

# EE2020

## Digital Fundamentals

(L1 - Number Systems)

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## Outline

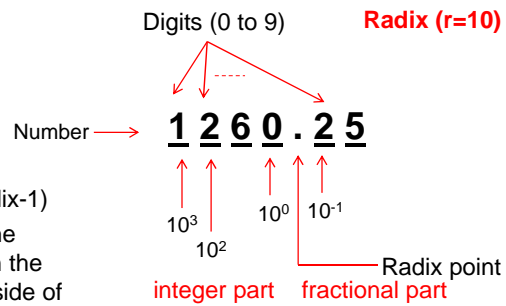
- Positional number system
- Radix conversion
- Binary arithmetic
- Binary signed representation
- Binary-coded decimal (BCD)

# Positional Number System

## Decimal number:

- **Terminologies**

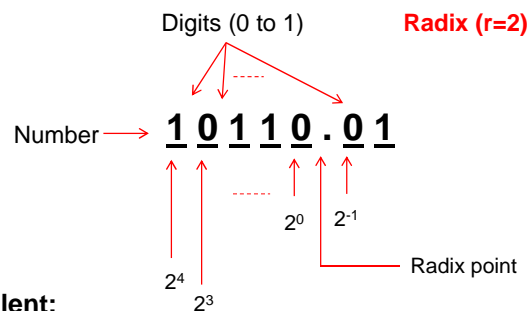
- Radix (or base)
- Radix point
- Digits and a numeral (0 → radix-1)
- Place value (or weight) is in the power of the base (positive on the left and negative on the right side of the radix point)



$$N = 1 \times 10^3 + 2 \times 10^2 + 6 \times 10^1 + 0 \times 10^0 + 2 \times 10^{-1} + 5 \times 10^{-2} = 1260.25$$

\*Weighted sum of each digit (each digit is weighted by its place value)

# Binary number



## **Decimal Equivalent:**

$$\begin{aligned} N_{10} &= 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2} \\ &= 16 + 0 + 4 + 2 + 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{4} \\ &= 22.25 \end{aligned}$$

$$(10110.01)_2 = (22.75)_{10}$$

# Hexadecimal number

Radix (r=16)

Digits (0 to 15)

Number

1 8 F 4 . 2 A

$16^3$   $16^2$   $16^0$   $16^{-1}$   $16^{-2}$

Radix point

Decimal Equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} N_{10} &= 1 \times 16^3 + 8 \times 16^2 + F \times 16^1 + 4 \times 16^0 + 2 \times 16^{-1} + 10 \times 16^{-2} \\ &= 4096 + 2048 + 240 + 4 + \frac{2}{16} + \frac{10}{256} \\ &= 6388 + \frac{21}{128} \\ &\approx 6388.16 \end{aligned}$$

$$(18F4.2A)_{16} \approx (6388.16)_{10}$$

Hex	Dec
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
A	10
B	11
C	12
D	13
E	14
F	15

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# Octal number

Radix (r=8)

Digits (0 to 7)

Number

7 5 4 . 2

$8^2$   $8^0$   $8^{-1}$

$$(754.2)_8 = (520.25)_{10}$$

Radix point

Decimal Equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} N_{10} &= 7 \times 8^2 + 5 \times 8^1 + 4 \times 8^0 + 2 \times 8^{-1} \\ &= 448 + 40 + 4 + \frac{2}{8} \\ &= 492.25 \end{aligned}$$

Oct	Dec
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
?	8
?	9
?	10


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## General form of A Number of radix r and its Decimal Equivalent

**General form of Number of radix r:**


$$A_r = (a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_o . a_{-1} \dots a_{-m})_r$$


 Radix point

where  $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_o, \dots, a_{-m} \in \{0, \dots, (r-1)\}$  (Integer only)

**Decimal equivalent:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_r &= (a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_o . a_{-1} \dots a_{-m})_r \\
 &= a_n \times r^n + a_{n-1} \times r^{n-1} + \dots + a_o \times r^0 + a_{-1} \times r^{-1} + \dots + a_{-m} \times r^{-m} \\
 &= \sum_{i=-m}^n a_i r^i
 \end{aligned}$$

