

# Number Representation

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# Binary numbers.

① In computers, everything is represented with 1's and 0's.

- numbers
- characters
- images
- videos
- music

everything.

These values are physically implemented with transistors which act like tiny switches.

Switch	on	off
Logic	True	False
Circuit	+5V	0V
Disk	magnetized	demagnetized
Bits.	1	0

1 BIT = "Binary digit" = 0 or 1

1 Byte = 8 bits  $\approx$  1 character of text data  
(256 possible values)

## ② Decimal Representation

$$\begin{array}{r}
 8792 \\
 \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\
 1000 \quad 100 \quad 10 \quad 1 \\
 | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\
 \text{Base} \\
 \end{array}
 = 8 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^2 + 9 \times 10^1 + 2 \times 10^0$$

Digits : 0 ... 9

$\times 10$  :  $32 \Rightarrow 320$  (left shift)

$\text{Places} = 10^x$  : ...  $10^3, 10^2, 10^1, 10^0$

$$8792_{10} = 879 \cdot 10 + 2$$

$$= (87 \cdot 10 + 9) \cdot 10 + 2$$

$$= (((((8 \cdot 10) + 7) \cdot 10 + 9) \cdot 10 + 2$$

# Notes on exponents

$$x^n = \underbrace{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot \dots \cdot x}_{n \text{ times}}$$

e.g.

$$10^3 = 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 = 1000$$

$$x^{-n} = 1/x^n = (1/x)^n$$

$$x^a x^b = x^{a+b}$$

$$2^2 \cdot 2^3 = 4 \cdot 8 = 32 = 2^5$$

$$(x^a)^b = x^{a \cdot b}$$

$$(2^2)^3 = 4^3 = 64 = 2^6 \checkmark$$

$n$	$10^n$		$2^n$
-9	$1/10^9$	billionth (nano)	$1/512$
-6	$1/10^6$	millionth (micro)	$1/64$
-3	$1/1000$	thousandth (milli)	$1/8$
-2	$1/100$	hundredth	$1/4$
-1	$1/10$	tenth	$1/2$

$$0 \quad 10^0 = 1 \quad \text{one} \quad 1$$

1	10	tens	2
2	100	hundreds	4
3	1000	thousands	8
6	1000000	millions	64
9	$10^9$	billions	512

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$$2^{10} = 1024 = \text{kilobyte}$$

$$2^{20} = 1048576 \approx 1 \text{ million} \quad \text{megabyte}$$

$$2^{30} = 976 \quad \text{giga}$$

$$2^{40} = \text{tera}$$

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So working the other way, we see "8792" as a sequence of 4 digits.  
Its value is :

$$\begin{array}{r} 1000 \\ 8 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 7 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 10 \\ 9 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 2 \end{array}$$

$$8000 + 700 + 90 + 2 = 8792$$

OR:

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$$8 \times 10 + 7 = 80 + 7 = 87$$

$$87 \times 10 + 9 = 870 + 9 = 879$$

$$879 \times 10 + 2 = 8790 + 2 = 8792$$

### ③ Binary Representation (Base 2)

Bits : 0, 1  
Places : Powers of Two

Binary  $\Rightarrow$  Decimal

$$10110_2 = \begin{array}{r} 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

"one zero one one zero"

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 \\ &= 16 + 0 + 4 + 2 + 0 \\ &= 22_{10} \end{aligned}$$

We can shift an add as we did with decimal.  
Now a shift left multiplies by 2 and we add 1 or 0

$$1 = 1$$

$$10 = 1 \times 2 + 0 = 2$$

$$101 = 2 \times 2 + 1 = 5$$

$$1011 = 5 \times 2 + 1 = 11$$

$$10110 = 11 \times 2 + 0 = 22_{10}$$

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#### ④ Decimal $\rightarrow$ Binary (Two methods)

$41_{10}$ :	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

$$41 - 32 = 9$$

$$9 - 8 = 1$$

$$1 - 1 = 0 \text{ (Done)}$$

$$41_{10} = 101001_2$$

$$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 41$$

$27_{10}$ :	32	16	8	4	2	1
	1	1	0	1	1	1

$$27 - 16 = 11$$

$$11 - 8 = 3$$

$$3 - 2 = 1$$

$$1 - 1 = 0 \checkmark$$

$$27_{10} = 11011_2$$

$24_{10}$	32	16	8	4	2	1
	1	1	0	0	0	0

$$24 - 16 = 8$$

$$8 - 8 = 0$$

$$32_{10} = 11000_2$$

Another Approach: odd: write down 1, compute  $(x-1) \div 2$   
 even: write down 0, compute  $x \div 2$

$$41_{10}:$$

4	1	$\leftarrow$ lowest significant
2	0	$\uparrow$ digit
1	0	
5	1	
2	0	
1	1	$\leftarrow$ highest significant digit

$$\Rightarrow 101001_2$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 27_{10} \\
 13 \\
 6 \\
 3 \\
 1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 1 \\
 | \\
 0 \\
 | \\
 1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \uparrow \\
 = 11011_2
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 24_{10} \\
 12 \\
 6 \\
 3 \\
 1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 1 \\
 1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \uparrow \\
 = 11000_2
 \end{array}$$

