



# L3 – Deeper Dive on ISAs and LC2k

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# L3\_1 ISAs – Instructions and Memory



# Learning Objectives

- Identify the addressing modes of memory operations used in assembly-language instructions and programs
- Understand encoding of addressing for assembly-language instructions for load, store, and branching instructions
- Usage and encoding of labels for assembly-language programs



# Resources

- Many resources on 370 website
  - [EECS 370 Resources](#)
    - ARMv8 references
    - Binary, Hex, and 2's compliment - [YouTube channel](#)
- Lecture and discussion recordings
- Piazza
- Office hours



# What is a Bit?

- Bit: Smallest unit of data storage
  - Values [0, 1]
  - Many things will be measured (for size) in bits
    - 32-bit register – a register with 32 binary digits of storage capacity
    - 32-bit instruction – machine code instruction that has 32 binary digits, i.e., an unsigned integer in the range 0 to  $2^{32}$  (0 to 4,294,967,296)
    - 32-bit address – memory addresses with 32 binary digits
    - 32-bit operating system - computer with 32-bit addresses
- Byte: A collection of 8 bits (contiguous)
  - On many computers, the granularity for addresses
- Word: natural group of access in a computer
  - Usually 32 bits
  - Useful because most data exceeds 1 byte of storage need

# Assembly and Machine Code

Review!  
Example ISA

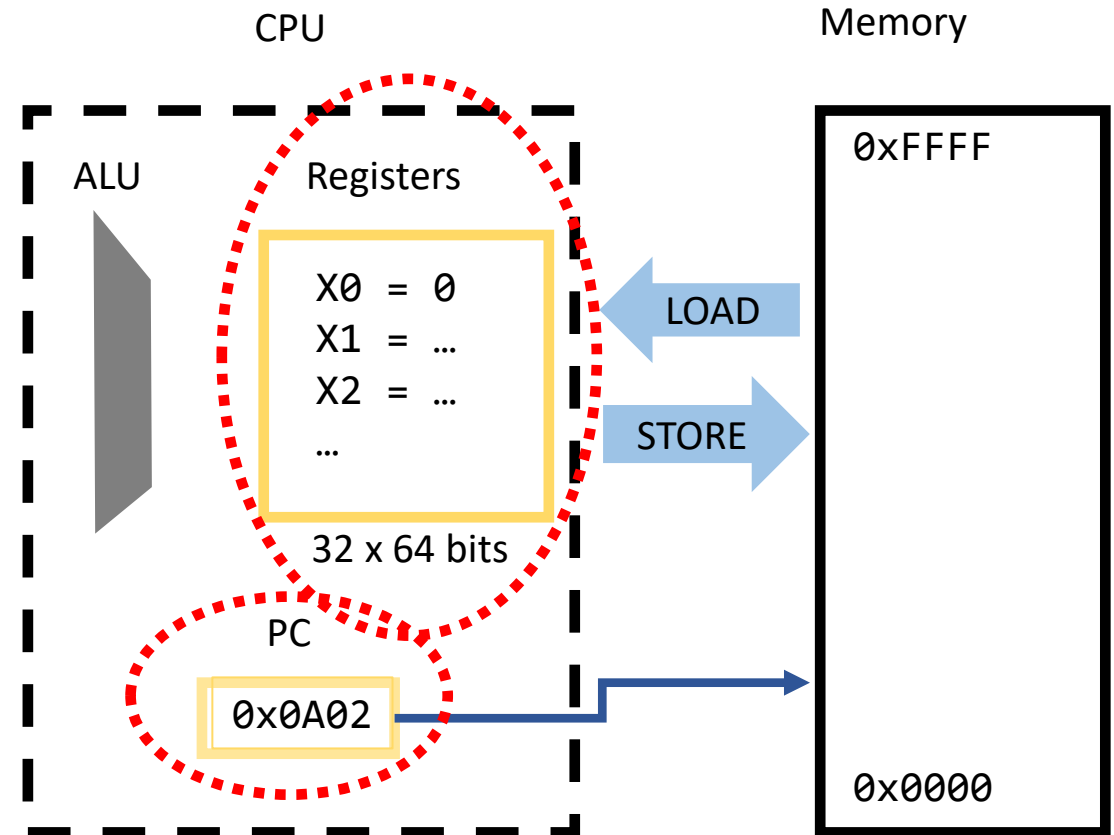
- von Neumann architecture: computers store data and instructions in the same memory
- Instructions *are* data, *encoded* as a **number**

	opcode	dest	src1	src2
Assembly code	ADD	X2	X3	X1
Machine code	011011	010	011	001

# Registers

Review!  
Example ISA

- Registers
  - Small array of storage locations in the processor – general purpose registers
  - Part of the processor – fast to access
  - Direct addressing only
    - That means they can not be accessed by an offset from another address
- Special purpose registers
  - Examples: program counter (PC), instruction register (IR)



# Registers

- ARMv8
  - We will use LEGv8 from Patterson & Hennessy textbook
  - 32 registers, X0 through X31
  - 64-bit wide (64 bits of storage for each register)
  - Some have special uses, e.g., X31 always contains the value 0
- LC-2K
  - Architecture used in course projects
  - 8 registers, 32 bits wide each

LC2K is same as LC-2K  
Appears both ways in  
documents in 370



# Special Purpose Registers

- Return address
  - Example: ARM register X30, also known as Link Register (LR)
  - Holds the return address or link address of a subroutine
- Stack pointer
  - Examples: ARM register X28 – SP, or x86 ESP
  - Holds the memory address of the stack
- Frame pointer
  - Example: ARM register X29 – FP
  - Holds the memory address of the start of the stack frame
- Program counter (usually referred to as PC)
  - Cannot be accessed directly in most architectures
    - This would be a security problem!

