

EBU4202: Digital Circuit Design Number Systems & Codes

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Overview: Number Systems & Codes

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- * Binary and Hex Arithmetic
- Negative Numbers & Floating Point
- * Codes: Binary, Decimal, Alphanumeric



Chapters 1 & 2 – "Digital Design: Principles and Practices" book



Analog versus Digital

- Analog devices process time-varying signals that can have any value across a continuous range and produce results that are also in continuous form.
 - Examples of continuous signals: voltage, current, force.
- Digital devices process signals that take on only two discrete values (such as 0 and 1) and produce output that can be represented by 0 and 1.
 - Examples of digital devices: CDs, DVDs.



Digital circuits/systems also process time-varying signals!



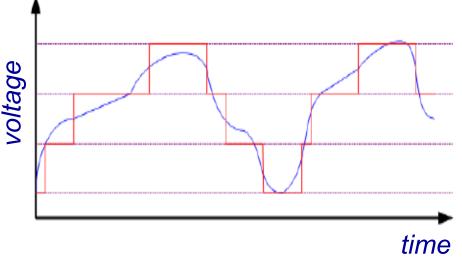
Going Digital

 The world around us is analog but digital systems are simple to understand and use ...

Common practice is to convert analog signals into digital form for

efficient processing of signals.

 However, it is not possible to avoid loss of some accuracy (information) due to this conversion, because digital systems can only represent fixed (finite or discrete) sets of values.



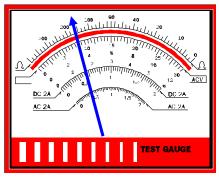
 NOTE: the values obtained in a digitized system must be coded using 1s and 0s.



Digital Data: Advantages

Analog has ambiguity; Digital has only one interpretation.

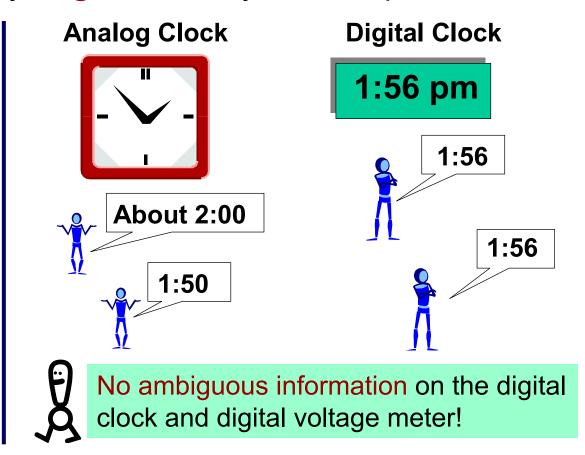
Analog Voltage meter



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Digital Voltage meter

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Digital (instead of Analog) Circuits: Why?

- Reproducing Results: analog circuit outputs vary with temperature, power-supply voltage, ...
- Flexibility and Functionality: problem in digital form can be solved using a set of logical steps.
- Programmability: use of HDL (Hardware Description Language) and software tools.
- Speed: digital devices can produce results very quickly.
- Economy: mass-production made possible; this means putting a lot of functionality in a small place the Integrated Circuit (IC).



Much of today's digital design is done by writing programs in HDLs.



Binary Representation

- Basis of all digital data is binary representation.
- Binary → means 'two'

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1, 0 // True, False // Hot, Cold // On, Off
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- Computers (digital systems) represent data in the binary system using:
 - Electrical voltages (e.g., in processors, memory);
 - Magnetism (e.g., in hard disks);
 - Light (e.g., in CD, DVD).
- However, we must be able to handle more than just two values for real world problems.
 - 1, 0, 56 True, False, Maybe
 - On, Off, LeakyHot, Cold, Warm, Cool



Gates

- Gate: most fundamental building block of a digital device or system.
 - A digital system (a chip) consists of many, many gates. They
 have one or more digital inputs and one digital output.

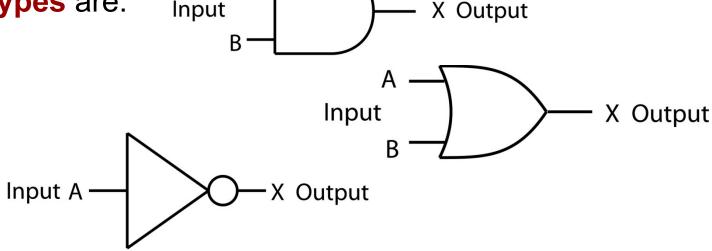
Gates are digital devices that perform various basic logic operations.