### (5) Binary to Decimal.

method 1 : add powers of 2 together

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 0 \\
 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0_2 \Rightarrow 2^4 + 2^2 + 2^1 \\
 = 16 + 4 + 2 = 22_{10}
 \end{array}$$

method 2 : multiply by 2 and add 0 or 1  
working left to right.

MSB	1	$1 \times 1 = 1$
	0	$1 \times 2 + 0 = 2$
	1	$2 \times 2 + 1 = 5$
	1	$5 \times 2 + 1 = 11$
LSB	0	$11 \times 2 + 0 = 22$

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A bigger example:

$$1101001_2 = ?$$

$$64 \quad 32 \quad 16 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 1$$

$$1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 64 + 32 + 8 + 1 = 105$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \quad 1 = 1 \\
 1 \quad 1 \times 2 + 1 = 3 \\
 0 \quad 3 \times 2 = 6 \\
 1 \quad 6 \times 2 + 1 = 13 \\
 0 \quad 13 \times 2 = 26 \\
 0 \quad 26 \times 2 = 52 \\
 1 \quad 52 \times 2 + 1 = 105_{10}
 \end{array}$$

$$1010011_2 = ?$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \quad 1 \\
 0 \quad 2 \\
 1 \quad 5 \\
 0 \quad 10 \\
 0 \quad 20 \\
 1 \quad 41 \\
 1 \quad 83
 \end{array}
 = 83_{10}$$

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## Addition and Subtraction

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \begin{array}{r}
 22 \\
 + 29 \\
 \hline
 51
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{r}
 10110 \\
 + 11101 \\
 \hline
 110011
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 = \begin{array}{r}
 16 \\
 = 1D \\
 = 33_{16}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \begin{array}{r}
 16 \\
 - 7 \\
 \hline
 9
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{r}
 11010 \\
 - 00111 \\
 \hline
 10011
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

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# (7) Things every computer scientist should know.

## a) Counting :

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

$n$  digits : 0 to  $10^n - 1$

$n$  bits : 0 to  $2^n - 1$

"Byte" = 8 bits

$\therefore$  Range = 0 to 255

## b) Powers of Two

$2^0$	$2^1$	$2^2$	$2^3$	$2^4$	$2^5$	$2^6$	$2^7$	$2^8$	$2^9$	$2^{10}$
1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024

$2^{10}$  Kilo = 1024  $\approx$  1 thousand

$2^{20}$  Mega = 1,048,576  $\approx$  1 million

$2^{30}$  Giga  $\approx$  1 billion

$2^{40}$  Tera  $\approx$  1 trillion

$$2^{38} \text{ bytes} = 2^8 \cdot 2^{30} = 256 \text{ Gigabytes}$$

⑧ Octal : Base - 8 (Digits : 0 to 7)

$$53_{10} : \begin{array}{r} 8^2 \quad 8^1 \quad 8^0 \\ \hline 64 \quad 8 \quad 1 \\ \hline 6 \quad 5 \end{array}$$

$$53 - 6 \cdot 8 = 5$$

$$53_{10} = 65_8 \quad \text{"six five"}$$

Notice that each of the octal "digits" can be represented by 3 bits:

000	001	010	. . . . .	110	111
0	1	2	.	6	7

So we could convert 1st to binary then immediately get our octal result.

$$\begin{array}{r} 53_{10} \\ 26 \\ 13 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array} \quad | \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} = \underbrace{110101}_2 \quad \begin{array}{r} 6 \ 5 \\ 8 \end{array}$$

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# ⑨ Hexadecimal

Base: 10      2      16

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

Digits      0-9      0-1      0-F

$$53_{10} : \begin{array}{r} 16^2 \\ 256 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 16^1 \\ 16 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 16^0 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{256} \quad \underline{16} \quad \underline{1}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 3 & 5 \end{matrix}$$

$$53 = 3 \cdot 16 + 5$$

$$= 35_{16} = \underbrace{0011}_{3} \underbrace{1010}_{5} 1$$

$$47_{10} : 2 \cdot 16 + 15 = 2F_{16}$$

$$= 00101111_2$$

Why can we group 4 bits to form hexadecimal digits?