These registers store memory addresses



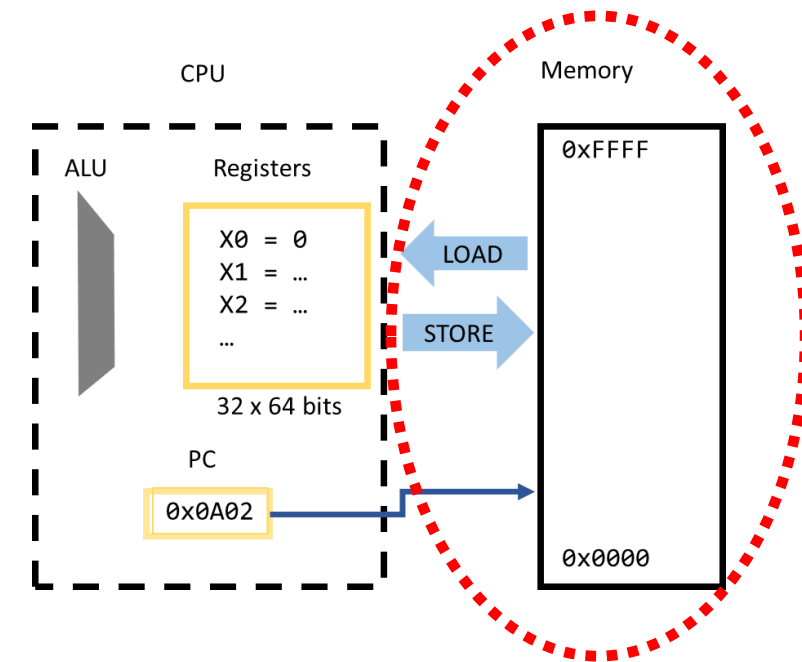
# Special Purpose Registers

- 0 value register (ARM register X31 – XZR )
  - no storage, reading always returns 0
  - lots of uses – ex: mov→add
- Status register
  - Examples: ARM SPSR, or x86 EFLAGS
  - Status bits set by various instructions
    - Compare, add (overflow and carry) etc.
  - Used by other instructions like conditional branches

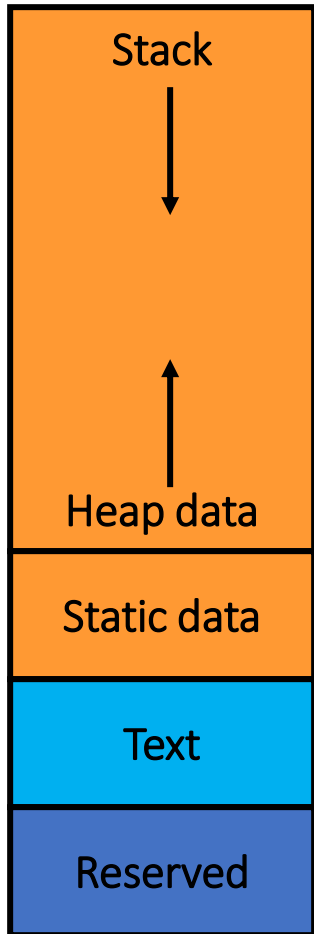
# Memory Storage

- Large array of storage accessed using memory addresses
- A machine with a 32-bit address can reference memory locations 0 to  $2^{32}-1$  (or 4,294,967,295).
- A machine with a 64-bit address can reference memory locations 0 to  $2^{64}-1$  (or 18,446,744,073,709,551,615—18 exa-locations)
  - In practice 64-bit machines do not have 64-bit physical addresses

Assembly instructions have multiple ways to access memory (i.e., addressing)



# Memory: ARM (Linux) Memory Image



Activation records: local variables, parameters, etc.

Dynamically allocated data—new or `malloc()`

Global data and static local data

Machine code instructions (and some constants)

Reserved for operating system



# Addressing Modes

- Addressing (accessing memory using addresses) modes for assembly instructions
  - Direct addressing – memory address is in the instruction
  - Register indirect – memory address is stored in a register
  - Base + displacement – register indirect plus an immediate value
  - PC-relative – base + displacement using the PC special-purpose register

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```
load  r1, M[1073741823] // 1073741823 is the address in memory
```

With 32-bit instruction encodings, a 32-bit address would fill the instruction!

# Register Indirect

Example ISA  
(Simplified)

- Store reference address in a register

```
load r1, M[ r2 ]  
add  r2, r2, #4  
load r1, M[ r2 ]
```

Useful for pointers and arrays  
load r1, M[ r2 ] is a pointer  
dereference in assembly

register file		memory	
		address	value
R1	6666		
R2	3340		
		3344	7777
		3340	6666



# Base + Displacement

- Most common addressing mode
- Address is computed as register value + immediate

```
load r1, M[ r2 + 4 ]
```

Useful for accessing structures or class objects

C code