Basic gate types are:

AND gate

OR gate

NOT gate





Digital Abstraction

- Digital circuits are built with analog components and deal with analog voltages and currents.
- Digital abstraction allows analog behaviour to be ignored by associating a range of voltages with each logic value:
 - Examples:
 - signals in a digital system may be restricted to two levels e.g. 5 and 0 volts, corresponding to two discrete values of 0 and 1.
 - high and low are often used to represent 1 and 0 when discussing electronic logic.

voltage	binary number	logic
+ 5 volts	1	true
0 volts	0	false

• NOTE: alternative systems may use +5 Volts and -5 volts to represent logic 1 and logic 0.



Integrated Circuits

- Integrated Circuit (IC): A collection of one or more gates fabricated on a single silicon chip to achieve a specific function.
 - ICs usually consist of "legs", referred to as pins or DIPs.
 - Pins are input/output connectors; their functionality can be obtained from the pin diagram or data sheet.

 Dual-In-line-Pin
 - In educational labs, DIPs are usually packaged with 14 pins.

Classification of ICs based on size (i.e., number of gates)

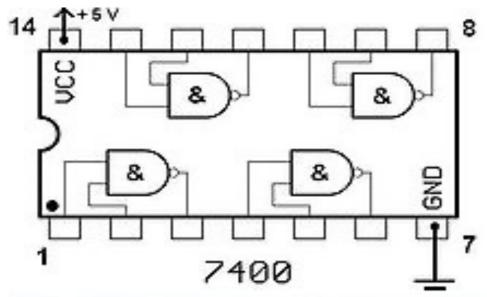
Name	Number of Gates
SmallScale Integration (SSI)	< 20
MediumScale Integration (MSI)	20 – 200
LargeScale Integration (LSI)	200 – 200000
Very LargeScale Integration (VLSI)	≈ 1 million transistors

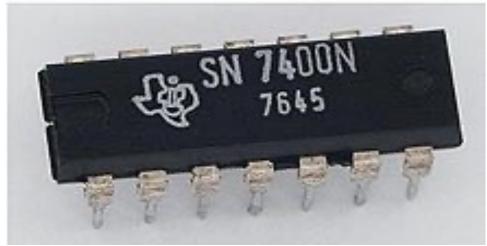
NOTE: The ICs need a power supply connection.



measure used for VLSIs

From Wikipedia 7400 Series







Software for Digital Design

- Software is widely used in digital design. It can reduce design time, design cost, and improve design quality.
- It has been mainly used for:
 - drawing schematic diagrams;
 - circuit simulation and modelling;
 - testing and debugging;
 - timing analysis.
- Example:
- VHDL (Very High Speed HDL)
- Other simulation software can be used to connect gates and other devices together into a circuit.



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Positional Number Systems

- In positional number systems, each number is represented by a string of digits; each digit position has an associated weight.
- The value of the number is equal to the weighted sum of all digits, with the weights determined by the digit's position and the base (or radix) of the numbering system.

Examples:

- Decimal (base 10) → most common (should be familiar!)
 - Digits in base 10 range from 0 to 9.
 - $321_{10} = (3*10^2) + (2*10^1) + (1*10^0)$
 - The subscript in 321₁₀ is the base.

If no subscript is shown, assume a decimal number.



Number Systems: At a Glance

 Table shows the first 17 numbers of each of the most common number systems.

	Decimal	Binary	8bit Binary No.	Octal	Hexadecimal
F	0	0	00000000	0	0
	1	1	0000001	1	1
	2	10	0000010	2	2
	3	11	0000011	3	3
	4	100	00000100	4	4
	5	101	00000101	5	5
	6	110	00000110	6	6
	7	111	00000111	7	7
	8	1000	00001000	10	8
	9	1001	00001001	11	9
	10	1010	00001010	12	Α
	11	1011	00001011	13	В
	12	1100	00001100	14	C
	13	1101	00001101	15	D
	14	1110	00001110	16	Е
	15	1111	00001111	17	F
	16	10000	00010000	20	10



Positional Number Systems – Again! (1/2)

More examples:

- Binary (base 2) → preferred system for electronic IC
 - Digits in base 2 range from 0 to 1 (also called binary number system).
 - A digit in base 2 is also called a 'bit' (binary digit).
 - Numbers tend to be long, e.g.: $321_{10} = 101000001_2$
- Octal (base 8) → seen in older computers and electronics
 - Digits in base 8 range from 0 to 7.
 - Easy to convert to/from binary, e.g.: $(101)(000)(001)_2 = 501_8$



Base 2 is used to represent numbers in a digital system.



