# Trabajo Practico $N^o 1$

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# **0.1** Excercise 1: Resolution and Range of a Fixed-Point Binary Representation

## 0.1.1 What is the Fixed-Point Binary Representation

A fixed-point number has an integer part and a fractional part separated by a decimal point with a fixed position, as shown below:

The integer part is formed by n bits and the fractional part is formed by m bits.

$$(bit\#1 \quad bit\#2 \quad \dots \quad bit\#n).(bit\#1 \quad bit\#2 \quad \dots \quad bit\#m)$$

### 0.1.2 What is Resolution and Range

#### Resolution

The resolution of a number using the fixed point representation is the smallest unit that can be handled with it. Given a fixed-point number with m fractional bits, the resolution is  $2^{-m}$ .

#### Range

The range is the difference between the biggest value that can be obtained with the fixed-point representation of a number with n bits in the integer part and with m bits in the fractional part, and the smallest number that can be represented.

# 0.1.3 Making Use of this Program

#### Input

Three arguments must be entered through Command Line, separated by one space:

- 1. 1 (indicating that the numeric representation of the binary number is signed) or 0 (indicating that the representation is unsigned).
- 2. n: A possitive integer (indicating the number of bits that correspond to the integer part of the number, which appears before the decimal point).

3. m: A possitive integer (indicating the number of bits that correspond to the fractional part of the number, which appears after the decimal point).

For example: "0 1 1".

#### Output

The result of this program is the resolution and range of the number that has n digits in the integer part and m digits in the fractional part.

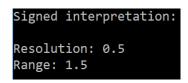


Figure 1: Output corresponding to the example input "0 1 1".

# 0.1.4 Testing the Program