Consider:

1011 0010 0111

= 1011 0000 0000

+ 0010 0000

+ 0111

$\underbrace{1011}_{\text{shifted 8 times}}$  +  $\underbrace{0010}_{\text{shifted 4 times}}$  +  $\underbrace{0111}_{\text{unshifted}}$

$$(1011) \times 2^8 + (0010) \times 2^4 + (0111) \times 2^0$$

$$11 \times 16^2 + 2 \times 16 + 7$$

$$= (B \quad 2 \quad 7)_{16}$$

- The same reasoning applies for grouping 3 bits to form an octal #

- Pad MSB if necessary.

e.g.  $(111010)_2 \equiv (\underset{\uparrow}{00} \underset{\uparrow}{11} \ 1010)_2 \equiv 3A_{16}$

## Summary :

### Base 10 : (Decimal)

$$\begin{aligned} 8702_{10} &= 8 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^2 + 0 \times 10^1 + 2 \times 10^0 \\ &= 8 \times 1000 + 7 \times 100 + 0 \times 10 + 2 \times 1 \\ &= 8000 + 700 + 0 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Digits: 0...9

Shift Left =  $\times 10$

Max (n digits)  $10^n - 1$

8  $\rightarrow$  80

### Base 2 : (Binary)

$$\begin{aligned} 10110_2 &= 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 \\ &= 1 \times 16 + 0 \times 8 + 1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 \\ &= 16 + 0 + 4 + 2 + 0 \\ &= 22_{10} \end{aligned}$$

Digits: 0, 1 ("bits")

Shift Left =  $\times 2$

Max (n bits) :  $2^n - 1$

101  $\rightarrow$  1010  
5 10

### Base 8 (Octal)

$$\begin{aligned} 173_8 &= 1 \times 8^2 + 7 \times 8^1 + 3 \times 8^0 \\ &= 64 + 56 + 3 \\ &= 123_{10} \end{aligned}$$

Shift Left =  $\times 8$

Digits: 0..7  
Max :  $8^n - 1$

$31_8 \Rightarrow 310_8$

### Base 16 (Hexadecimal)

$$\begin{aligned} 2A6_{16} &= 2 \times 16^2 + 10 \times 16^1 + 6 \times 16^0 \\ &= 512 + 160 + 6 \\ &= 678_{10} \end{aligned}$$

Shift Left =  $\times 16$

Digits: 0..9, A..F

$14_{16} \Rightarrow 140_{16}$

Max :  $16^n - 1$

$20_{10} \Rightarrow 256 + 64 = 320_{10}$

Review: Decimal  $\rightarrow$  Binary Conversion  
(and a funny property of binary #'s)

Consider  $16 \times 11 = 165_{10}$

Method 1 : Find Powers of 2 that sum to  
 $165_{10}$

$2^8$	$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
256	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

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## ⑩ Representing negative numbers.

a) Signed magnitude ( $1940^s$ )

	sign	4	2	1	
+5	0	1	0	1	}
-5	1	1	0	1	

↑↑

sign magn.tude

Range  
 +7 0111  
 -7 1111  
 15 values

But with 4 bits I can represent  $2^4 = 16$  values so one is wasted:

+0	0000
-0	1000

Also I cant add, in the usual way :

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \ 1 \ \Delta \ 1 \\ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \\ \hline 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \end{array} \neq +0 \text{ or } "-0"$$

b) One's Complement (4 bits)

Pos # : Standard Binary

Neg # : Take Positive value  
 And flip all bits.  
 MSB is sign

$$-5 \Rightarrow 0101 \Rightarrow 1010$$

$$-7 \Rightarrow 0111 \Rightarrow 1000$$

b) continued

Two representations of zero

$$\begin{array}{c} 0000 \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ " + \emptyset " \\ " - \emptyset " \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} & & 1 \\ & & | \\ + & \underline{-3} & 0111 \\ & & \underline{\underline{1100}} \\ & & \underbrace{\underline{\underline{0011}}} \\ & & \text{overflow } 3 \end{array} \quad (\text{not } 0100 = 4)$$

c) Two's - Complement

Pos # : Standard Binary  $2^{n-1} - 1$

Neg # : Start w/ magnitude in binary  
Flip Bits  
Add 1

$$+5 : 0101$$

$$-5 : 0101 \Rightarrow 1010 \Rightarrow 1011$$

$$0 : 0000 \Rightarrow 1111 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ 0000 \end{array}$$

↑  
ignore

$$-4 : 0100$$

$$-3 : 0011 \Rightarrow 1100 \Rightarrow 1101$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0100 \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ \underline{\underline{1101}} \\ \text{ignore} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \underline{\underline{0001}} \\ | \end{array} \end{array} \quad (\text{as expected})$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3 \quad 0011 \\
 -4 \quad 0100 \Rightarrow 1011 \Rightarrow \frac{0011}{1100} \text{ add } 1 \quad \text{flip} \\
 \hline
 -1
 \end{array}$$

So we can do subtraction by reusing addition circuitry which is much simpler!