Positional Number Systems – Again! (2/2)

More examples:

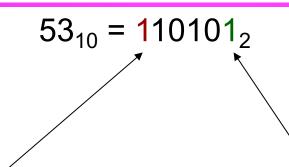
- Hexadecimal (base 16) → most common display of binary information
 - Uses letters A F to represent additional digits (i.e., values 10 to 15).
 - Digits in base 16 range from 0 to 16-1, i.e., values in the set { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F }.
 - Base 16 is also called Hexadecimal or just "Hex".
- Other bases: Digits in base R range from 0 to (R 1).



There are also **non-positional number systems** e.g., *Roman numerals*: I, II, III, IV, V,.... We will not consider these. Only really useful for year dating!



Least & Most Significant Digits



Most Significant Digit (has weight of 2⁵=32).

For base 2, also called **Most Significant Bit** (MSB).

Always LEFTMOST digit.

Least Significant Digit (has weight of 20=1).

For base 2, also called **Least Significant Bit** (LSB).

Always RIGHTMOST digit.



Positional Notation

- Value of the number is determined by multiplying each digit by a weight and then summing.
- The weight of each digit is a POWER of the BASE and is determined by its position.
- Examples:

$$112 = (1x21) + (1x20)
= 2 + 1
= 310$$

$$1011.11_{2} = (1x2^{3}) + (0x2^{2}) + (1x2^{1}) + (1x2^{0}) + (1x2^{-1}) + (1x2^{-2})$$

$$= 8 + 0 + 2 + 1 + 0.5 + 0.25$$

$$= 11.75_{10}$$



Conversion: Any Base to Decimal

- Converting from ANY base to decimal is done by multiplying each digit by its weight and summing.
 - Binary to Decimal

$$1011.01_{2} = (1x2^{3}) + (0x2^{2}) + (1x2^{1}) + (1x2^{0}) + (0x2^{-1}) + (1x2^{-2})$$

$$= 8 + 0 + 2 + 1 + 0 + 0.25$$

$$= 11.25_{10}$$

Hex to Decimal

$$A2F_{16} = (10x16^{2}) + (2x16^{1}) + (15x16^{0})$$

= $(10x256) + (2x16) + (15x1)$
= $2560 + 32 + 15$
= 2607_{10}



Conversion: Decimal to Any Base

- Divide number N by base R until quotient is 0. The remainder
 at EACH step is a digit in base R, from Least Significant Digit to
 Most Significant Digit.
 - Example: Convert 53₁₀ to binary.



Conversion: Non-Integer to Any Base

- Conversion requires 2 steps:
 - A: divide the integer part of number N by base R until quotient is
 0; remainder at EACH step is a digit in base R, from LSD to MSD.
 - B: multiply the number N's decimal part by base R; the new number's integer part will be a new digit in base R of the number's fractional part, from MSD to LSD.
- Example: 5.2₁₀ to binary (with up to 3 decimal places)

Integer Part

$$5 \div 2 = 2$$
 $r=1$ (LSD)
 $2 \div 2 = 1$ $r=0$
 $1 \div 2 = 0$ $r=1$ (MSD)

Fractional Part

$$0.2 \times 2 = 0.4$$
 (MSD)
 $0.4 \times 2 = 0.8$
 $0.8 \times 2 = 1.6$
etc.

Answer: $5.2_{10} \cong 101.001_2$

Note: it is often not possible to get an EXACT value



Example: Non-integer to Binary Conversion

Convert 225.225 to binary

Integer Part Fractional Part $225 \div 2 = 112 \quad r = 1 \text{ (LSD)}$ $0.225 \times 2 = 0.45 \text{ (MSD)}$ $112 \div 2 = 56$ r = 0 0.45x 2 = 0.9 $56 \div 2 = 28 \quad r = 0$ $0.9 \times 2 = 1.8$ $28 \div 2 = 14$ $0.8 \times 2 = 1.6$ r = 0 $14 \div 2 = 7 \qquad r = 0$ $0.6 \times 2 = 1.2$ $7 \div 2 = 3 \qquad r = 1$ $0.2 \times 2 = 0.4$ $0.4 \times 2 = 0.8$ $3 \div 2 = 1 \quad r = 1$ $\div 2 = 0$ r = 1 (MSD) $0.8 \times 2 = 1.6$ etc.

