

# Binary Numbers

## Understanding the Binary System:

Decimal or Base-10 numbers uses ten symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (count them!) and position plays a major role in expressing their meaning. For example,  $53,802_{10}$  means

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 5 \times 10^4 & + & 3 \times 10^3 & + & 8 \times 10^2 & + & 0 \times 10^1 & + & 2 \times 10^0 \\ \text{Ten-thousands} & & \text{Thousands} & & \text{Hundreds} & & \text{Tens} & & \text{Units} \end{array}$$

Binary or Base-2 numbers uses only two symbols: 0 and 1 and position again plays a major role in expressing their meaning. For example,  $10110_2$  means

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 \times 2^4 & + & 0 \times 2^3 & + & 1 \times 2^2 & + & 1 \times 2^1 & + & 0 \times 2^0 \\ \text{Sixteens} & & \text{Eights} & & \text{Fours} & & \text{Twos} & & \text{Ones (Units)} \end{array}$$

You should know the "twos places" to *at least*  $2^{10}$ :

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

### Changing a Binary Number to a Decimal Number

**Example:** Rewrite the binary number  $101101_2$  as a decimal number.

1	0	1	1	0	1
<u>32</u>	<del>16</del>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<del>2</del>	<u>1</u>

and  $32 + 8 + 4 + 1 = 45_{10}$

Now you try one:

(perform all work on a separate page)

$$10011101_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}_{10}$$

### Changing a Decimal Number to a Binary Number

Repeatedly divide by two and record the remainder for each division – read "answer" upwards.

**Example:** Rewrite the decimal number  $21_{10}$  as a binary number.

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 2 & 21 \\ \hline 2 & 10 \quad R=1 \\ 2 & 5 \quad R=0 \\ 2 & 2 \quad R=1 \\ 2 & 1 \quad R=0 \\ 2 & 0 \quad R=1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \text{read} \uparrow \\ \uparrow \end{array}$$

2 divides into 21 ten times with a remainder of 1; then 2 divides into 10 exactly five times with a remainder of 0; and so forth...

The binary result is read upwards $\uparrow$ , therefore  
 $21_{10} = 10101_2$

Now you try one:

$$68_{10} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}_2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 21 = 2 \cdot 10 + 1 \\ 10 = 2 \cdot 5 + 0 \\ 5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ 2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \\ 1 = 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \end{array}$$

## Adding Binary Numbers

**Example:** Find the sum of  $1011_2$ ,  $1101_2$ , and  $1001_2$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 111 \\
 1011 \\
 1101 \\
 + 1001 \\
 \hline
 100001
 \end{array}$$

Think  $1+1+1=3$  and translate  $3_{10} = 11_2$ . Enter the 1 and carry one.

Think  $1+1=2$  and translate  $2_{10} = 10_2$ . Enter the 0 and carry the one.

"4" is  $100_2$

Now you try one:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 10101 \\
 1111 \\
 + 1010 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

## Subtracting Binary Numbers

**Example 1:** Find the difference between  $101_2$  and  $100_2$ . **Example 2:** Find the difference of  $1010_2$  and  $111_2$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 101 \\
 - 100 \\
 \hline
 001 = 1_2
 \end{array}$$

Check:  $100 + 1 = 101$

**Example 3:** Here is another example where borrowing is necessary:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 011110 \\
 \cancel{100000} \\
 - 1 \\
 \hline
 011111
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 11 \\
 0100 \\
 - 111 \\
 \hline
 11
 \end{array}$$

You can't take 1 from 0, so you have to borrow 1 from the first 1 you come to as you move to your left - all zeroes preceding this 1 changes from 0 to a 1.

Check:  $11 + 11 = 1010$

$10_2 - 1_2 = 1$  (think 2 minus 1 in base 10, and then translate back to base 2).

Now you try one:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 10010 \\
 - 101 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

### Multiplying Binary Numbers

**Example:** Find the product of  $1011_2$  and  $101_2$ . [Note that multiplying by 1 leaves the number unchanged and multiplying by 0 always results in zero.]

$$\begin{array}{r} 1011 \\ \times 101 \\ \hline 1011 \rightarrow \text{multiplying by 1 leaves the number unchanged} \\ 0000X \rightarrow X \text{ is a placeholder and multiplying by 0 is 0000 (zero)} \\ + 1011XX \rightarrow \text{two place holders (XX) and multiplying by 1 again} \\ \hline 110111 \text{ leaves the number unchanged} \end{array}$$

**Check** by translating the factors and product into base ten:

$$1011_2 = 11_{10}$$

$$101_2 = 5_{10}$$

So,  $110111_2$  should equal  $55_{10}$ .  
You should verify this.

