

## § 4.2 Integer Representations & Algorithms

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### Introduction

At the heart of encrypting a message is the idea of changing the representation of the characters so that if our message is intercepted, the string of characters is incomprehensible to the unintended reader. By now you are well aware that while humans communicate in words, computers communicate in numbers, and in order to understand how a computer can encrypt a string of characters, we need to understand how a computer represents integers. Some commonly used integer expansions are...

- Decimal Representation - base 10:

$$106 = 1 \cdot 100 + 0 \cdot 10 + 6 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 10^2 + 0 \cdot 10^1 + 6 \cdot 0 = (106)_{10}$$

$$81 = 8 \cdot 10^1 + 1 \cdot 10^0 = (81)_{10}$$

- Binary Representation - base 2:

$$(106)_{10} = 1 \cdot 64 + 1 \cdot 32 + 1 \cdot 8 + 1 \cdot 2 = 1 \cdot 2^6 + 1 \cdot 2^5 + 0 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0 = (1101010)_2$$

- Octal Representation - base 8

- Hexadecimal Representation - base 16

We will now delve deeper into these representations and devise algorithms to convert between representations

**Motivation:** Cryptography; to encrypt messages, we need to understand how computers represent numbers (data).

### Integer Representations

#### THM 4.2.1 |

Let  $b > 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $\exists! a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $0 < a_i \leq b$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k, k \geq 0$  such that  $n$  has  $b$ -expansion

$$n = a_k b^k + a_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 b_1 + a_0 b_0$$

This is called the  $ab$  expansion of  $n$ , and  $a_i$  is called the coefficient of  $b^i$

**Example 1.** What is the binary representation of the following numbers?

(a) 3

$$= 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$$

**Answer:**  $(11)_2$

(b) 17

$$1 \cdot 2^4 + 0 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$$

**Answer:**  $(10001)_2$

**Example 2.** What is the decimal expansion of each of the following?

(a)  $(101011111)_2$   
 $= 1 \cdot 2^8 + 0 \cdot 2^7 + 1 \cdot 2^6 + 0 \cdot 2^5 + 1 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$   
 $= 256 + 64 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1$

**Answer:**  $351_{10}$

(b)  $(7016)_8$   
 $= 7 \cdot 8^3 + 0 \cdot 8^2 + 1 \cdot 8^1 + 6 \cdot 8^0$

**Answer:**  $3598_{10}$

(c)  $(2AE0B)_{16}$   
 $= 2 \cdot 16^4 + 10 \cdot 16^3 + 14 \cdot 16^2 + 0 \cdot 16^1 + 11 \cdot 16^0$

**Answer:**  $175,627_{10}$

**ALGORITHM** | Converting Base-10 to Base-2,-8,-16

Suppose  $n, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  where  $n$  is in decimal expansion and  $b$  is the base you wish to convert to. Then...

1. Divide  $n$  by  $b$  to obtain  $n = b \cdot q + a_0$ .
2. Keep  $a_0$  as the rightmost digit in the base  $b$ -expansion.
3. Repeat 1. - 2. with the result  $a_i$  as the next digit in the  $b$ -expansion until  $q = 0$ .

**Example 3.**

(a) Find the octal representation of  $(12345)_{10}$

$$12,345 = 1,543 \cdot 8 + 1$$

$$1,543 = 24 \cdot 8 + 0$$

$$24 = 3 \cdot 8 + 0$$

$$3 = 0 \cdot 8 + 3$$

**Answer:**  $3001_8$

**PSEUDOCODE** | Constructing Base  $b$  expansions

INPUT:  $n > 0, b > 10$  integers

OUTPUT:  $(a_{k-1}, a_{k-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0)$  – base  $b$  expansion

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bExpansion(n, b):  
    q = n  
    r = []  
    while q != 0:  
        r[k] = a mod b #keep remainder  
        q = q div b #computing new quotient for next loop  
        k++  
    return (a_k-1, a_k-2, ..., a_1, a_0)  
    #reverse order of list r
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**ALGORITHM** | Converting from Base-8 or Base-16 to Base-2

Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with octal or hexadecimal expansion  $(a_{k-1}, a_{k-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0)$ .