Therefore $225.225_{10} \cong (11100001) 00111001_2$



Example: Decimal to Hex Conversion

Convert 53₁₀ to hexadecimal.

$$53 \div 16 = 3$$
 $r = 5$ (LSD)
 $3 \div 16 = 0$ $r = 3$ (MSD)
 0

Answer: $53_{10} = 35_{16}$

Check your work:



Example: Non-Integer to Hex Conversion

Convert 265.78₁₀ to hexadecimal.

Integer part Fractional part $265 \div 16 = 16 \text{ r} = 9 \text{ (LSD)}$ $0.78 \times 16 = 12.48 \text{ (MSD)}$ $16 \div 16 = 1 \text{ r} = 0$ $0.48 \times 16 = 7.68$ $1 \div 16 = 0 \text{ r} = 1 \text{ (MSD)}$ $0.68 \times 16 = 10.88$ $0.88 \times 16 = 14.08 \text{ etc.}$

Answer:

Remember to use Hex digits for values greater than decimal 9



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Answer: 109.C7AE

Remember to use Hex digits for values greater than decimal 9



Conversion: Hex (base 16) to Binary

- Each Hex digit represents 4 bits. To convert a Hex number to Binary, simply convert each Hex digit to its 4-bit value.
- Hex digits to Binary:



Hex to Binary versus Binary to Hex

- Hex to Binary: Convert each Hex digit to binary.
 - Examples:

$$A2F_{16} = 1010 0010 1111_2$$

 $345_{16} = 0011 0100 0101_2$

- Binary to Hex is just the opposite:
 - Create groups of 4 bits, starting with least significant bits.
 - If the last group does not have 4 bits, then pad with zeros for unsigned numbers.
 - Example:

Padded with a zero.

$$1010001_2 = 0101\ 0001_2 = 51_{16}$$



Trick: Conversion to Decimal

- If faced with a large binary number that has to be converted to decimal:
 - first convert the Binary number to Hex;
 - then, convert the Hex to Decimal.
- Example:



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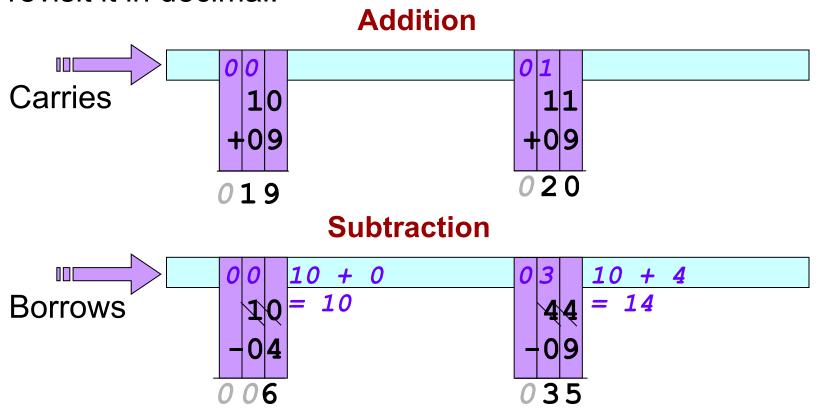


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Addition and Subtraction

 To learn how to add and subtract in other bases we will first revisit it in decimal!





Adding and Subtracting: Rules

- Rules for other bases are just the same as for decimal numbers:
 - Carry to next place when you exceed base!
 - Borrow the base amount when you need to subtract!
- So, in binary:

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

 $1 + 0 = 1$
 $1 + 1 = 0 + (carry 1)$
 $1 + 1 + 1 = 1 + (carry 1)$

$$1-0=1$$

 $1-1=0$
(borrow 2) $0-1=1$

Subtraction



Examples: Binary Addition & Subtraction

1 1 1 0 0 0	carries 1111111111
1 0 1 1 1 0 1	101010111
+1111010	+111111111
10010111	11010101110

0 2	0 2	borrows					0	2				
1 p 1	1 1/1/1	•	1	0	1	0	1	Ø	1	1	1	1
1_1	1 0 1 0		 1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
1 0	0 0 1 :	_	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0



Adding and Subtracting in Hex

- Rules are the same as for decimal numbers:
 - Carry to next place when result of operation (i.e., addition or subtraction) equals base, only the base is now 16.
- Examples:

Remember: A = 10, B = 11, C = 12, D = 13, E = 14, F = 15



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Section 10.11 – "Digital Design from Zero to One" book

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Unsigned, Signed and Negative Numbers

- Digital computers store numbers in a special electronic device (memory) called register, with properties:
 - A fixed size (number of elements); each element holds 0 or 1.
 - The register size is typically a power of 2 e.g., 2, 4, 8, 16, ...
 - An n-bit register can represent one of 2ⁿ distinct values.
 - Numbers stored in a register can be signed or unsigned.
- Negative numbers are essential, and any computer not capable of dealing with them would not be particularly useful.
 - How can such numbers be represented?
 - Sign-Magnitude Representation.
 - Two's Complement.