Now you try one:

$$\begin{array}{r} 10011 \\ \times 1011 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

### Dividing Binary Numbers

**Example:** Divide  $10010_2$  by  $11_2$ . [Note that a binary number “goes into” another binary number either no times or one time. There are no other possibilities.] Follow the division algorithm learned in grammar school

$$\begin{array}{r} 110 \\ 11 \overline{) 10010} \\ \underline{-11} \phantom{0} \downarrow \\ 11 \phantom{0} \downarrow \\ \underline{-11} \phantom{0} \downarrow \\ 00 \phantom{0} \downarrow \\ \underline{-00} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

11 does not go into 1, nor does it go into 10, but it will go into 100 – one time! (You can “think” in base 10 here.)

Multiply 1 times 11 and subtract it from  $100_2$  - borrowing will be necessary and the result in this case is 1.

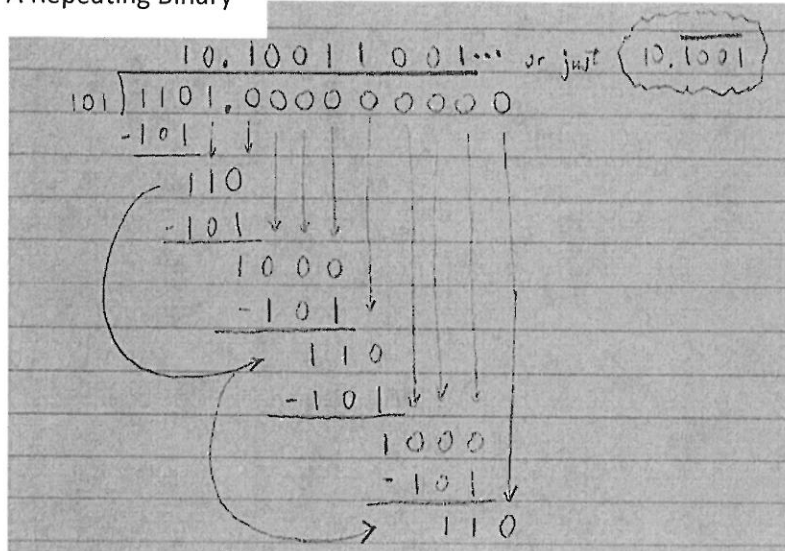
Bring down the one and begin the division algorithm all over again, (i.e., divide, multiply, subtract, and bring down the next bit.

Hence the quotient will be  $110_2$ . To check, multiply the divisor,  $11_2$ , by the quotient,  $110_2$ . The result should be  $10010_2$ . Verify.

Now you try one:

$$11011 \div 11$$

## A Repeating Binary



## EXERCISE SETS:

### 1. Change each binary number to a decimal number.

- $101011_2$
- $1000011_2$
- $11011_2$
- $111111_2$

### 2. Change each decimal number to a binary number.

- 78
- 133
- 500
- 222

### 3. Add:

- $1111_2 + 10101_2$
- $10011_2 + 1000_2 + 110011_2$
- $1111.101_2 + 111.001_2 + 11.000_2 + 1.111_2$
- $1011_2 + 1001_2 + 1111_2 + 1010_2 + 11_2$

### 4. Subtract:

- $1011_2 - 101_2$
- $10001_2 - 11_2$
- $10101_2 - 1010_2$
- $10000_2 - 1_2$

### 5. Multiply:

- $101_2 \times 11_2$
- $1010_2 \times 101_2$
- $1001_2 \times 1001_2$
- $111_2 \times 111_2$

### 6. Divide:

- $1111 \div 100$
- $1000 \div 111$
- $1010 \div 11$
- $11101 \div 110$

## ANSWERS

### You Try One:

**Page 1:**  $10011101_2 = 57$   
 $68_{10} = 1000100_2$

**Page 2:**  $10101 + 1111 + 1010 = 101110$   
 $10010 - 101 = 1101$

**Page 3:**  $10011 \times 1011 = 11010001$

#### **Solution Set #1**

- a. 43
- b. 67
- c. 27
- d. 63

#### **Solution Set #2**

- a. 1001110
- b. 10000101
- c. 111110100
- d. 11011110

#### **Solution Set #3**

- a. 100100
- b. 1001110
- c. 11011.101
- d. 110000

#### **Solution Set #4**

- a. 110
- b. 1110
- c. 1011
- d. 1111

#### **Solution Set #5**

- a. 1111
- b. 110010
- c. 1010001
- d. 110001

#### **Solution Set #6**

- a. 11.11
- b.
- c.
- d.