```
struct Distance {
  int feet;
  int inch;
} x, y;
x.feet = 11;
y.inches = 5;
```

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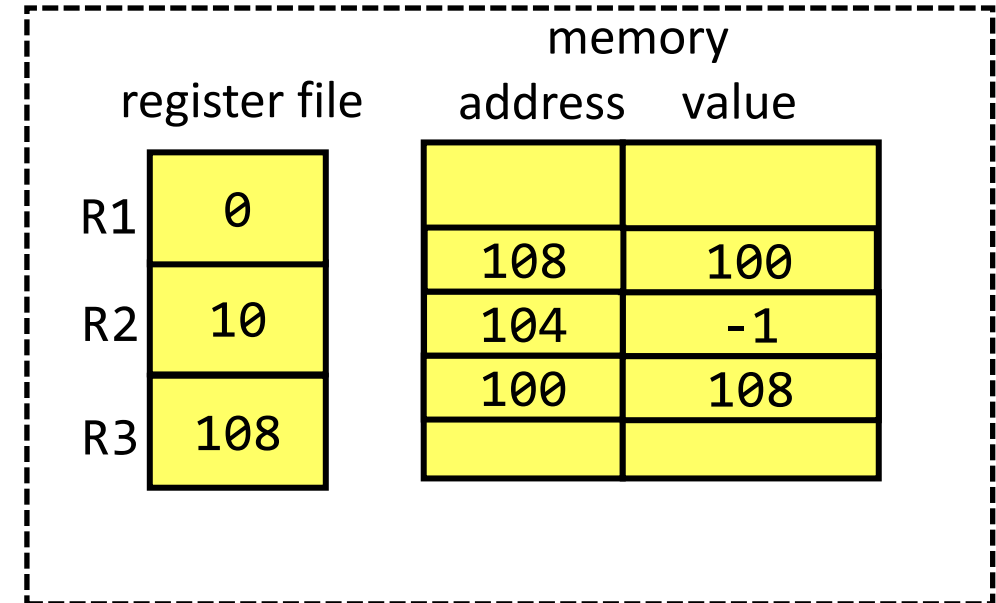
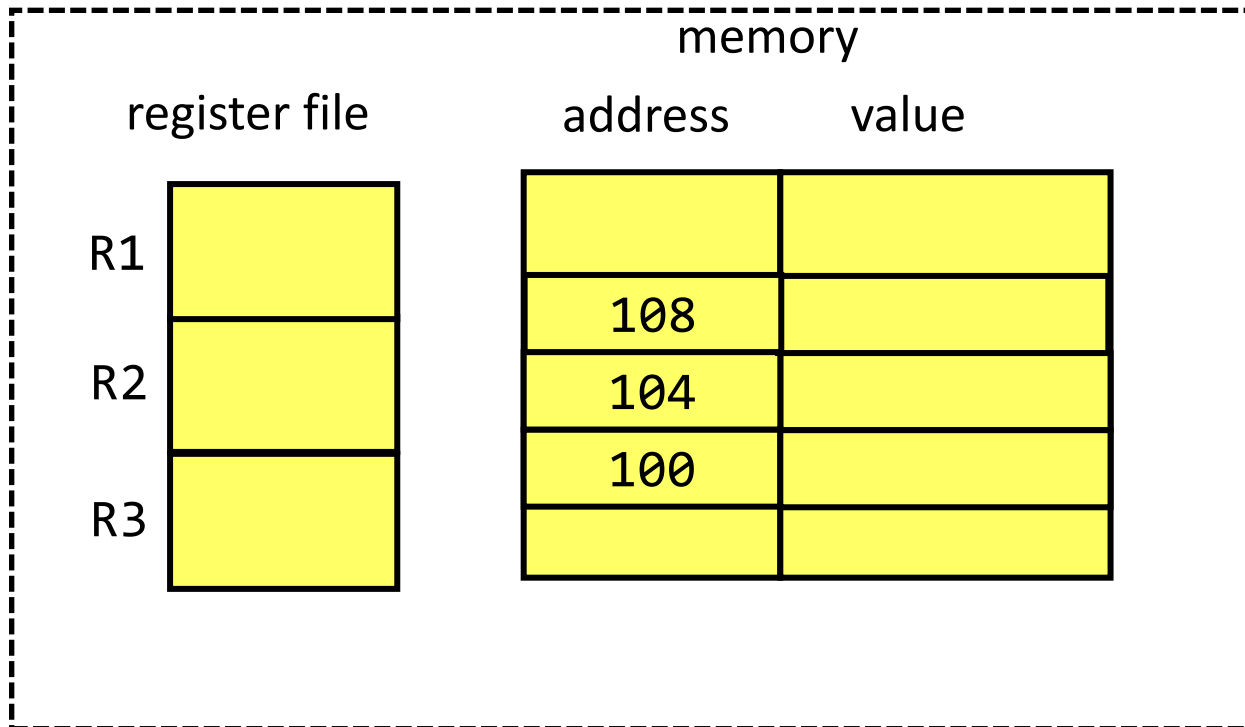
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load  r3, M[ r2 + 4 ]
store r3, M[ r2 + 8 ]
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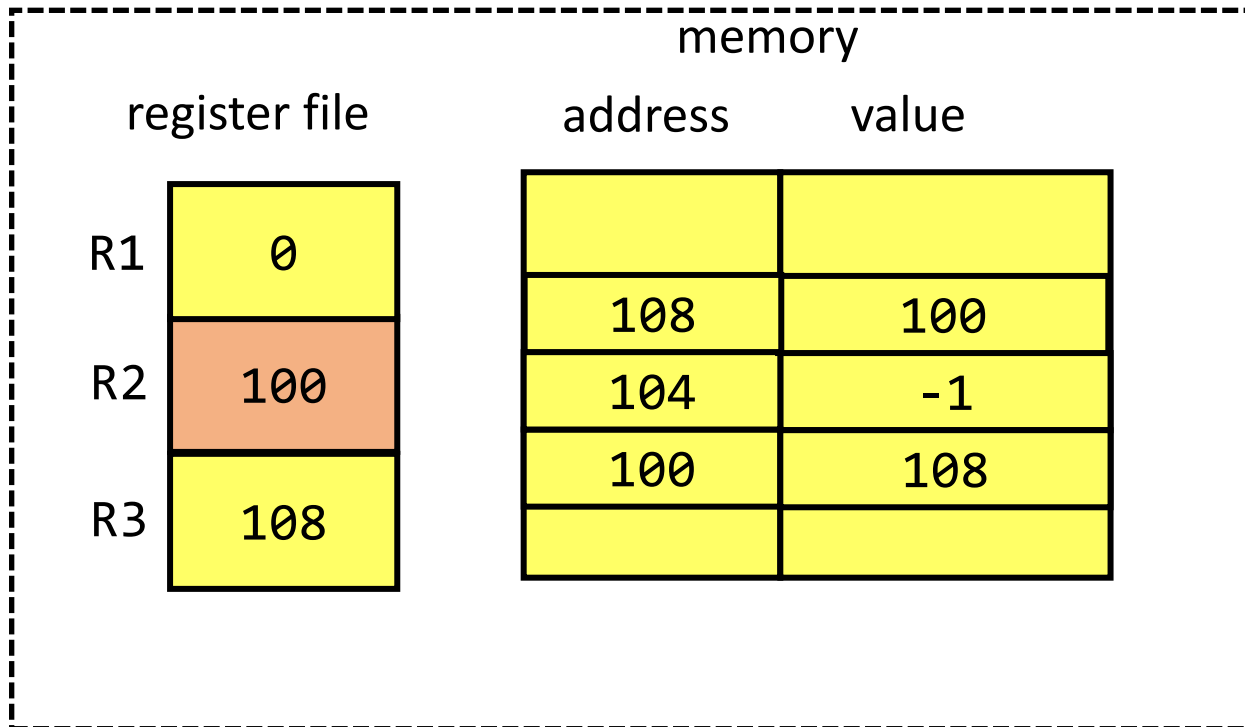
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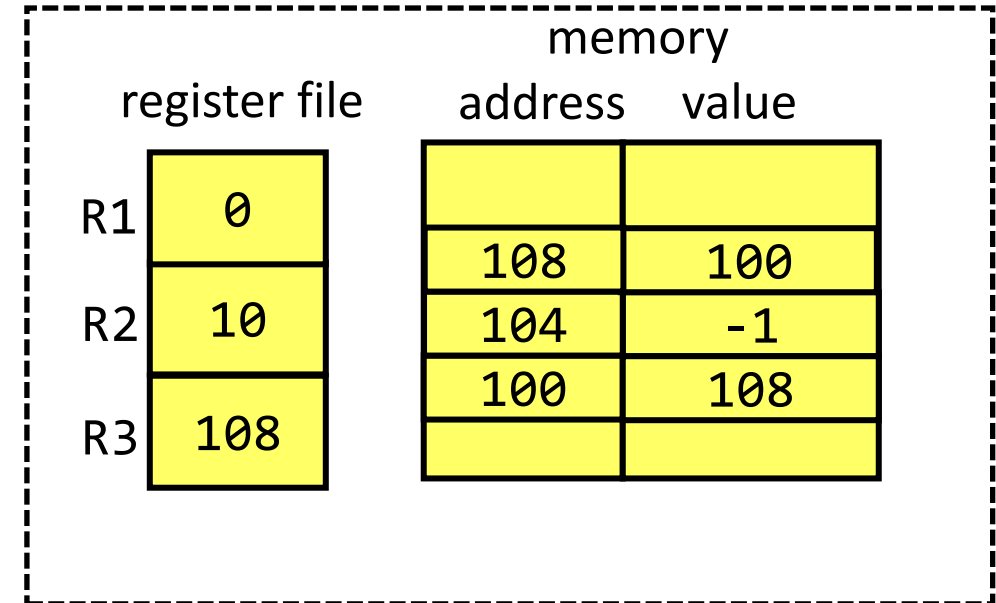