NOTE: To correctly interpret a number, you need to be told which representation is being used!



Signed Magnitude Representation

- Magnitude and symbol representing +/
 - Decimal: Uses "+" or "-" as necessary.
 - Examples: +92; -15.
 - Binary (8 bits): MSB represents the sign
 (0 = positive; 1 = negative).

A set of 8 bits (such as this one) is called a byte 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0





Two's Complement

4 Bit Binary

- Used by most machines and languages to represent integers.
- Fixes the –0 in the signed magnitude, and simplifies machine hardware for arithmetic.
- Divides bit patterns into a
 positive half and a negative
 half. Zero is considered positive.
- *n* bits create a range over
 [-2ⁿ⁻¹...2ⁿ⁻¹-1].

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



Conversion: Binary – 2's Complement

- Conversion to 2's complement:
 - Positive numbers: same as simple binary.
 - Negative numbers:

- 1. Obtain the *n-bit* simple binary equivalent.
- 2. Invert the bits of that representation.
- 3. Add 1 to the result.
- Example: Convert -320₁₀ to 16-bit 2's complement.



Sign and Zero Extension

- Consider the value 64₁₀:
 - the 8-bit representation is 40h 0100 0000
 - the 16-bit equivalent is 0040h 0000 0000 0100 0000
- Consider the value –64₁₀.
 - the 8-bit 2's complement is **coh 1100 0000**
 - the 16-bit equivalent is **FFC0h** 1111 1111 1100 0000



Rule: To sign extend a value from some number of bits to a greater number of bits, copy the sign bit into all the additional bits in the new format.



Signed Binary Arithmetic

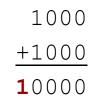
- Operations (addition & subtraction only for now):
 - 8-bit Signed Magnitude Arithmetic: similar to standard addition and subtraction, but only working with 0 and 1.
 - Example:
 - 0101 0110 + 0110 0011 = ? (10111001)
 Signed magnitude so appears to be negative! Overflow!!
 - 2's Complement Binary Arithmetic:
 - Addition and subtraction are the same operation (since a subtraction symbol becomes a negative second number).
 - **Example**: $23_{10} 45_{10} = 23_{10} + (-45_{10})$



Overflow (when we run out of space ...) - 1/2

- Digital systems have a finite amount of space to store numbers.
 - Example: Numbers stored in an 8-bit processor can have a maximum of 8 bits.
- Overflow: When the result of an arithmetic or logical operation is a value that requires more space than is available.
 - Examples:

overflow causes incorrect sign



result has overflowed (the MSB is lost)



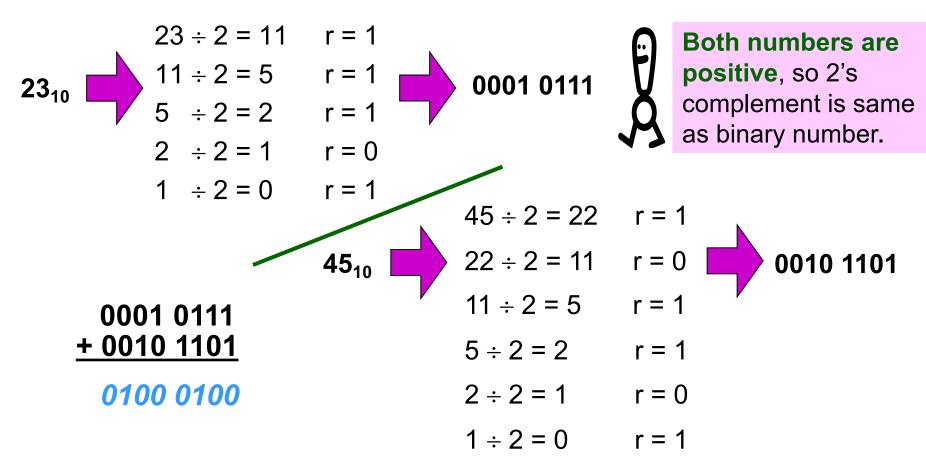
Overflow (when we run out of space ...) – 2/2

- Avoiding overflow (the designer's responsibility):
 - You must constrain the range of allowed inputs to an operation and ensure that there is enough space available for the maximum and minimum outputs.
 - When the output requires more bits than available, we can truncate the LSB before using that value in further operations.
 - This results in lower accuracy/precision, but removing the MSB would cause huge errors!



