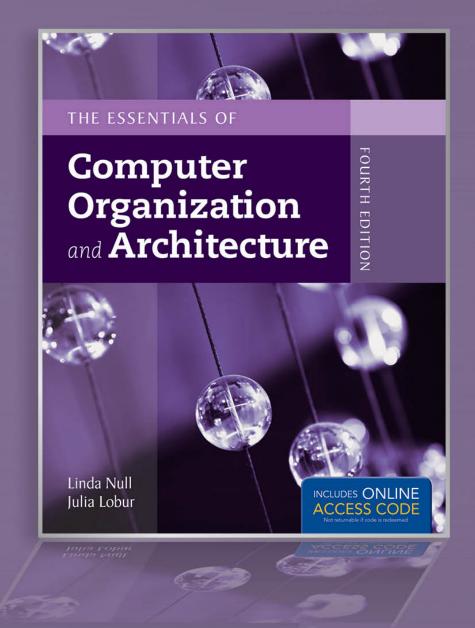
## Chapter 2

Data Representation in Computer Systems



#### **Chapter 2 Objectives**

- Understand the fundamentals of numerical data representation and manipulation in digital computers.
- Master the skill of converting between various radix (base) systems.

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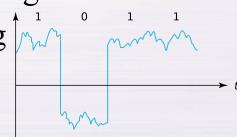
- Understand the fundamental concepts of floatingpoint representation.
- Gain familiarity with the most popular character codes.
- Understand how errors can occur in computations because of overflow and truncation.
- Understand the concepts of error detecting and correcting codes.

#### 2.1 Introduction

- Decimal system (ten digits)
  - Humans naturally started to use the decimal system because we have ten fingers



- Octal system (eight digits)
  - The Simpsons would most likely use the octal system
- Binary system (two digits)
  - Computers are based on digital circuits, where signals correspond to low (0) or high (1) voltage
  - Thus, binary is common way of representing data in a computer
- Integers can be converted to any base system



#### 2.1 Data Units in Computers

- A bit is the most basic unit of information in a computer.
  - It is a **state** of "on" or "off" in a **digital circuit**.
  - Sometimes these states are "high" or "low" voltage instead of "on" or "off"
- A byte is a group of eight bits.
  - In early computers a byte was sufficient to encode all possible characters
  - Therefore, a byte is the smallest possible *addressable* unit of computer storage.
  - "addressable," means that a particular byte can be retrieved according to its location in memory.

#### 2.1 Data Units in Computers

- A word is a consecutive group of bytes.
  - Word sizes of 16, 32, or 64 bits are most common.
  - In a word-addressable system, a word is the smallest addressable unit of storage.
- A group of four bits is called a *nibble*.
  - Bytes, therefore, consist of two nibbles: a "high-order nibble," and a "low-order" nibble.

## 2.2 Positional Numbering Systems

- Bytes store numbers using the position of each bit to represent a power of 2.
- The byte 00011001 in powers of 2 is:

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Bit positions: 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
   0 \times 2^{7} + 0 \times 2^{6} + 0 \times 2^{5} + 1 \times 2^{4} + 1 \times 2^{3} + 0 \times 2^{2} + 0 \times 2^{1} + 1 \times 2^{0}
= 0 + 0 + 0 + 16 + 8 + 0 + 0 + 1
= 25 in decimal
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Shortened representation:

$$1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^0$$
  
= 16 + 8 + 1 = 25

2 is what is called the radix (or base) of the

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## 2.2 Positional Numbering Systems

The decimal number 947 in powers of 10 is:

$$9 \times 10^2 + 4 \times 10^1 + 7 \times 10^0$$

The decimal number 5836.47 in powers of 10 is:

$$5 \times 10^{3} + 8 \times 10^{2} + 3 \times 10^{1} + 6 \times 10^{0} + 4 \times 10^{-1} + 7 \times 10^{-2}$$

- When the radix of a number is something other than 10, the base is denoted by a subscript.
  - Sometimes, the subscript 10 is added for emphasis:  $11001_2 = 25_{10}$

- Because binary numbers are the basis for all data representation in digital computer systems, it is important that you become proficient with the binary system.
- Your knowledge of the binary numbering system will enable you to understand the operation of all computer components as well as the design of instruction set architectures.