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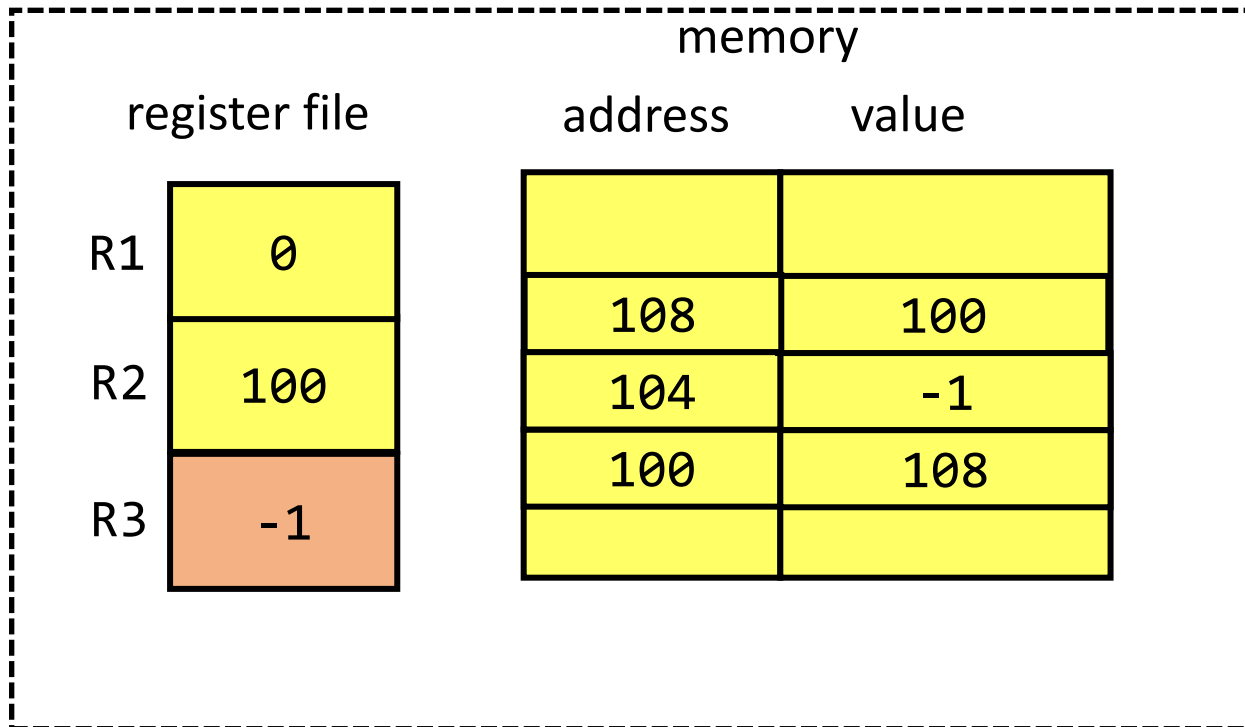
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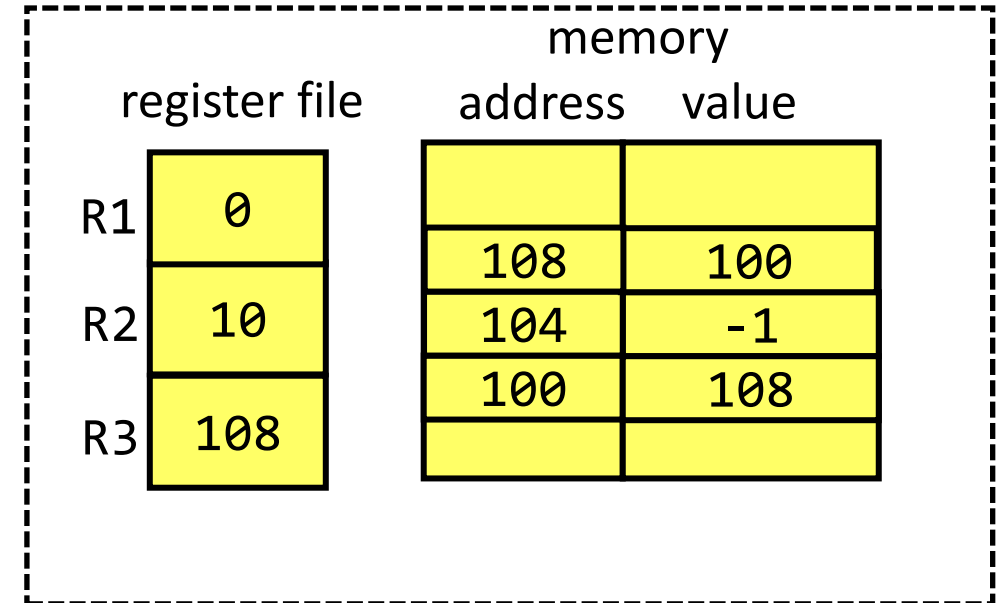
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R3	-1	104	-1
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# Program Counter (PC) Relative

Example ISA  
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- Useful for project - P1a
- Variation of base + displacement
- PC register is the base

Useful for branch instructions!

Relative distance from PC can be positive or negative