 Radix point is here

 \*Weighted sum of all digits

## Radix Conversion

**Three types of conversions:**

- Radix r ( $r \neq 10$ )  $\rightarrow$  Decimal
- Decimal  $\rightarrow$  Radix r ( $r \neq 10$ )
- Conversion among Binary, Octal and Hex numbers

## Radix r ( $r \neq 10$ ) $\rightarrow$ Decimal

**Binary  $\rightarrow$  Decimal**  $(10110.01)_2 = (??)_{10}$

$$(10110.01)_2 \rightarrow 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2} = (22.25)_{10}$$

**Hex  $\rightarrow$  Decimal**  $(18F4.2A)_{16} = (??)_{10}$

$$(18F4.2A)_{16} = 1 \times 16^3 + 8 \times 16^2 + F \times 16^1 + 4 \times 16^0 + 2 \times 16^{-1} + 10 \times 16^{-2} \\ \approx (6388.16)_{10}$$

**\*Compute the weighted sum of all digits**

$$A_r = (a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_o . a_{-1} \dots a_{-m})_r \\ = a_n \times r^n + a_{n-1} \times r^{n-1} + \dots + a_o \times r^0 + a_{-1} \times r^{-1} + \dots + a_{-m} \times r^{-m} \\ = \sum_{i=-m}^n a_i r^i$$

## Decimal $\rightarrow$ Radix r ( $r \neq 10$ )

**Decimal  $\rightarrow$  Binary**  $(102)_{10} = (??)_2$

$$(102)_{10} = A_2 = (a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_o . a_{-1} \dots a_{-m})_2 \\ = a_n \times 2^n + a_{n-1} \times 2^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \times 2^1 + a_o \quad (\text{Assume integer}) \\ = (a_n \times 2^n + a_{n-1} \times 2^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \times 2^1) + a_o$$

Integer multiple of 2

Continue dividing quotient by 2

$$\begin{array}{r} (102)_{10} \rightarrow \\ 2 \overline{) 102} \\ \underline{20} \phantom{2} \\ 2 \overline{) 202} \\ \underline{40} \phantom{2} \\ 2 \overline{) 20} \\ \underline{40} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

quotient  $a_n \times 2^{n-1} + a_{n-1} \times 2^{n-2} + \dots + a_1$

Remainder is  $a_0$

$$\begin{array}{r} a_n \times 2^{n-2} + a_{n-1} \times 2^{n-3} + \dots + a_1 \\ 2 \overline{) a_n \times 2^{n-1} + a_{n-1} \times 2^{n-2} + \dots + a_1} \\ \underline{a_n \times 2^{n-1} + a_{n-1} \times 2^{n-2} + \dots} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Remainder is  $a_1$

## Decimal → Radix r ( $r \neq 10$ ) – cont.

Decimal → Binary  $(102)_{10} = (??)_2$

Division	Quotient	Remainder
102/2	51	0 → $a_0$
51/2	25	1 → $a_1$
25/2	12	1 → $a_2$
12/2	6	0 → $a_3$
6/2	3	0 → $a_4$
3/2	1	1 → $a_5$
1/2	0	1 → $a_6$

Stop when the quotient = 0

$$(102)_{10} = (1100110)_2$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{10} &= a_6 \times 2^6 + a_5 \times 2^5 + a_4 \times 2^4 + a_3 \times 2^3 \\
 &\quad + a_2 \times 2^2 + a_1 \times 2^1 + a_0 \times 2^0 \\
 &= 1 \times 2^6 + 1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 \\
 &\quad + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 \\
 &= 64 + 32 + 0 + 0 + 4 + 2 + 0 \\
 &= 102
 \end{aligned}$$