- In an earlier slide, we said that every integer value can be represented exactly using any base system.
- There are two methods for base conversion: the subtraction method and the division remainder method.
- We first discuss the subtraction method which is intuitive, but cumbersome for large numbers.

- Suppose we want to convert the decimal number 190 to base 3.
  - Make a list of powers of 3
  - Detect the largest power that has a multiple smaller or equal 190
  - Subtract this multiple from190
  - Repeat this for the obtained difference and the next smaller power of 3

$$\frac{190}{-162} = 3^4 \times 2$$

- Suppose we want to convert the decimal number 190 to base 3.
  - We know that  $3^5 = 243$  so our result will be less than six digits wide. The largest power of 3 that we need is therefore  $3^4 = 81$ , and

$$-81 \times 2 = 162$$
.

Write down the 2 and subtract
162 from 190, giving 28.

$$\frac{190}{-162} = 3^4 \times 2$$

#### Converting 190 to base 3...

- The next power of 3 is  $3^3 = 27$ . We'll need one of these, so we subtract 27 and write down the numeral 1 in our result.
- The next power of 3, 3<sup>2</sup>=
  9, is too large, but we have to assign a placeholder of zero and carry down the 1.

$$\frac{190}{-162} = 3^{4} \times 2$$

$$\frac{-27}{1} = 3^{3} \times 1$$

$$\frac{-0}{1} = 3^{2} \times 0$$

- Converting 190 to base 3...
  - -3<sup>1</sup> = 3 is again too large,
     so we assign a zero
     placeholder.
  - The last power of 3, 3 ° =
    1, is our last choice, and it gives us a difference of zero.
  - Our result, reading from top to bottom is:

$$190_{10} = 21001_3$$

$$\frac{190}{-162} = 3^{4} \times 2$$

$$\frac{-27}{28} = 3^{3} \times 1$$

$$\frac{-27}{1} = 3^{2} \times 0$$

$$\frac{-0}{1} = 3^{1} \times 0$$

$$\frac{-1}{1} = 3^{0} \times 1$$

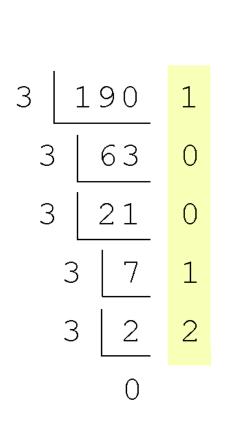
- Another method of converting integers from decimal to some other radix uses division.
- This method is mechanical and easy.
- It employs the idea that successive division by a base is equivalent to successive subtraction by powers of the base.
- Let's use the **division remainder method** to again convert 190 in decimal to base 3.

- Converting 190 to base 3...
  - First we take the number
     that we wish to convert and
     divide it by the new base in
     which we want to express our
     result.
  - Record the quotient and the remainder.
  - In this case, 3 divides 190 63
     times, with a remainder of 1.

- Converting 190 to base 3...
  - 63 is evenly divisibleby 3.
  - Our remainder is zero,
     and the quotient is 21.

#### Converting 190 to base 3...

- Continue in this way until the quotient is zero.
- In the final calculation,
  we note that 3 divides 2
  zero times with a
  remainder of 2.
- Our result, reading from bottom to top is:  $190_{10} = 21001_3$



- Fractional values like ½ can be approximated in all base systems.
- Unlike integer values, fractions do not necessarily have exact representations under all radices.
- Example:

$$\frac{1}{3} = 0.33333..._{10} \approx 0.33_{10} = 3 \times 10^{-1} + 3 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = 1 \times 3^{-1} = 0.1_3$$

- Fractional values have nonzero digits to the right of the radix point.
- Digits to the right of a radix point represent negative powers of the radix:

$$0.11_2 = 0 \times 2^0 + 1 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2}$$

Positions: 0 -1 -2

- The subtraction method for fractions is basically identical to the subtraction method for whole numbers.
- Instead of subtracting positive powers of the target base, we subtract negative powers of the base.
- Start with power -1, then -2, and so on

- Subtraction method to convert the decimal 0.8125 to binary.
  - Our result, reading from top to bottom is:  $0.8125_{10} = 0.1101_2$
  - Of course, this method works with any base, not just binary.

$$\begin{array}{c}
0.8125 \\
-0.5000 \\
0.3125
\end{array} = 2^{-1} \times 1$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
-0.2500 \\
0.0625
\end{array} = 2^{-2} \times 1$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
0.0625 \\
-0.0625
\end{array} = 2^{-4} \times 1$$

- Multiplication method to convert the decimal 0.8125 to base 2.
  - Multiply by base
  - The first product carries into the integer part.