```
jump [ -8 ]
```

```
jump [ 2 ]
```

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LC-2K ISA

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1		lw 1 2 3	load reg2 with -1 (numeric address)
2	<b>start</b>	add 1 2 1	decrement reg1
3		beq 0 1 2	goto end of program when reg1==0
4		beq 0 0 <b>start</b>	go back to the beginning of the loop
5		noop	
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# Project P1a

- After reading specification, downloading starter files, creating project...
- Write test cases to verify your C code
  - Test cases written in LC-2K assembly
- Recommended for a start:

t0.ac: halt

t1.ac: noop  
halt

t2.ac: add 1 2 3  
halt

t3.ac: nor 3 1 4  
halt



# L3\_2 Two's Complement



# Learning Objectives

- Represent signed and unsigned numbers in binary (base 2)
- Negate positive and negative signed values
- Complete arithmetic operations (addition and subtraction) by hand using signed and unsigned binary numbers

# Binary Review

- Before starting this module, get comfortable with representing numbers in binary
- Resources (accessible from the course website)
  - [Video reviews](#)
  - Resource documents (EECS 370 website):  
[EECS 370: An introduction to binary numbers and 2's complement notation](#)

# Binary Addition

- We can already represent non-negative numbers in binary

$$6 \text{ (base 10)} = 2^2 (4) + 2^1 (2) = 110 \text{ (base 2)}$$

- We can do arithmetic with binary numbers

$$3 + 2 = 5 \text{ (base 10)}$$

$$3 + 5 = 8 \text{ (base 10)}$$



# What about Negative Numbers?

- Thoughts: add another bit for sign, use one of the existing bits for sign

10

- 

2

Sign  
bit

sign bit





# What about Negative Numbers?

- Design space preferences:
  - Representation of positive and negative values
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Two's Complement

# Unsigned Binary Representation

- 1011 in binary is 13 in decimal

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- Two's complement numbers are very similar to unsigned binary

EXCEPT the first (most significant) digit is negative in two's complement

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & = & -8 & + & 4 & + & 1 & = & -3 \\ -(2^3) & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 & & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

# Two's Complement – Exercise 1

What is 1010 (binary)