## How about fraction?

Decimal → Binary  $(0.58)_{10} = (??)_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (0.58)_{10} &= A_2 = (0.a_{-1}a_{-2}\dots a_{-m+1}a_{-m})_r \\
 &= a_{-1} \times 2^{-1} + a_{-2} \times 2^{-2} + \dots + a_{-m+1} \times 2^{-m+1} + a_{-m} \times 2^{-m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply by 2:

$$(0.58)_{10} \times 2 = a_{-1} + a_{-2} \times 2^{-1} + \dots + a_{-m+1} \times 2^{-m+2} + a_{-m} \times 2^{-m+1}$$

↑
Integer part is  $a_{-1}$ 
fractional part

## How about fraction? – cont.

Decimal → Binary  $(0.58)_{10} = (??)_2$

Multiply by 2	Product	Integer Part
0.58x2	1.16	1 → a <sub>1</sub>
0.16x2	0.32	0 → a <sub>2</sub>
0.32x2	0.64	0 → a <sub>3</sub>
0.64x2	1.28	1 → a <sub>4</sub>
0.28x2	0.56	0 → a <sub>5</sub>
0.56x2	1.12	1 → a <sub>6</sub>
0.12x2	0.24	0 → a <sub>7</sub>
0.24x2	0.48	0 → a <sub>8</sub>

$$(0.58)_{10} = (0.100101)_2$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{10} &= 1 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-4} + 1 \times 2^{-6} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} \\
 &= 0.578125 \\
 &\approx 0.58
 \end{aligned}$$

- The conversion process may never end.
- Where to stop depends on the required precision
- The process only ends when fractional part = 0

## Numbers with Different Radixes

Numbers with Different Radixes

Decimal (radix 10)	Binary (radix 2)	Octal (radix 8)	Hexadecimal (radix 16)
00	0000	00	0
01	0001	01	1
02	0010	02	2
03	0011	03	3
04	0100	04	4
05	0101	05	5
06	0110	06	6
07	0111	07	7
08	1000	10	8
09	1001	11	9
10	1010	12	A
11	1011	13	B
12	1100	14	C
13	1101	15	D
14	1110	16	E
15	1111	17	F

## Conversion among Hex, Octal and Binary

- Hex  $\leftrightarrow$  Binary
  - Each Hex digit  $\rightarrow$  4 Binary bits (digits)
  - Or each 4 Binary bits  $\rightarrow$  1 Hex digit (starting from radix point)
- Octal  $\leftrightarrow$  Binary
  - Each octal digit  $\rightarrow$  3 Binary bits
  - Or each 3 Binary bits  $\rightarrow$  1 Octal digit (starting from radix point)
- Hex  $\leftrightarrow$  Octal
  - Use Binary as an intermediate step
  - Hex  $\rightarrow$  Binary  $\rightarrow$  Octal
  - Octal  $\rightarrow$  Binary  $\rightarrow$  Hex

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## Examples (Hex, Octal, Binary)

**Hex  $\rightarrow$  Bin:**  
**(A45F)<sub>16</sub>**  
  
**(1010 0100 0101 1111)<sub>2</sub>**

**Bin  $\rightarrow$  Hex:**  
**(11 1010 1101 0111)<sub>2</sub>**  
  
**(3 A D 7)<sub>16</sub>**

**Oct  $\rightarrow$  Bin:**  
**(475)<sub>8</sub>**  
  
**(100 111 101)<sub>2</sub>**

**Bin  $\rightarrow$  Oct:**  
**(10 111 101 110)<sub>2</sub>**  
  
**(2 7 5 6)<sub>8</sub>**

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## More Examples

Hex  $\rightarrow$  Oct:

**(A45F)<sub>16</sub>**

$\downarrow$   
(1 010 010 001 011 111)<sub>2</sub>  
 $\swarrow \searrow \swarrow \searrow \swarrow \searrow$   
**(122137)<sub>8</sub>**

Oct  $\rightarrow$  Hex:

**(653)<sub>8</sub>**

$\downarrow$   
(1 1010 1011)<sub>2</sub>  
 $\swarrow \searrow \swarrow \searrow$   
**(1 A B)<sub>16</sub>**