# • Converting 0.8125 to binary . . .

- Ignoring the value in the integer part at each step,
- continue multiplying each fractional part by the base.

$$.8125$$
 $\times 2$ 
 $1.6250$ 

$$.6250$$
 $\times 2$ 
 $1.2500$ 

#### Converting 0.8125 to binary . . .

- Finished when the product is zero, or until you have reached the desired number of binary places (rounding).
- Result, reading integer part from top to bottom is:  $0.8125_{10} = 0.1101_2$
- This method also works with any base. Just use the target base as the multiplier.

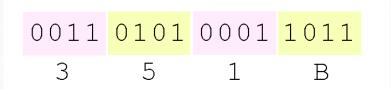
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.8125
\frac{\times 2}{1.6250}
  .6250
× 2
1.2500
  .2500
× 2
0.5000
  .5000
x 2 0000
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- The discussed methods work for any base x to base y conversion where x and y are integers greater or equal 2
- In most cases it is easier to do a 2-step conversion from base x to base 10 and then from base 10 to base y

- Binary system is the most important base system for computers.
- However, it is difficult to read longer binary strings
  - For example:  $000100011100_2 = 284_{10}$
- For compactness and ease of reading, binary values are usually expressed using the hexadecimal (base 16) system.

- The hexadecimal numbering system uses the digits 0 to 9 and the letters A to F.
  - The decimal number 12 is  $C_{16}$ .
  - The decimal number 26 is  $1A_{16}$ .
- It is easy to convert between base 16 and base 2, because 16 = 2<sup>4</sup>.
- To convert from binary to hexadecimal, all we need to do is group the binary digits into groups of four (hextets).

• Using groups of hextets, the binary number  $11010100011011_2$  (=  $13595_{10}$ ) in hexadecimal is:



If the number of bits is not a multiple of 4, pad on the left with zeros.

 Octal (base 8) values are derived from binary by using groups of three bits (8 = 2³):

Octal was very useful when computers used six-bit words.

- The conversions we have so far presented have involved only unsigned numbers.
- To represent signed integers, computer systems allocate the leftmost bit to indicate the sign of a number.
  - The high-order bit is the leftmost bit. It is also called the most significant bit.
  - 0 is used to indicate a positive number; 1 indicates a negative number.
- The remaining bits contain the value of the number (but this can be interpreted different ways)

- There are three common ways in which signed binary integers may be expressed:
  - Signed magnitude
  - One's complement
  - Two's complement

In an 8-bit word, signed magnitude
representation places the absolute value
(magnitude) of the number in the 7 bits to
the right of the sign bit.

 For example, in 8-bit signed magnitude representation:

+3 is: 00000011

- 3 is: 10000011

- Computers perform arithmetic operations on signed magnitude numbers in much the same way as humans carry out pencil and paper arithmetic.
  - ignore the signs of the operands during the calculation, apply the appropriate sign afterwards.

Binary addition rules for bits:

$$0 + 0 = 0$$
  $0 + 1 = 1$   
 $1 + 0 = 1$   $1 + 1 = 10$ 

 The simplicity of this system makes it possible for digital circuits to carry out arithmetic operations.

Let's see how the addition rules work with signed magnitude numbers . . .

#### Example:

- Using signed magnitude
   binary arithmetic, find the
   sum of 75 and 46.
- Convert 75 and 46 to binary, and arrange as a sum, separate the sign bits from magnitude bits.