Example: $23_{10} + 45_{10}$

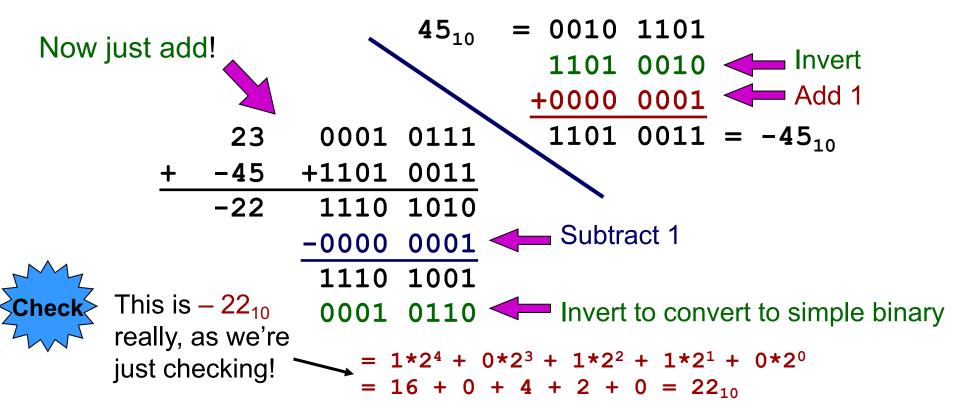
First, put numbers into binary and then into two's complement:





Example: $23_{10} - 45_{10}$

This can be rewritten as: 23_{10} + (-45_{10}), so we need to convert the binary representation of 45_{10} to two's complement.





Floating Point (f.p.) Numbers: Why and What

- What: Way to represent real numbers using digits or bits, based on scientific notation (used to represent exact values):
 - Value = ± 1.Mantissa x Base^(Exponent)
 - Base chosen: usually a multiple of 2, especially for computer arithmetic.
- Why: Often necessary to be able of representing both large and small real numbers.
- F. p. notation: not as accurate as integer notation, but saves bits in representing both large and small real numbers.
- F. p. numbers are usually normalised:
 - The Significand (1.Mantissa) is shifted to the left until all leading zeros disappear, as this efficiently uses the bits available for the Significand.
 - The value is kept the same by appropriate adjustment of the Exponent.



Floating Point Formats-1

- The three types (corresponding to different computer architectures) we will examine briefly:
 - IBM System 360/370: supports a hexadecimal floating-point format;
 - DEC PDP 11/VAX;
 - IEEE-754: similar to IBM's system, but with longer Exponent and shorter Mantissa.

IEEE-754 Format

8-bits		8-bits	23-bits
	S	е	f

Normal Value =
$$(-1)^s$$
 1.f * 2 e - 127
Denormal Value = $(-1)^s$ 0.f * 2 1 - 127



Floating Point Formats-2

- IEEE-754 format is similar to DEC except:
 - it uses an offset of 127 instead of 128;
 - the hidden bit is to the left of the *radix point*;
 - it can represent -0 as well as +0;
 - it can represent values very close to zero through the use of the *denormals*.
 - It represents a 32-bit word



Floating point numbers have a finite resolution; they can only represent discrete values.



Example (1/2): IEEE-754 FP

Represent 0.0390625₁₀ in floating point format:

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0.0390625_{10} = 0.0000101_{2}
= 1.01_{2} \times 2^{-5}
= 1.01_{2} \times 2^{(122-127)}
= 1.01_{2} \times 2^{(01111010}_{2}^{-127)}
Value = (-1)^{0} \times 1.01_{2} \times 2^{(01111010}_{2}^{-127)}
8-bits
23-bits
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Binary Representation



Example (2/2): IEEE-754 FP

Represent -0.75_{10} in floating point format:

$$-0.75_{10} = -0.11_{2}$$

$$= -1.1_{2} \times 2^{-1}$$

$$= -1.1_{2} \times 2^{(126-127)}$$

$$= -1.1_{2} \times 2^{(01111110_{2}-127)}$$

Value =

8-bits

23-bits

Binary Representation



Example: 8-bit f.p. with excess-3 exponent code

• General format of a f.p. number:

mantissa

value = ± 1.mmm...mm x 2(eee...ee - bias)

significand

true value of exponent

- Example:
 - Represent the number 7.25₁₀ in f.p. format with excess-3 exponent code.

$$7.25_{10} = (-1)^{0} \times 111.01_{2}$$

$$= (-1)^{0} \times 1.1101 \times 2^{2}$$

$$= (-1)^{0} \times 1.1101 \times 2^{5-3}$$

$$= (-1)^{0} \times 1.1101 \times 2^{101}_{2^{-3}}$$



Floating Point Bias

- The <u>bias</u> is $2^{k-1} 1$, where k is the number of bits in the exponent field.
- For an 8-bit format, k = 3, so the bias is $2^{3-1} 1 = 3$.
- For IEEE <u>32-bit</u>, k = 8, so the bias is $2^{8-1} 1 = 127$.