For the fractional part: very similar, just group digits by starting from the position after the radix point

Hex  $\rightarrow$  Bin:

**(0 . A45F)<sub>16</sub>**

$\downarrow$   
(0 . 1010 0100 0101 1111)<sub>2</sub>

## Radix Conversion (recap)

- Radix  $r$  ( $r \neq 10$ )  $\rightarrow$  Decimal
  - Compute **weighted sum** of all digits
- Decimal  $\rightarrow$  Radix  $r$  ( $r \neq 10$ )
  - Integer  $\rightarrow$  Divided by  $r$  and take the remainder
  - Fraction  $\rightarrow$  Multiply by  $r$  and take the integer
  - Add integer and fraction parts
- Conversion among Binary, Octal and Hex numbers
  - 1 Hex digit = 4 Binary and 1 Oct = 3 Binary, vice versa
  - Hex  $\rightarrow$  Oct: Hex  $\rightarrow$  Binary  $\rightarrow$  Octal, and vice versa. Binary is used as an intermediate step

# Binary Arithmetic

- Addition
- Multiplication
- Subtraction
- Division
- MSB and LSB
- Arithmetic using computer

## Addition

Addition table:

$0 + 0 = 0$   
 $0 + 1 = 1$   
 $1 + 1 = 10$



"1" is the carry to the next higher bit

Example:

$10111 + 110 = 11101$

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{1}1\phantom{1} \leftarrow \text{Carry} \\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1 \\ + \phantom{1}1\ 1\ 0 \\ \hline 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1 \end{array}$$

# Multiplication

## Multiplication table:

$0 \times 0 = 0$   
 $0 \times 1 = 0$   
 $1 \times 1 = 1$

## Example:

$$10111 \times 110 = 10001010$$

Multiplication:  
 → Shift then Add  
 → Only need "add" operation

1 0 1 1 1	←	Multiplicand
x    1 1 0	←	Multiplier
0 0 0 0 0	}	Partial products
1 0 1 1 1		
+ 1 0 1 1 1		
1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0	←	Product

# Subtraction

## Subtraction table:

$0 - 0 = 0$   
 $1 - 0 = 1$   
 $1 - 1 = 0$   
 $0 - 1 = 1 \leftarrow$  with a borrow from the next (higher) bit

## Example:

$$10111 - 110 = 10101$$

1 1 0 1 1
-    1 1 0
1 0 1 0 1

## Division

$$100101/101 = ?$$

Handwritten binary long division of 100101 by 101. The divisor 101 is written on the left. The dividend 100101 is written on the right. The quotient 0111 is written above the dividend. The remainder 10 is written below the dividend. Red arrows point from the labels 'quotient' and 'remainder' to their respective parts. The steps show: 101 goes into 1001 (1001 - 101 = 1000), then 101 goes into 1001 (1001 - 101 = 111), then 101 goes into 111 (111 - 101 = 10).

Check in decimal

- **Set** quotient to 0
- Align leftmost digits in dividend and divisor
- **Repeat**
  - **If** that portion of the dividend above the divisor is greater than or equal to the divisor
    - **Then** subtract divisor from that portion of the dividend and
    - Concatenate 1 to the right hand end of the quotient
    - **Else** concatenate 0 to the right hand end of the quotient
  - Shift the divisor one place right
- **Until** dividend is less than the divisor
- quotient is correct, dividend is remainder
- **STOP**

Division (shift and subtract)

→ Shift then subtraction

→ Only need "subtract" operation

## Arithmetic using computer

- Only addition and subtraction are needed for 4 binary arithmetic operations
- Subtraction needs more elements than addition in hardware
- Subtraction can be performed by adding a negative number
- Thus, a computer may only use **adders** to perform all binary arithmetic operations
- This requires an appropriate representation of the negative binary numbers

## Signed Binary numbers

- Three ways to represent the signed binary numbers
  - Signed binary (Sign + magnitude)
  - 1's complement
  - 2's complement