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0 1001011
0 + 0101110
```

#### Example:

- Using signed magnitude
   binary arithmetic, find the
   sum of 75 and 46.
- Find the sum starting with the rightmost bits and work left.

#### Example:

- Using signed magnitude binary arithmetic, find the sum of 75 and 46.
- In the second bit, we have a carry, so we note it above the third bit.

$$0 \quad 1001011 \\ 0 + 0101110 \\ \hline 01$$

#### Example:

- Using signed magnitude binary arithmetic, find the sum of 75 and 46.
- The third and fourth bits also give us carries.

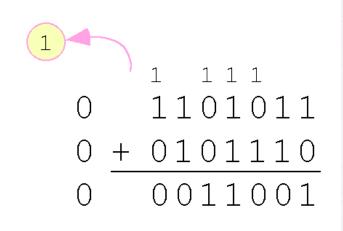
#### Example:

- Using signed magnitude binary arithmetic, find the sum of 75 and 46.
- Once we have worked our way through all eight bits, we are done.

In this example, we were careful to pick two values whose sum would fit into seven bits. If that is not the case, we have a problem: *overflow* 

#### Example:

- Using signed magnitude binary arithmetic, find the sum of 107 and 46.
- We see that the carry from the seventh bit overflows and is discarded, giving us the wrong result: 107 + 46 = 25.



Signs in signed magnitude representation

Using signed magnitude binary arithmetic, find the sum of - 46 and - 25.

- The signs of the numbers to be added are both negative,
- We add the magnitudes and use the negative sign for the sum

Mixed sign addition

Using signed magnitude binary arithmetic, find the sum of 46 and - 25.

- Determine number with the larger magnitude
- Subtract smaller magnitude from larger magnitude
- The sign of the number with the larger magnitude becomes the sign of the sum
  - \_ Note the "borrows" from the second and sixth bits.

- Signed magnitude representation is easy for humans, but it requires complicated computer hardware.
- Another disadvantage of signed magnitude is that it allows two different representations for zero: positive zero and negative zero.

0000000 10000000

 For these reasons computers systems employ complement systems for number representation.

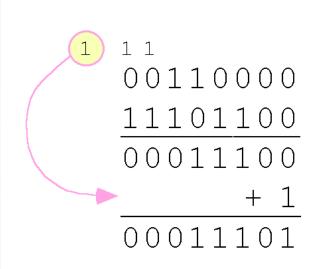
In one's complement representation, positive numbers are the same as in sign-magnitude, and negative numbers are the bit complement of the corresponding positive number.

 negative numbers are indicated by a 1 in the high order bit.

0	0000	1111
1	0001	1110
2	0010	1101
3	0011	1100
4	0100	1011
5	0101	1010
6	0110	1001
7	0111	1000

 difference of two values is found by adding the minuend to the complement of the subtrahend.

- With one's complement addition, the carry bit (if there is one) is "carried around" and added to the sum.
  - Example: Compute 48 19



We note that 19 in binary is 00010011, so -19 in one's complement is: 11101100.

- One's complement is simpler to implement than signed magnitude.
- But it still has the disadvantage of having two different representations for zero:

0000000 11111111

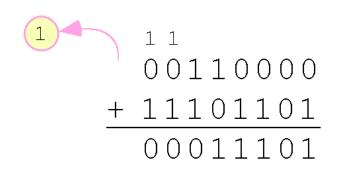
• Two's complement solves this problem.

- To express a value in two's complement representation:
  - If the number is positive, just convert it to binary and you're done.
  - If the number is negative, find the one's complement of the number and then add 1.

#### Example:

- In 8-bit binary, 3 is:0000011
- 3 using one's complement representation is:1111100
- Adding 1 gives us -3 in two's complement form:
  11111101.

- With two's complement addition, all we do is add our two binary numbers. Just discard any carries from the high order bit.
  - \_ Example: Using one's complement binary arithmetic, find the sum of 48 and 19.



We note that 19 in binary is: **00010011** 

so -19 using one's complement is: 11101100

and -19 using two's complement is: 11101101

- Excess-M representation is another way to represent signed integers as binary values.
  - Excess-M representation is intuitive because the binary string with all 0s represents the smallest number, whereas the binary string with all 1s represents the largest number.
- An unsigned binary integer M (called the bias)
   represents the value 0, whereas all zeroes in the bit pattern represents the integer -M.

- For *n*-bit patterns, we choose a bias of  $M = 2^{n-1} 1$ .
  - For example, if we were using **4-bit** representation, the bias should be  $2^{4-1} 1 = 7$ .

- The binary value of a signed integer using excess-M representation is determined by adding M to that integer.
