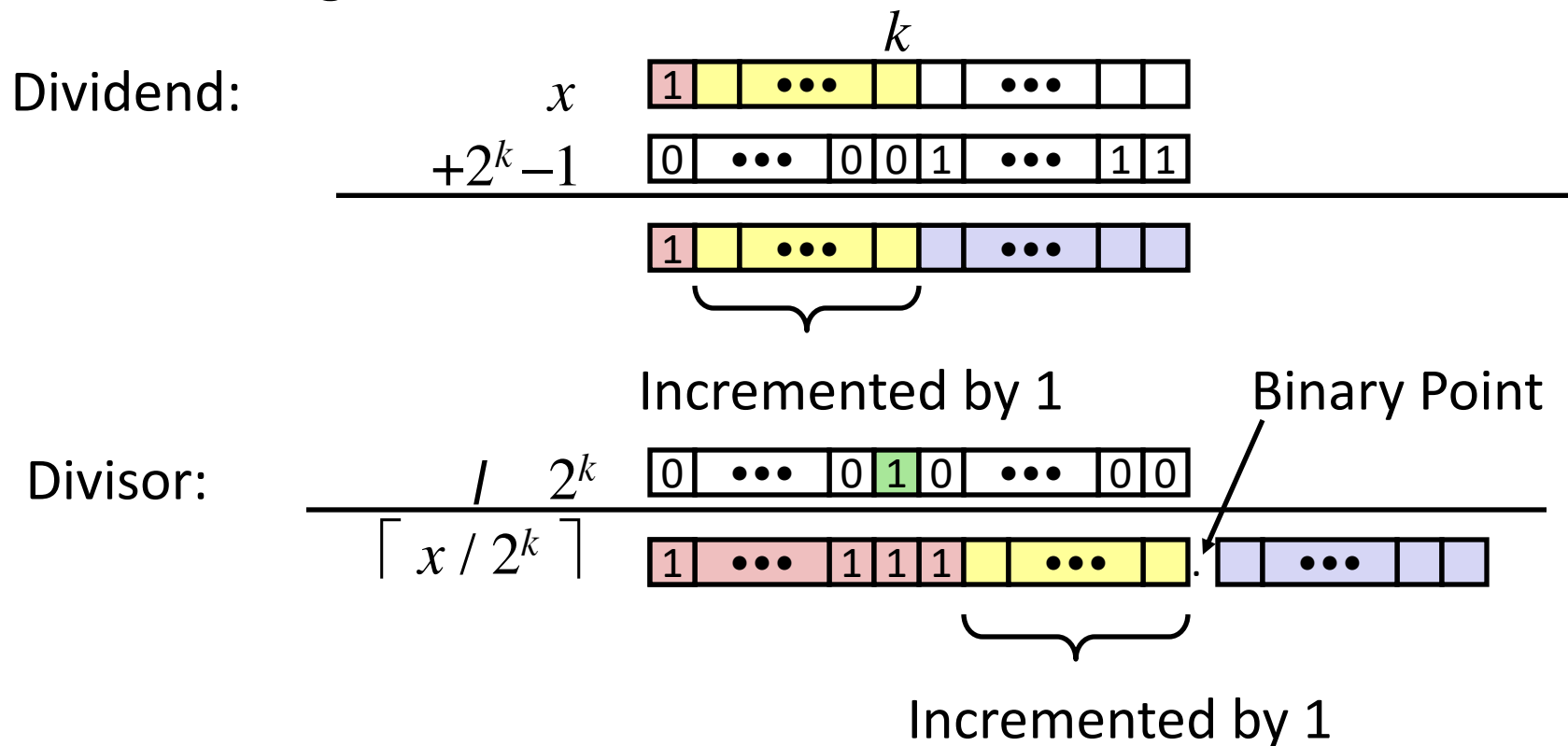
Case 1: No rounding



Biasing has no effect

Correct Power-of-2 Divide (Cont.)

Case 2: Rounding



Biasing adds 1 to final result

Compiled Signed Division Code

C Function

```
long idiv8(long x)
{
    return x/8;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
    testq %rax, %rax
    js    L4
L3:
    sarq $3, %rax
    ret
L4:
    addq $7, %rax
    jmp  L3
```

Explanation

```
if x < 0
    x += 7;
# Arithmetic shift
return x >> 3;
```

- Uses arithmetic shift for int
- For Java Users
 - Arith. shift written as >>

Arithmetic: Basic Rules

- **Unsigned ints, 2's complement ints are isomorphic rings:
isomorphism = casting**

- **Left shift**
 - Unsigned/signed: multiplication by 2^k
 - Always logical shift

- **Right shift**
 - Unsigned: logical shift, div (division + round to zero) by 2^k
 - Signed: arithmetic shift
 - Positive numbers: div (division + round to zero) by 2^k
 - Negative numbers: div (division + round away from zero) by 2^k
Use biasing to fix

Properties of Unsigned Arithmetic

■ Unsigned Multiplication with Addition Forms Commutative Ring

- Addition is commutative group

- Closed under multiplication

$$0 \leq \text{UMult}_w(u, v) \leq 2^w - 1$$

- Multiplication Commutative

$$\text{UMult}_w(u, v) = \text{UMult}_w(v, u)$$

- Multiplication is Associative

$$\text{UMult}_w(t, \text{UMult}_w(u, v)) = \text{UMult}_w(\text{UMult}_w(t, u), v)$$

- 1 is multiplicative identity

$$\text{UMult}_w(u, 1) = u$$

- Multiplication distributes over addition

$$\text{UMult}_w(t, \text{UAdd}_w(u, v)) = \text{UAdd}_w(\text{UMult}_w(t, u), \text{UMult}_w(t, v))$$

Properties of Two's Comp. Arithmetic

■ Isomorphic Algebras

- Unsigned multiplication and addition
 - Truncating to w bits
- Two's complement multiplication and addition
 - Truncating to w bits

■ Both Form Rings

- Isomorphic to ring of integers mod 2^w

■ Comparison to (Mathematical) Integer Arithmetic

- Both are rings
- Integers obey ordering properties, e.g.,

$$u > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u + v > v$$

$$u > 0, v > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u \cdot v > 0$$

- These properties are not obeyed by two's comp. arithmetic

$$TMax + 1 == TMin$$

$$15213 * 30426 == -10030$$

(16-bit words)

Reading Byte-Reversed Listings

■ Disassembly

- Text representation of binary machine code
- Generated by program that reads the machine code

■ Example Fragment

Address	Instruction Code	Assembly Rendition
8048365:	5b	pop %ebx
8048366:	81 c3 <u>ab 12 00 00</u>	add \$0x12ab,%ebx
804836c:	83 bb 28 00 00 00 00	cmpl \$0x0,0x28(%ebx)

■ Deciphering Numbers

- Value:
- Pad to 32 bits:
- Split into bytes:
- Reverse:

0x12ab

0x000012ab

00 00 12 ab

ab 12 00 00