## MSB and LSB of a Binary Number

- MSB
  - Most significant bit
- LSB
  - Least significant bit

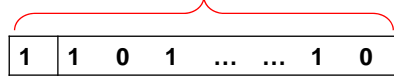
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(Left-most bit) MSB      LSB (Right-most bit)

**\*For integer binary number only**

# Unsigned Binary number

Unsigned binary number ( $n$  bits)



**Magnitude**

(No sign, always positive)

Range of unsigned binary number:

Max value of a 4-bit number:

$$1111 = 2^4 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0 - 1 \rightarrow (2^4)_{10} - 1$$

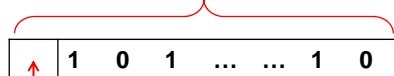
**Max value of  $n$ -bit unsigned number in decimal  $\rightarrow 2^n - 1$ . Range:  $0 \sim (2^n - 1)$**

Example:

Decimal	Signed binary
0	000
1	001
2	010
3	011
4	100
5	101
6	110
7	111

# Signed Binary – Signed Magnitude (S-M)

Signed binary number ( $n$  bits)



**Magnitude**

Sign bit { 0 – represents a positive number  
1 – represents a negative number

**MSB is a sign bit**

Example:

Decimal	S-M
3	011
2	010
1	001
+0	000
-0	100
-1	101
-2	110
-3	111

Note:  
Two zeros

Negative numbers

“1” in MSB position for all negative numbers

## Signed Magnitude – cont.

**More examples:**

$$00111010 = +0111010 = (58)_{10}$$

$$11100101 = -1100101 = (-101)_{10}$$

$$10000001 = -0000001 = (-1)_{10}$$

$$01111111 = +1111111 = (+127)_{10}$$

### Range of binary number represented by S-M:

For a  $n$ -bit Signed binary (S-M), its magnitude is  $2^{n-1}$  bits.

Max magnitude:  $(2^{n-1}-1)_{10}$   
 Range:  $-(2^{n-1}-1)_{10} \sim +(2^{n-1}-1)_{10}$

## Arithmetic using Binary Numbers (S-M)

- Computer performs binary arithmetic operations using only
  - Adders
  - Multipliers
- Subtraction is performed by adding a negative number

### Examples of subtraction using S-M binary representation:

$\begin{array}{r} 3 \quad 011 \\ - 2 \quad \Rightarrow + 110 \\ \hline 1 \quad 1001 \quad (1)_{10} \end{array}$ <p>Discarded</p>	$\begin{array}{r} 3 \quad 011 \\ - 1 \quad \Rightarrow + 101 \\ \hline 1 \quad 1000 \quad (0)_{10} \end{array}$ <p>Discarded</p>	$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad 010 \\ - 1 \quad \Rightarrow + 101 \\ \hline 1 \quad 111 \quad (-3)_{10} \end{array}$
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**\*S-M representation cannot be used for addition of two number with opposite signs or subtraction when using a simple adder  
 (dedicated hardware is needed for all possible sign combinations)**

## Complement Representation

- **Complement representations of a number**
  - Radix complements
  - Diminished complements
- **Definitions:**

- **Radix Complement**

- of a n-digit integer number A with radix ( $r$ ):

$$A^* = r^n - A$$

- **Diminished radix complement**

- of a n-digit integer number A with radix ( $r$ ):

$$A^* = r^n - A - 1$$

## Diminished Radix Complement

$$A^* = r^n - A - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad A^* = (r^n - 1) - A$$

Examples:

