

Number systems

Signpost

- ☐ Computers operate on binary values
- ☐ A computer has two modes (on or off)
- ☐ Binary digits represents off and on (zero means off and 1 is on)
- ☐ When we say zero the transistor is off and vice-versa

Bit - single value

Bit are bundled together into 8-bit collations called bytes

Number representations

Notation: N_r for number N using radix r

Radix refers to the base - the number of possible symbols for each digit

Decimal Codes

Radix = 10 .

- ☐ Possible values for digits 0-9

Binary Codes

Radix = 2

Possible values for digits: 0 and 1

- ☐ n-bit **binary number** can represent numbers from 0_{10} to $(2^n-1)_{10}$
- ☐ Largest **8-bit** (unsigned) number: $1111111_2 = 255_{10}$ (not positive or negative) largest number you can have is all ones

Binary Addition

Adding binary numbers

$$1+0 = 0+1 = 1$$

$$0+0 = 0$$

$$1+1 = 0 \text{ carry } 1$$

Possibility of an overflow

We have only 8 bits to store answer... so it's zero!

Signed numbers

Representing positive and negative numbers without a '-' sign

- ☐ We don't just store positive numbers we need to store negative numbers as well
- ☐ Can use left most bit to code sign and magnitude(know whether positive or negative)

This is wasteful, we need a better system for working with signed numbers
0 represents positive and 1 represents negative

Negative Numbers

- ☐ To get the negative representation for a positive number
- ☐ Sign/magnitude:invert just the sign bit(if its - its a 1 and 0 is positive)
- ☐ 1's complement: invert all bits(if its a negative number we invert all the bits and store as negative number)
- ☐ 2's complement:invert all bits and add one to the results

1's complement

Negative numbers obtained by flipping signs

Positive numbers don't change(we just use the bits to store it but for a negative we have to flip it)

Addition is easier

2's complement

Now when we add, discard carry

- ☐ 1's complement still has two zeros
- ☐ An alternative to access is the 2's complement
- ☐ Complement then add 1
- ☐ It doesn't mean that if it start with a zero its a positive number can a negative number in a 2's form(positive)
- ☐ What do we do with the carry?,we just discard it

Floating-point Numbers

- ☐ Fixed point numbers have very limited range(determine by bit length)
- ☐ Floating point(scientific notation)

eg 9.76×10^{-14}

Consists of two parts:mantissa & exponent

Mantissa: the number multiplying the base(9.76)

Exponent:the power

Significand(76)

Floating Point range

✓ Range of numbers is very large, but accuracy is limited by significant

Normalising - converting a number to the scientific notation

○ It only stores 8 bits, so whatever is in front of the 8 will be left out (not accurate) - truncation error

How do we normalise a floating point

○ Shift point until only one non-zero digit is left

○ If left shift - add 1

○ Right shift - subtract 1

Floating Point Formats

IEEE 745 format

single(32-bit) and **double(64-bit)** formats; much needed standard

Also extended precision- 80 bits(long double)

When storing this **single precision number** represented internally as

○ Sign bit(0 positive and 1 is neg)

○ Followed by exponent(8-bits)

○ Then the fraction part of the normalised number

Don't store the full mantissa but the significant part of the number

The leading 1 is implied **not sorted**

Double precision

Has 11 bit exponent and 52-bit significant

Floating point Exponents

The exponent is '**biased**': no explicit negative number

Single precision:127, Double precision 1023

So for single precision:

○ Stored value of 255 indicated exponent of $255-127 = 128$, and if value stored is 0 subtract - $127 = -127$ (cant' be symmetric, because of zero)

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More formats and characters

IEEE 754 has special codes for zero, error conditions(0/0 etc)

Zero: exponent and significant are zero

Infinity: exp = 1111...1111, significand = 0(if exponent is all ones we cant represent that particular number)

NaN (not a number): 0/0' exponent = 1111...1111, significand != 0(ERROR)

Concept of underflow and overflow

Too large or too small of a value that you want to store

Expressible numbers : numbers that you CAN represent

- ☐ Negative Overflow(negative numbers slower than your lower limit), Expressible negative numbers, negative underflow(lower than your lower limit)
- ☐ Positive underflow , Expressible Positive Numbers, Positive Overflow(greater than your upper limit)

Underflow is a less serious problem because it just denotes a loss of precision

FP Operations and Errors

Trick - always normalise and make sure that exponents are the same

- ☐ **Addition/subtraction:**normalise, match to larger exponent then add, normalise

Error conditions:

Exponent overflow(Exponent bigger than max permissible size, may be set to infinity)

Exponent underflow(negative exponent smaller than minimum size; may be set to zero)

Significant underflow(alignment may cause loss of significant digits)

Significant overflow(alignment may cause carry overflow; realign significands)

Character represented using 'character set'.

Unicode is 16 bits

Using ASCII or unicode we can store characters on our computer systems

Boolean Algebra

- ☐ Modern Computer devices are digital rather than analog
- ☐ Use two discrete states to represent all entities: 0 and 1
- ☐ Call these two logical states True and False

The computer system store information and does computation (calculations, additions etc)

In a computer chip we have transistors and they aren't isolated

These transistors have two states ON and OFF (1 and 0).

All operations are on these values

*** George Boole formalised such a logic algebra ' Boolean algebra'

Three basic logic operations: AND, OR, NOT

$A.B \rightarrow A \text{ and } B$

$AB \rightarrow A \text{ and } B$

$A + B \rightarrow A \text{ or } B$

$\text{not } A \rightarrow \text{opposite}$

False = 0

Truth tables

- ☐ Truth Tables show the value each operator (or combinations)
- ☐ Not is a unary operator: inverts truth value

NAND is False only if both args are true
[NOT (A AND B)]

NOR is TRUE only if both args are False
[NOT (A OR B)]

XOR is TRUE if either input is True, but not BOTH

Logic gates

- ☐ The Boolean operators have symbolic representations: 'logic gates'

These are the building blocks for all computer circuits

- ☐ To work out which logic gates are required for an operation, specify the function, F, using a truth table, then derive the Boolean expression. Then simplify

Commutative: $A.B = B.A$ and $A + B = B + A$

Distributive:

$$A.(B+C) = (A.B) + (A.C)$$

$$A+(B.C) = (A+B).(A+C)$$

Associative:

$$A.(B.C) = (A.B).C \text{ and } A+(B+C) = (A+B)+C$$

De Morgans's Laws:

$$\text{Not } A.B = \text{Not } A + \text{Not } B \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Not } A + \text{Not } B = \text{Not } A.B$$