4 BITS

1. Decimal unsigned value?
2. Decimal signed (two's complement) value?

unsigned

1	0	1	0
$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$

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$$8 + 2 = 10$$

Signed – 2's complement

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$$-8 + 2 = -6$$

# Two's Complement Range

- What is the range of representation of a 4-bit 2's complement number?
  - $[-8, 7]$
- What is the range of representation of an n-bit 2's complement number?
  - $[-2^{(n-1)}, 2^{(n-1)} - 1]$

# Negating Two's Complement

- Useful trick: You can negate a 2's complement number by inverting all the bits and adding 1.

5 (decimal) in binary is      0      1      0      1

Negate (invert) all bits      1      0      1      0

Add 1

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ + & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ & -(2^3) & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ & -8 & + 0 & + 2 & + 1 = -5 \end{array}$$





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1. Convert 3 to binary
  1. 3  $\rightarrow$  0011
2. Convert to 2's complement
  1. 0011  $\rightarrow$  1100
  2. 1100 + 1 = 1101

Signed – 2's complement

1    1    0    1

$-2^3$     $2^2$     $2^1$     $2^0$

$-8 + 4 + 0 + 1 = -3$

# Sign Extension

- With two's complement, it matters how many bits are used!

5 (decimal) in binary (4 bits) is 0101

5 (decimal) in binary (8 bits) is 0000 0101

-5 (decimal) in binary (4 bits) is 1011

-5 (decimal) in binary (8 bits) is 1111 1011

NOT 0000 1011

need to **extend the most significant (sign) bit**


LC-2K: programmer (you) need to do this!

# Two's Complement Arithmetic

Decimal	2's Complement Binary	Decimal	2's Complement Binary
0	0000	-1	1111
1	0001	-2	1110
2	0010	-3	1101
3	0011	-4	1100
4	0100	-5	1011
5	0101	-6	1010
6	0110	-7	1001
7	0111	-8	1000

$$7 - 6 = 7 + (-6) = 1$$

$$6 - 7 = 6 + (-7) = -1$$



# L3\_3 LC-2K ISA



# Learning Objectives

- Recognize the set of instructions for LC-2K Architecture (ISA) and be able to describe the operations and operands for each instruction
- Ability to create simple LC-2K assembly programs, e.g., using addition and branching.
- Understand and be able to replicate the encoding (translation from assembly to machine code) of instructions for any LC-2K assembly program