**Decimal number:**

$$A = 2375 \rightarrow A^* = (10000_{10} - 1) - 2375_{10} = 9999_{10} - 2375_{10} = 7624_{10}$$

$$A = 0919 \rightarrow A^* = (10000_{10} - 1) - 0919_{10} = 9080_{10}$$

**Octal number:**

$$A = 406 \rightarrow A^* = (1000_8 - 1) - 406_8 = 777_8 - 406_8 = 371_8$$

$$A = 0671 \rightarrow A^* = (10000_8 - 1) - 0671_8 = 7777_8 - 0671_8 = 7106_8$$

**Hex number:**

$$A = 4A09 \rightarrow A^* = (10000_{16} - 1) - 4A09_{16} = FFFF_{16} - 4A09_{16} = B5F6_{16}$$

$$A = 0A7F \rightarrow A^* = (10000_{16} - 1) - 0A7F_{16} = FFFF_{16} - 0A7F_{16} = F580_{16}$$

**Binary number:**

$$A = 1001 \rightarrow A^* = (10000_2 - 1) - 1001_2 = 1111_2 - 1001_2 = 0110_2$$

$$A = 1100 \rightarrow A^* = (10000_2 - 1) - 1100_2 = 1111_2 - 1100_2 = 0011_2$$

Diminished **radix 2** complement  
is found by reversing the bits



## 1's Complement

- “1's Complement” is the *diminished radix complement* of binary numbers
- 1's complement of a  $n$ -bit number is  $A^* = (2^n - 1) - A$
- 1's complement of a binary number can be obtained by **reversing the bits**, i.e. “1”  $\rightarrow$  “0” and “0”  $\rightarrow$  “1”, since

$$(2^n - 1)_{10} = \underbrace{1000\dots000}_{n+1 \text{ bits}} - 1 = \underbrace{111\dots111}_{n \text{ bits}}$$

Binary number ( $n=8$ ): 01011100

1's Complement:  $11111111 - 01011100 = 10100011$

*Reversing the bits*

## 1's Complement representation of signed binary number

**No change for positive numbers and use 1's complement for negative numbers**

Decimal	1's Complement
3	011
2	010
1	001
+0	000
-0	111
-1	110
-2	101
-3	100

Still two zeros

Magnitude range:  $-(2^{n-1}-1) \sim (2^{n-1}-1)$

$$3 - 2 = 3 + (-2) = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 011 \\ + 101 \\ \hline (1)000 \\ + \quad 1 \\ \hline 001 \end{array}$$

✓

$$3 - 1 = 3 + (-1) = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 011 \\ + 110 \\ \hline (1)001 \\ + \quad 1 \\ \hline 010 \end{array}$$

✓

**\*It has no problem to perform subtraction, but needs to shift and add the carry**

## 2's Complement of a Binary Number

- “**2's Complement**” is the *radix complement* of binary numbers
- 2's complement of a  $n$ -bit number can be obtained by adding “1” to its **1's complement**, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} A^* &= 2^n - A \\ &= (2^n - A - 1) + 1 \\ &= 1\text{'s complement} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Binary number (n=8): 01011100  
 2's Complement:  $\underline{10100011} + 1 = 10100100$   
 1's complement      2's complement

## 2's Complement representation of signed binary number

**No change for positive numbers and use 2's complement for negative numbers**

Decimal	2's Complement
3	011
2	010
1	001
0	000
-1	111
-2	110
-3	101
-4	100

Only one zero

$$3 - 2 = 3 + (-2) = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 011 \\ + 110 \\ \hline (1)001 \end{array}$$

↑  
Carry ignored

Carry ignored

$$3 - 1 = 3 + (-1) = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 011 \\ + 111 \\ \hline (1)010 \end{array}$$

↑  
is ignored

Carry ignored

- No problem in performing subtraction
- Carry is discarded (there is NO NEED to shift and add the carry, thus more hardware efficient)

Magnitude range:  $-(2^{n-1}) \sim (2^{n-1}-1)$

## Signed Binary Number (Recap)

- **Sign+Magnitude**
  - Two zero representations (+/- zeros)
  - It cannot correctly perform subtraction
  - Magnitude range:  $-(2^{n-1}-1) \sim (2^{n-1}-1)$
- **1's Complement (Diminished radix complement)**
  - Defined as:  $A^* = (2^n - 1) - A$
  - 1's complement can be obtained by reversing the bits
  - Two zero representations (+/- zeros)
  - It can correctly perform subtraction, but needs to shift and add the carry
  - Magnitude range:  $-(2^{n-1}-1) \sim (2^{n-1}-1)$
- **2's Complement (Radix complement)**
  - Defined as:  $A^* = 2^n - A$
  - One zero representation
  - It can correctly perform subtraction by just ignoring the carry
  - 2's complement can be obtained by adding "1" to its 1's complement
  - Magnitude range:  $-(2^{n-1}) \sim (2^{n-1}-1)$