## ⑪ Converting 2's-Comp to Decimal

Is MSB a 0 or a 1?

0: Do normal conversion to decimal

1: Number is negative

a) Convert to Positive binary

b) Convert to Decimal as usual

c) Add a "-" sign in front

Example:  $1110_2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1110 \\
 -0001 \\
 \hline
 1101
 \end{array}$$

flip 0010 = 2

Flip and add 1 again!

OR

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1110 \\
 0001 \\
 0010 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

start  
flip  
+1

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \downarrow \\
 2 \\
 -2
 \end{array}$$

add sign

add sign  $\Rightarrow -2$

Why can we flip bits and add 1 to reverse the sign (pos  $\rightarrow$  neg or neg  $\rightarrow$  pos)?

Flipping bits ( $0 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 0$ ) is the same as subtracting from all 1's

For example:

$$5 = 0101_2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1111 \\ - 0101 \\ \hline 1010 \end{array} \rightarrow \text{bits flipped}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0001 \\ + 0101 \\ \hline 1011 \end{array} \rightarrow \text{add } +1$$

In two's complement 1011 is -5.

But we also recognize 1011 as  $11_{10}$  in standard binary  
and  $16 - 5 = 11$

So, in general the  $n$ -bit  $2^n$ -complement of  $X$  is  
 $2^n - X$

Flipping and adding 1:

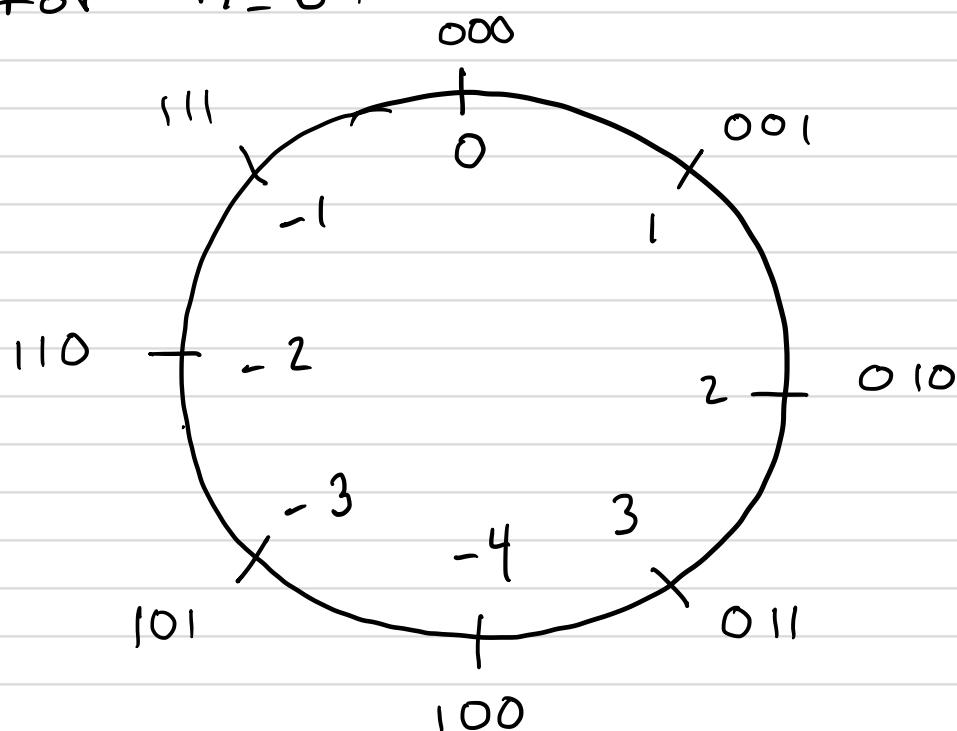
$$\underbrace{2^n - 1}_{\substack{n \text{ 1's} \\ \text{flip}}} - X + 1 = 2^n - X \quad (\text{as expected})$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{add one}}$

Repeating Process:  $2^n - 1 - (2^n - X) + 1$   
 $= 2^n - 1 - 2^n + X + 1 = X$

Another way of looking at  $2^5$ -complement is to recognize that if we have a fixed # of bits, the numbers wrap around in a circle

For  $n = 3$ :



$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \text{min: } & -2^{n-1} \\ \text{max: } & +2^{n-1} - 1 \end{aligned}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 011 \quad (+3) \\ + 010 \quad (+2) \\ \hline 101 \quad (-3) \end{array}$$

$\text{pos} + \text{pos} \Rightarrow \text{neg}$   
(overflow)

$$\begin{array}{r} 101 \quad (-3) \\ + 110 \quad (-2) \\ \hline 11011 \quad (+3) \end{array}$$

$\text{neg} + \text{neg} \Rightarrow \text{pos}$   
(overflow)

We'll return to numbers on a circle (instead of a line) when we discuss modular arithmetic.