IEEE is (1 sign bit + 8 exponent bits + 23 mantissa bits) = 32 bits



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Binary Codes (1/2)

 1 Binary Digit (one bit) can take on values 0, 1. We can represent the two values as:

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- (0 = hot; 1 = cold) - (1 = True; 0 = False) - (1 = on; 0 = off)
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- 2 Binary Digits (two bits) can take on values of 00, 01, 10, 11. We can represent the four values as:
 - (00 = hot, 01 = warm, 10 = cool, 11 = cold)
- 3 Binary Digits (three bits) can take on values of 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111. We can represent the eight values as:
 - 000 = Black, 001 = Red, 010 = Pink, 011 = Yellow, 100 = Brown,
 101 = Blue, 110 = Green, 111 = White.



Binary Codes (2/2)

- N bits (or N binary digits) can represent
 2^N different values.
 - E.g., 4 bits can represent 2⁴ or 16 different values.
- N bits can take on unsigned decimal values from 0 to 2^N-1.
- Codes are usually given in tabular form.



Code: Set of *n-bit* strings where different bit strings represent different numbers (or other quantities).

000	black	
001	red	
010	pink	
011	yellow	
100	brown	
101	blue	
110	green	
111	white	



Binary Data (Again!)

- The computer screen on your PC can be configured for different resolutions.
 - One resolution is 600 x 800 x 8 ⇒ 600 dots vertically by 800 dots horizontally, with each dot using 8 bits to take on 256 different colors.
- 8 bits are needed to represent 256 colors (2⁸ = 256). The total number of bits needed to represent the screen is then:
 600 x 800 x 8 = 3840000 bits (or just under 4 Mbits).

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1 Mbits = 1024 \times 1024 = 2^{10} \times 2^{10} = 2^{20}
1 Kbits = 1024 = 2^{10}
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Your video card must have at least this much memory on it!



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Binary Coded Decimal (BCD)

- BCD uses a 4-bit pattern to express each digit of a base 10 number.
- How each digit in BCD is encoded:
 - in BCD
 - 123: '0001'0010'0011
 - +123 : 1010 0001 0010 0011
 - -123: 1011 0001 0010 0011
 - in simple Binary
 - 123:111 1011

Some implementations only; usually, the last 6 values are not used.

Decimal	Binary	
0	0000	
1	0001	
2	0010	
3	0011	
4	0100	
5	0101	
6	0110	
7	0111	
8	1000	
9	1001	
+	1010	
-	1011	



BCD Advantages/Disadvantages

BCD Advantages:

- Used in business machines and languages e.g., COBOL for precise decimal math.
- Can have arrays of BCD numbers for arbitrary precision arithmetic.

BCD Disadvantages:

- Takes more memory because,
 - 32-bit simple binary can represent over 4 billion discrete values;
 - 32-bit BCD can hold a sign and 7 digits for a maximum of 10 million values.
- More difficult to do maths because we must force the base 2 computer to do base 10 arithmetic.

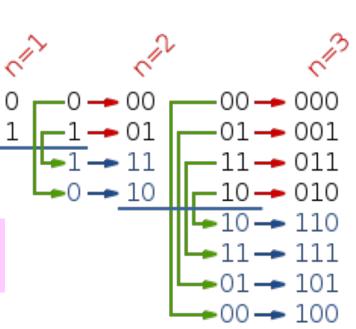


Gray Code for Decimal Digits

- A Gray code (here, a 4-bit code) changes by only 1 bit for adjacent values.
 - It's also called a 'thumbwheel' code because a thumbwheel for choosing a decimal digit can only change to an adjacent value (e.g., 4 to 5 to 6, etc) with each click of the thumbwheel.



Gray Code: used e.g., in automatic braking systems.