**Positive numbers are same in all 3 signed binary number representations**

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## 4-bit Signed Binary Numbers Table

Signed Representations of Binary Numbers

Decimal	Signed-2's Complement	Signed-1's Complement	Signed Magnitude
+7	0111	0111	0111
+6	0110	0110	0110
+5	0101	0101	0101
+4	0100	0100	0100
+3	0011	0011	0011
+2	0010	0010	0010
+1	0001	0001	0001
+0	0000	0000	0000
-0	—	1111	1000
-1	1111	1110	1001
-2	1110	1101	1010
-3	1101	1100	1011
-4	1100	1011	1100
-5	1011	1010	1101
-6	1010	1001	1110
-7	1001	1000	1111
-8	1000	—	—

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# Binary-Coded Decimal (BCD)

- BCD is a code to represent ten decimal digits (0 – 9)
- Each decimal digit is represented by a 4-bit binary number

**Decimal → BCD:**

Decimal → (5 9 8)<sub>10</sub>  
 BCD → 0101 1001 1000

**Note:**  
 Six numbers, from **1010 to 1111**, are not used in BCD.

## Binary-Coded Decimal (BCD)

Decimal Symbol	BCD Digit
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111
8	1000
9	1001

# Decimal number addition with BCD

(Assume that BCD is used)

4      0100  
 + 3    ⇒ + 0011  
 -----  
 7      0111 ✓

5      0101      (12)<sub>10</sub> in BCD representation is  
 + 7    ⇒ + 0111      0001 0010  
 -----  
 12      1100 ✗      Not a legitimate BCD code

8      1000  
 + 9    ⇒ + 1001  
 -----  
 17      1 0001 ✗      The result is in legitimate BCD code, but the sum is wrong  
                                  (17)<sub>10</sub> in BCD representation is  
                                  0001 0111

## What is the problem?

- Decimal addition is a modulo-10 scheme and a carry is generated when the sum > 9
- 4-bit binary addition is a modulo-16 scheme and the carry is only generated when the sum > 15
- Need to generate carry when sum > 9, so: what about adding 6 to the result?**

$  \begin{array}{r}  5 \\  + 7 \Rightarrow \\  \hline  12  \end{array}  $	$  \begin{array}{r}  0101 \\  + 0111 \\  \hline  1100 \quad \times \\  + 0110 \\  \hline  1\ 0010 \\  \underline{1\ 2} \quad \checkmark  \end{array}  $
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$  \begin{array}{r}  8 \\  + 9 \Rightarrow \\  \hline  17  \end{array}  $	$  \begin{array}{r}  1000 \\  + 1001 \\  \hline  1\ 0001 \quad \times \\  + 0110 \\  \hline  1\ 0111 \\  \underline{1\ 7} \quad \checkmark  \end{array}  $
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**The results are correct after adding 6!**

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## What is the Rule?

- For decimal addition:  $S = A + B$  using BCD code

**If  $S \leq 9 \rightarrow \text{Sum} = S$  and carry = 0**

(No correction is needed)

**If  $S > 9 \rightarrow \text{Sum} = S + 6$  and carry = 1**

(Need to be corrected by adding 6)

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## Summary of the Lecture

- We have covered
  - Position number system (radix 10, 2, 8 and 16)
  - Conversion among decimal, binary, octal and hex)
  - Binary arithmetic
  - Signed binary number representations (S-M, 1's complement and 2's complement)
  - Arithmetic using signed binary numbers
  - Binary-coded decimals
  - Decimal addition using BCD