1. If  $b = 8$ : Convert each digit  $a_i$  to a binary block of three digits.  
If  $b = 16$ : Convert each digit  $a_i$  to a binary block of four digits.
2. Concatenate the blocks.

**Example 4.** Find the binary expansion of each representation.

(a)  $(765)_8$

$5 = 101$

$6 = 110$

$7 = 111$

**Answer:**  $111110101_2$

(b)  $(A8D)_{16}$

$D = 1101$

$8 = 1000$

$A = 1010$

**Answer:**  $101010001101_2$

## Integer Operations

**ALGORITHM** | Addition of Binary Numbers

Suppose  $a = (a_{k-1}, a_{k-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0)_2$  and  $u = (u_{k-1}, u_{k-2}, \dots, u_1, u_0)_2$  are the binary representations of decimal numbers  $a$  and  $u$ .

1. For  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$  perform  $a_{i+2}u_i$  plus any carry from the  $i$ -1st step.

**PSEUDOCODE** | Adding two numbers with base-2 expansions

INPUT:  $a = (a_{k-1}, a_{k-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0)_2$ ,  $u = (u_{k-1}, u_{k-2}, \dots, u_1, u_0)_2$

OUTPUT:  $(s_{k-1}, s_{k-2}, \dots, s_1, s_0)_2$  sum of  $a + u$

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binaryAdd(a, u):
    c = 0 #carry
    for i in 0:k-1:
        s_i = (a_i + u_i + c) mod 2
        c = (a_i + u_i + c) div 2
    s_k = c
    return (s_k, s_k-1, s_k-2, ..., s_1, s_0)
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## RUN-THROUGH:

**ALGORITHM** | Multiplication of Binary Numbers

**PSEUDOCODE** | Multiplying two numbers with base-2 expansions

INPUT:  $a = (a_{k-1}, a_{k-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0)_2$ ,  $u = (u_{k-1}, u_{k-2}, \dots, u_1, u_0)_2$

OUTPUT:  $(s_{k-1}, s_{k-2}, \dots, s_1, s_2)_2$  product of  $a \cdot u$

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binaryProduct(a, u):
    c = [] #empty container
    s = 0
    for i = 0:k-1:
        if b_j = 1:
            x = a + j zeros appended to the end
            c.append(x)
        else:
            c.append(0)
    for i = 0:k-1:
        s = binaryAdd(s, c_i)
    return s
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**ALGORITHM** | Modular Exponentiation

GOAL:  $b^n \bmod m$  when  $b, m$ , and  $n$  are large.

1. Find the binary expansion of  $n$ ,  $n = a_{k-1}2^{k-1} + \dots + a_12 + a_0$ .
2. Use Corollary to THM 4.1.4 to compute.

$$\begin{aligned}
& b^n \mod m \\
&= b^{a_{k-1}2^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 2 + a_0} \mod m \\
&= b^{a_{k-1}2^{k-1}} \cdot b^{a_{k-2}2^{k-2}} \dots b^{a_1 2} \cdot b^{a_0} \mod m \\
&= [(b^{a_{k-1}2^{k-1}} \mod m)(b^{a_{k-2}2^{k-2}} \dots b^{a_1 2} \cdot b^{a_0} \mod m)] \mod m \\
&= [(b^{a_{k-1}2^{k-1}} \mod m)((b^{a_{k-2}2^{k-2}} \mod m)b^{a_{k-3}2^{k-3}} \dots b^{a_1 2} \cdot b^{a_0} \mod m) \mod m] \mod m \\
&\quad \dots
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 5.** Compute  $3^{11} \mod 2$ .

**PSEUDOCODE** | Modular Exponentiation

INPUT:  $b$ -integer,  $m$ -integer,  $n = (a_{k-1}, a_{k-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0)_2$

OUTPUT:  $b^n \mod m$

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modExp(b, n, m):
    x = 1
    p = b mod m
    for i = 0:k-1:
        if a_i = 1:
            x = x * p mod m
        p = p * p mod m
    return x

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**Example 6.** Trace through the algorithm to compute  $3^{11} \mod 2$ .