Computer Structure and Language

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Decimal Numbers Representation

Decimal numbers are processed in IBM360 in two formats: **Zoned Decimal** (or Unpacked Decimal) or **Packed Decimal**.

In Zoned Decimal representation each byte contains one digit of the decimal number. Each digit has a left-side nibble of F. For an n-digit number, we need n bytes. The last byte contains the least significant digit and a sign nibble D (Debit) for negative numbers and C (Credit) for positive numbers.

 \rightarrow decimal number $a_{n-1}a_{n-2}...a_1a_0$ (or $+a_{n-1}a_{n-2}...a_1a_0$) is shown as $Fa_{n-1}Fa_{n-2}...Fa_1Ca_0$ and number $-a_{n-1}a_{n-2}...a_1a_0$ is shown as $Fa_{n-1}Fa_{n-2}...Fa_1Da_0$.

Example 1: Decimal number -37084 is shown in zoned-decimal representation as: F3F7F0F8D4 (5 bytes in memory).

Example 2: Decimal number 374 (or +374) is shown as: F3F7C4 (3 bytes in memory).



Decimal numbers are processed in IBM360 in two formats: **Zoned Decimal** (or Unpacked Decimal) or **Packed Decimal**.

In Packed Decimal representation each byte contains two digits of the decimal number. The last byte contains the least significant digit and the sign. For an n-digit number we need [(n+1)/2] bytes.

→decimal number $a_{n-1}a_{n-2}...a_1a_0$ (or $+a_{n-1}a_{n-2}...a_1a_0$) is shown as $a_{n-1}a_{n-2}...a_2a_1a_0$ C and number $-a_{n-1}a_{n-2}...a_1a_0$ is shown as $a_{n-1}a_{n-2}...a_2a_1a_0$ D.

Example 1: Decimal numbers -37084 is shown in packed decimal format as: 37084D (3 bytes).

Example 2: Decimal numbers 1374 (or +1374) is shown in packed decimal format as: 01374C (3 bytes).

























































