  - Assuming that we are using excess-7 representation, the integer  $0_{10}$  is represented as  $0 + 7 = 7_{10} = 0111_2$ .
  - The integer -7 is represented as -7 + 7 =  $0_{10}$  =  $0000_2$ .
  - To find the decimal value of the excess-7 binary number  $1111_2$  subtract 7:  $1111_2 = 15_{10}$  and 15 7 = 8;

Lets compare our representations:

Decimal	Binary (for absolute value)	Signed Magnitude	One's Complement
2	00000010	00000010	00000010
-2	00000010	10000010	11111101
100	01100100	01100100	01100100
-100	01100100	11100100	10011011

Decimal	Binary (for absolute value)	Two's Complement	Excess-127
2	00000010	00000010	10000001
-2	00000010	11111110	01111101
100	01100100	01100100	11100011
- 100	01100100	10011100	00011011

- When we use any finite number of bits to represent a number, the result of our calculations may become too large or too small to be stored in the computer (overflow).
- For unsigned numbers, an overflow occurred if a carry out of the leftmost bit occurs
- For signed numbers in complement representation, an overflow occurred if the carry in and carry out of the sign bit differs

Signed numbers in complement representation

Expression	Result	Carry?	Overflow?	Correct Result?
0100 + 0010	0110	No	No	Yes
0100 + 0110	1010	No	Yes	No
1100 + 1110	1010	Yes	No	Yes
1100 + 1010	0110	Yes	Yes	No

- We can do binary multiplication and division by 2 very easily using an arithmetic shift operation
- A left arithmetic shift inserts a 0 in for the rightmost bit and shifts everything else left one bit; in effect, it multiplies by 2
- A right arithmetic shift shifts everything one bit to the right, but copies the sign bit; it divides by 2

#### Example:

Multiply the value 11 (expressed using 8-bit signed two's complement representation) by 2.

We start with the binary value for 11:

00001011 (+11)

We **shift left** one place, resulting in:

00010110 (+22)

The sign bit has not changed, so the value is valid.

To multiply 11 by 4, we simply perform a left shift twice.

#### Example:

Divide the value 12 (expressed using 8-bit signed two's complement representation) by 2.

We start with the binary value for 12:

**00001100** (+12)

We **shift right** one place, resulting in:

**00000110** (+6)

(Remember, we carry the sign bit as we shift.)

To divide 12 by 4, we right shift twice.

- How to implement binary multiplication by arbitrary number?
- Booth's multiplication algorithm replaces arithmetic operations with bit shifting to the extent possible.

#### Booth's multiplication algorithm:

Multiplies two signed binary values in two's complement notation

0110	, <b></b>
0011	(multiplicand)

#### Booth's multiplication algorithm:

- Multiplies two signed binary values in two's complement notation
- Examines adjacent pairs of bits of the multiplier including an implicit bit 0 below the least significant bit
- Iterates over these pairs from least to most significant bit
- If the multiplicand and multiplier are N-bits, then the product will be 2N-bits, all bits over 2N are ignored

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multiplicand)
x 0110(0) (multiplier)
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Booth's multiplication algorithm:

For each pair:

- If pair is 10, subtract multiplicand from product and shift left
- If pair is 01, add multiplicand to product and shift left
- If pair is 00 or 11, add binary zero and shift left

In each step, fill leftmost bits with 0's for positive numbers and with 1's for negative numbers

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x 0110(0) (multiplier)

+ 00000000 (shift)

- 0000011 (subtract)
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-	0000011	(subtract)
+	000000	(shift)

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-	0000011	(subtract)
+	000000	(shift)
+	00011	_(add)

Booth's multiplication algorithm:

For each pair:

- If pair is 10, add two's complement of multiplicand to product and shift left
- If pair is 01, add multiplicand to product and shift left
- If pair is 00 or 11, add binary zero and shift left

	0011	(multiplicand)
<u>x</u>	0110(	(multiplier)
+	0000000	(shift)
+	1111101	(subtract)
+	000000	(shift)
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+	1111101	(subtract)
+	000000	(shift)
+	00011	_(add)
	00010010	

We see that  $3 \times 6 = 18!$