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1 Data Representation

1.1 Number Systems

The number system consisting of digits 0 through 9 is called the denary or decimal system (10 digits). Computers use another number system called binary, consisting of digits 0 through 1. This is done such that computers are able to pass the data through logic gates and can be stored in registers.

The number of digits in a number system is the base of that system; denary is base ten; binary is base two; hexadecimal is base 16.

Conversions

From positive denary to positive binary:

- Perform short division on given denary number, taking note of the remainders.
- 2. Write the remainders from bottom to top, resulting in the binary number.

From positive binary to positive denary:

- 1. Write the binary number with their place powers.
- 2. Sum the products of each binary digit with the place power, resulting in the converted denary number.
- 3. Write the remainders from bottom to top, resulting in the binary number.

From positive denary to positive hexadecimal:

- 1. Convert given number to binary
- 2. Split resulting binary number to four-bit parts.
- 3. Convert the four-bit binaries to denary.
- 4. 1 = 1; 2 = 2; ... 10 = A; 11 = B; 12 = C; 13 = D; 14 = E; 15 = F.
- 5. Arrange resulting digits side-by-side.

From positive hexadecimal to positive denary:

- 1. Convert each given hex number to denary using the index in step 4 of denary-hex.
- 2. Convert each denary number to binary.
- 3. Arrange the resulting four-bit binary pieces, producing binary result.

From positive hexadecimal to positive binary:

1. Convert to denary.

2. Convert to binary.

From positive binary to positive hexadecimal:

- 1. Convert to binary.
- 2. Convert to denary.