Gray Code

- 0 👄 0000
- 1 ⇔ 0001
- 2 **⇔** 0011
- 3 ⇔ 0010
- 4 ⇔ 0110
- 5 **⇔** 0111
- 6 ⇔ 0101
- 7 **⇔** 0100
- 8 **⇔** 1100
- 9 😂 1101



Overview: Number Systems & Codes

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ASCII Code

- If there's a need to represent characters as digital data ...
 - The ASCII code (i.e., American Standard Code for Information) Interchange) is a 7-bit code for character data.
 - Typically, 8 bits are actually stored with the 8th bit being zero or used for error detection (parity checking), where 8 bits = 1 Byte.
 - Examples

$$-$$
 'A' = 01000001₂ = 41₁₆ $-$ '&' = 00100110₂ = 26₁₆



What about other symbols or other languages? How can they be represented?

- 7 bits can only represent **2**⁷ **different values** (i.e., 128). This is enough to represent the Latin alphabet (A-Z, a-z, 0-9, punctuation marks and some symbols like \$).



Unicode

- **Unicode**: *16-bit* code for representing alphanumeric data. It can represent 2¹⁶ or 65536 different symbols: 16 bits = 2 Bytes per character.
 - Examples:

•
$$0041_{16} - 005A_{16}$$
 A – Z

•
$$0061_{16} - 007A_{16}$$
 a – z

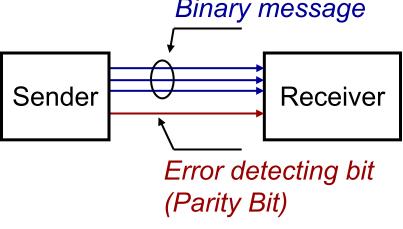
Some other alphabet/symbol ranges:

- Unicode is now used by Web browsers, Java and most software.
- Online code guide: http://www.unicode.org/charts/



Parity Checking

- Simple error detection (not correction) mechanism
 - Data transmission, ageing media, static interference, dust on media, etc, demand the ability to detect errors.



- Single bit errors can be detected by using parity checking.
 - Constructing a single-error-detecting code with 2ⁿ code words.
 - Requires n+1 bits: the first n bits are called information bits and the remaining bit is called the parity bit.
- Advantages of parity checking:
 - 1. best possible code using only a single bit of space;
 - 2. requires only a number of XOR gates to generate.



Parity Checking (cont.)

 Parity Checking: the most fundamental method of error checking.

Other codes e.g., Hamming
 and VRC (Vertical Redundancy Check) server

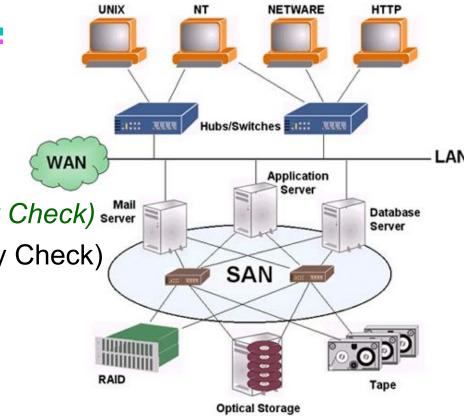
/LRC (Longitudinal Redundancy Check)

- are also frequently used

Parity Checking in SANs (Storage Area Networks):

Several types of RAID

 (Redundant Array of Independent
 Disks) arrays calculate parity to provide redundancy against failure.



Storage Area Networks



Odd and Even Parity

Parity bit:

- Even-parity code: set the parity bit to 0 if there's an even number of 1s; set the parity bit to 1 otherwise.
- Odd-parity code: set the parity bit to 0 if there's an odd number of
 1s; set the parity bit to 1 otherwise.

Detection of a 1-bit error

- The parity bit is stripped by hardware after checking. The sender and receiver both agree to apply odd or even parity.
- 2 (or an even number of) flipped bits (including the parity bit) in the same byte are not detected!



The parity bit can be added either at the beginning *or* at the end of the value.



Example: Odd and Even Parity

What is actually sent when even parity has been agreed.

	'S'	'Е'
ASCII	101 0011	100 0101
Even parity	0101 0011	1100 010
Odd Parity	1101 0011	0100 0101

- Example (detection of a 1-bit error):
 - ASCII 'S' is sent (i.e., send 1010011₂), but value 01010010₂ is received.
 - Need to add a 1-bit parity to make an odd or even number of bits per byte.



Assuming value 01010010₂ is received, can Parity Checking detect an error when character 'S' is sent, if even parity has been agreed?

What if instead we send character 'E' and *odd parity* has been agreed? Can Parity Checking detect an error?