## Binary Numbers: Solution Set

You Try One:

Page 1:  $10011101_2 = 1 \times 2^7 + 0 \times 2^6 + 0 \times 2^5 + 1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3$   
 $+ 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$   
 $= 1 \times (128) + 1 \times (16) + 1 \times (8) + 1 \times (4) + 1 \times (2)$   
 $= 157_{10}$

$$68_{10} = 100100_2$$

## Method 1

2	68	R=0
2	34	R=0
2	17	R=0
2	8	R=1
2	4	R=0
2	2	R=0
2	1	R=0
	0	R=1

## Method 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 68 = 2 \cdot 34 + 0 \\ 34 = 2 \cdot 17 + 0 \\ 17 = 2 \cdot 8 + 1 \\ 8 = 2 \cdot 4 + 0 \\ 4 = 2 \cdot 2 + 0 \\ 2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \\ 1 = 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \end{array}$$

Page 2:  $10101_2 + 111_2 + 1010_2 = 10110_2$   
check!

check:

$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \\ 10101 \\ 111 \\ +1010 \\ \hline 0110 \end{array}$$

$$10010_2 - 101_2 = 1101_2$$

Check:

check  

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ - 5 \\ \hline 13 \end{array}$$

Page 3:  $10011_2 \times 1011_2 = 11010001_2$

check:

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ \times 11 \\ \hline 209 \end{array}$$

Page 5:  $11011_2 \div 11_2 = 1001_2$  (continued)

Check:

$$27 \div 3 = 9$$

## Solution Set #1

$$\begin{aligned} \|101011\|_2 &= |x^5| + 0|x^4| + |x^3| + 0|x^2| + |x^1| + |x^0| \\ &= |x|(32) + |x|(8) + |x|(2) + |x|(1) \\ &= 43_{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$1000012 = 1 \times 2^6 + 0 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

$$= 1 \times (64) + 1 \times (2) + 1 \times (1)$$

$$= 67.2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \| \phi \|_2 &= | \times 2^4 + | \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + | \times 2^1 + | \times 2^0 \\ &= | \times (16) + | \times (8) + | \times (2) + | \times (1) \\ &= 27. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |1\rangle |1\rangle |1\rangle |2\rangle &= |x_1 z^5 + x_1 z^4 + x_1 z^3 + x_1 z^2 + x_1 z^1 + x_1 z^0 \\ &= |x(32) + x(16) + x(8) + x(4) + x(2) + x(1) \\ &= 63_{10} \end{aligned}$$

## Solution Set # 2

$$78_2 = 1001110_2$$

$\begin{array}{r} 78 \\ 39 \\ 19 \\ 9 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{array}$ 
 $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array}$ 
 $\begin{array}{r} R=0 \\ R=1 \\ R=1 \\ R=1 \\ R=0 \\ R=0 \\ R=1 \end{array}$

$$\begin{aligned} 78 &= 2 \cdot 39 + 0 \\ 39 &= 2 \cdot 19 + 1 \\ 19 &= 2 \cdot 9 + 1 \\ 9 &= 2 \cdot 4 + 1 \\ 4 &= 2 \cdot 2 + 0 \\ 2 &= 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \\ 1 &= 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$133_{10} = 10000101_2$$

133	2	$R=1$
66	2	$R=0$
33	2	$R=1$
16	2	$R=0$
8	2	$R=0$
4	2	$R=0$
2	2	$R=0$
1	2	$R=0$
	0	$R=1$

$$\begin{array}{r} 33 = 2 \cdot 66 + 1 \\ 66 = 2 \cdot 33 + 0 \\ 33 = 2 \cdot 16 + 1 \\ 16 = 2 \cdot 8 + 0 \\ 8 = 2 \cdot 4 + 0 \\ 4 = 2 \cdot 2 + 0 \\ 2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \\ 1 = 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \end{array}$$