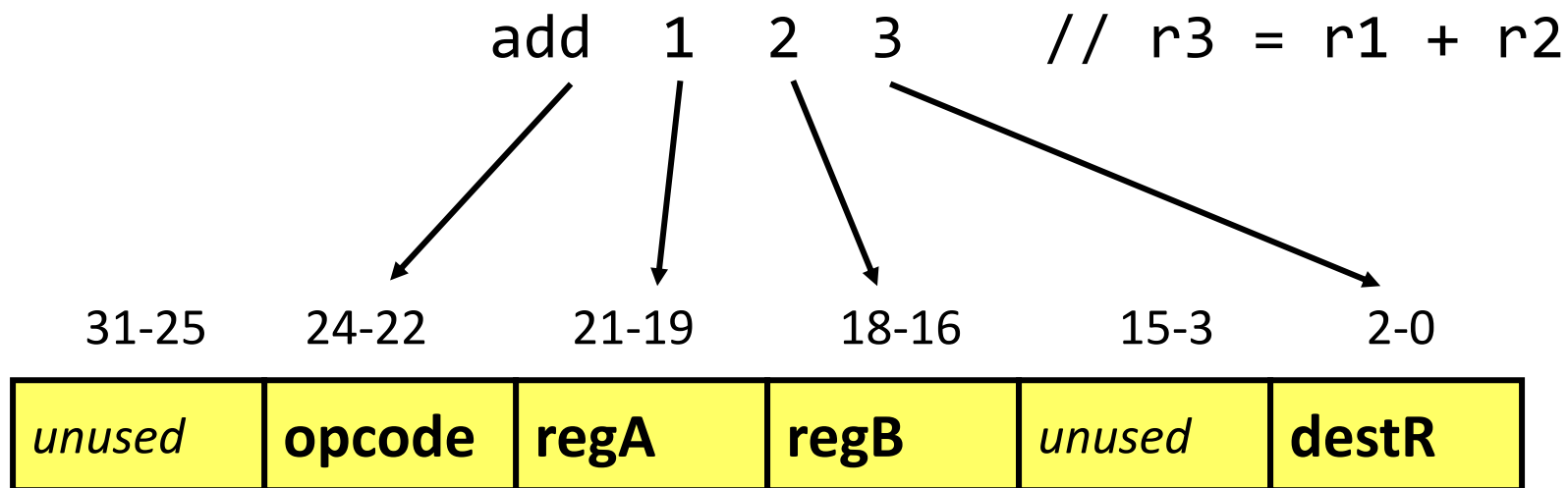
# LC-2K Processor

- 32-bit processor
  - Instructions are 32 bits
  - Integer registers are 32 bits
- 8 registers
- supports 65536 words of memory (addressable space)
- 8 instructions in the following common categories:
  - Arithmetic: **add**
  - Logical: **nor**
  - Data transfer: **lw**, **sw**
  - Conditional branch: **beq**
  - Unconditional branch (jump) and link: **jalr**
  - Other: **halt**, **noop**



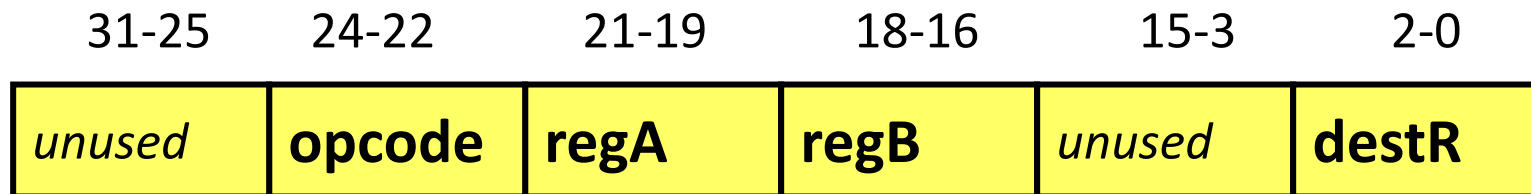
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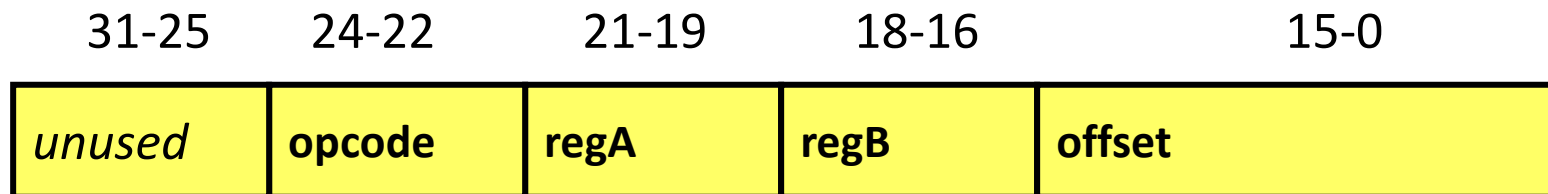


# Instruction Formats – R-type, I-type

- Tells you which bit fields correspond to which part of an assembly instruction
- R-type (register) – add (opcode 000), nor (opcode 001)

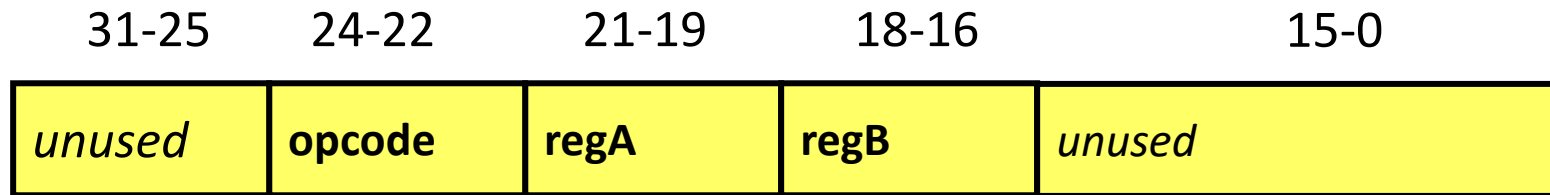


- I-type (immediate) - lw (opcode 010), sw (opcode 011), beq (opcode 100)

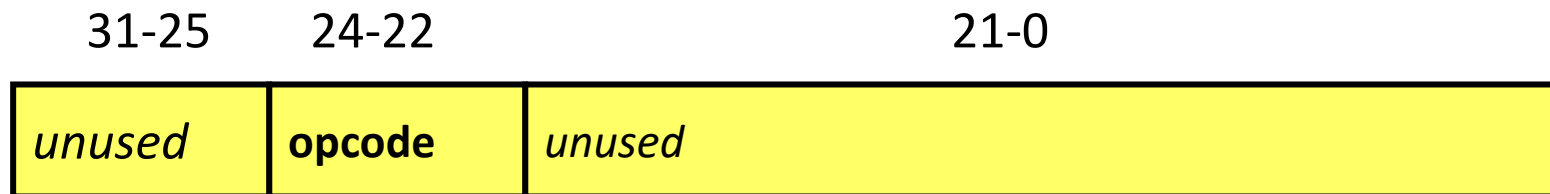


# Instruction Formats – J-type, O-type

- J-type (jump) – jalr (opcode 101)



- O-type (???) - halt (opcode 110), noop (opcode 111)



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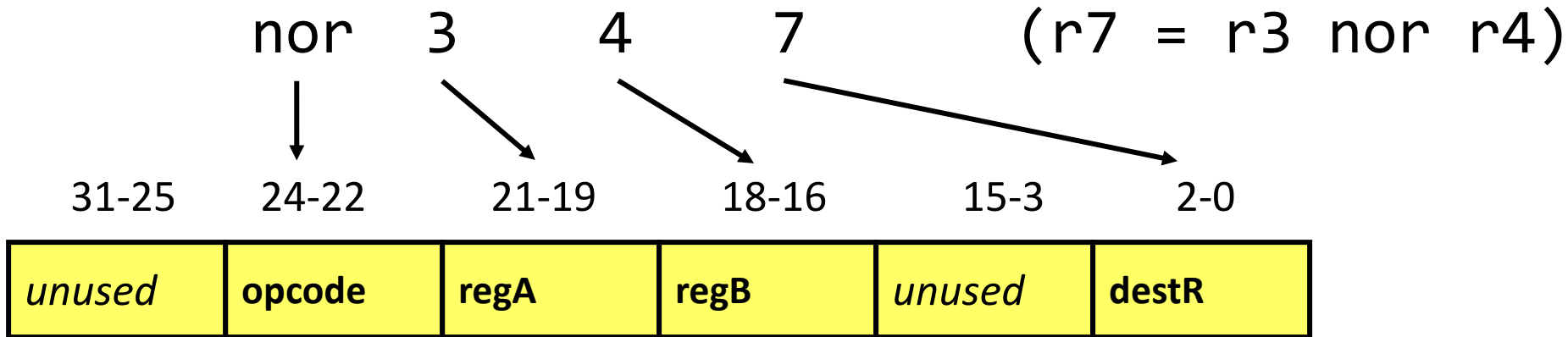
Instruction Type	Instruction	Bits 31-25	Bits 24-22	Bits 21-19	Bits 18-16	Bits 15-3	Bits 2-0
R-type	add	unused	opcode	reg A	reg B	unused	destReg
	nor						
I-type	lw					offsetField 16-bit, 2's complement number range:[-32768, 32767]	
	sw						
	beq						
J-type	jalu			unused			
O-type	halt						
	noop						

Unused: all unused bits should always be 0

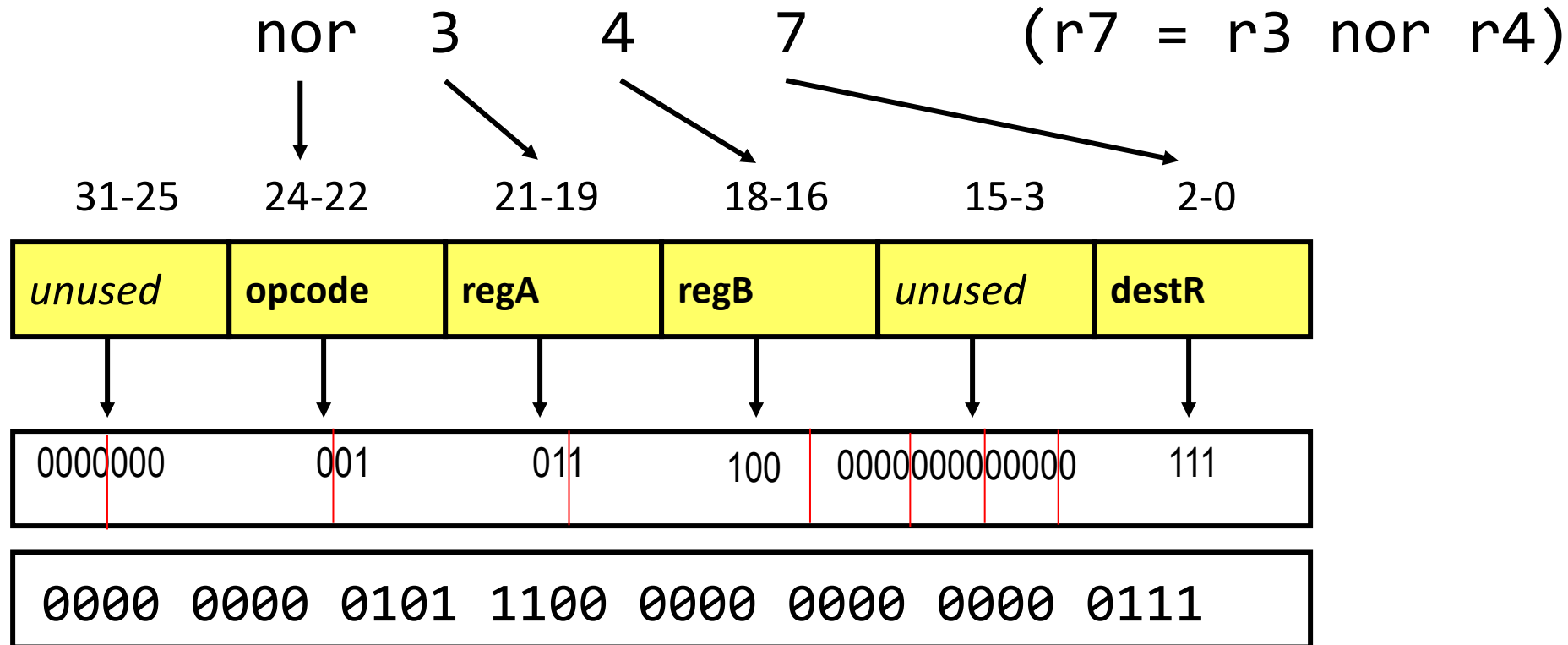
# Bit Encodings

- Opcode binary encodings:
  - add (000), nor (001), lw (010), sw (011), beq (100), jalr (101), halt (110), noop (111)
- Register operands
  - Binary encoding of register number, e.g., r2 = 2 = 010
- Immediate values
  - Binary encoding *using 2's complement values*
  - Give all available bits a value – *do not forget sign extension!*

# Encoding Example #1 - nor



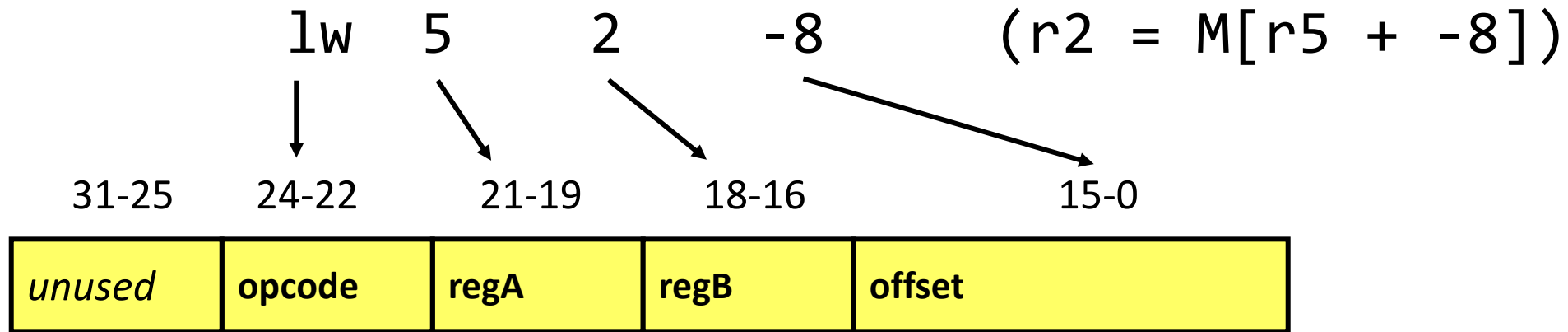
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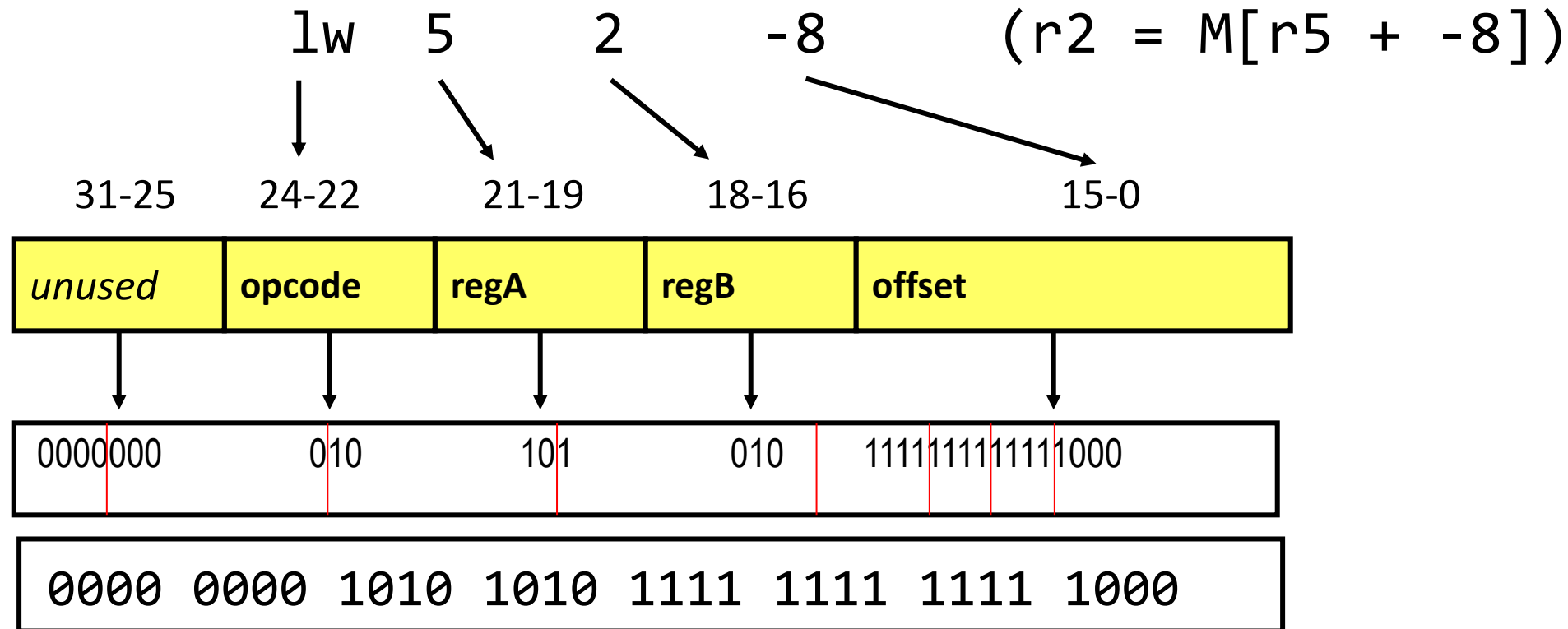
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## Encoding Example #2 - lw





# Encoding Example #2 - 1w



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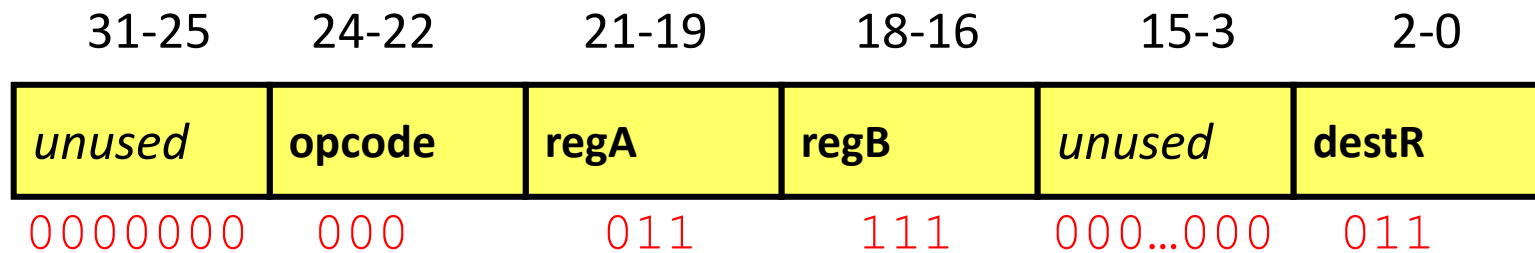
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# Encoding Example #3 - add

- Compute the encoding in Hex for:  
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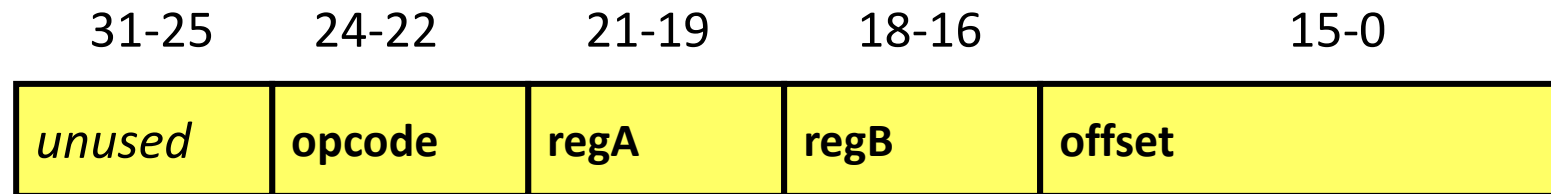
Convert to Hex ☐ 0x001F000003

Convert to Dec ☐ 2031619

# Encoding Example #4 - **sw**

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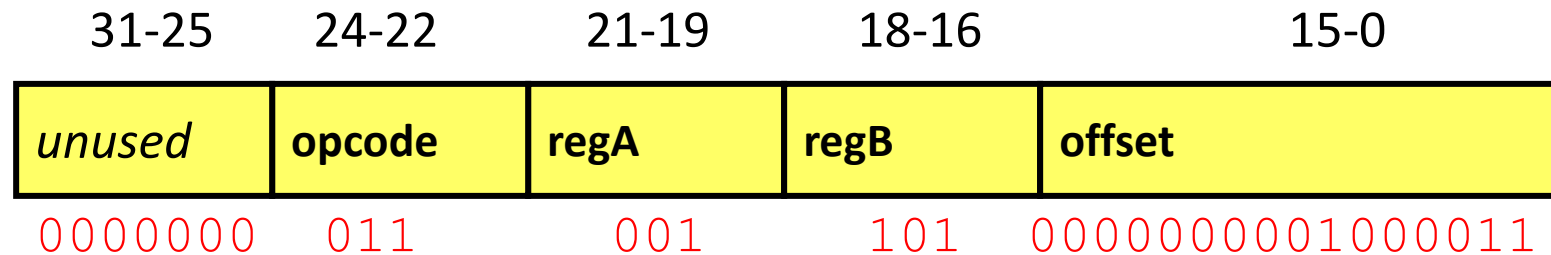
**sw**    1        5    67            ( $M[r1+67] = r5$ )        (**sw** = 011)



# Encoding Example #4 - **sw**

- Compute the encoding in Hex for:

sw 1 5 67 (M[r1+67] = r5) (sw = 011)



Convert to Hex ☐ 0x00CD0043

Convert to Dec ☐ 13434947



# Assembler, aka, P1a

- Each line of assembly code corresponds to a number
  - “add 0 0 0” is just 0.
  - “lw 5 2 -8” is 11206648
- Assembly code is how people write instructions for an ISA
  - We only use assembly because it’s easier to read.
- Assembly code must be assembled (instructions encoded) to machine code for execution

# Assembler Directive - `.fill`

- You might want a number to be, well, a number.
  - Data for `lw`, `sw` instructions will be added to LC-2K assembly code file
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They have the same value in machine code: 7 (decimal) 111 (binary)  
really 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0111





# Labels in LC-2K

- Labels are used in lw/sw instructions or beq instruction
- For lw or sw instructions, the assembler should compute offsetField to be equal to the address of the label
  - i.e. offsetField = address of the label
- For beq instructions, the assembler should translate the label into the numeric offsetField needed to branch to that label
  - i.e.  $PC+1 + \text{offsetField} = \text{address of the label}$

# Labels in LC-2K – Example #1

- Labels are a way of referring to a line in an assembly-language program

```
loop  beq  3  4  end
      noop
      beq  1  3  loop
end    halt
```

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Replacing use of labels with values

```
loop  is address 0
end   is address 3
```

Addresses	instructions
0	loop beq 3 4 2
1	noop
2	beq 1 3 -3
3	end halt

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```
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```

test.mc

```
8454148
589825
12648452
25165824
1
```



# Logistics

- There are two worksheets for lecture 3
  1. Addressing and 2's complement
  2. LC-2K program encoding