

Computer Arithmetic

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Chapter 1

Classical logic

The most basic part of executing a computation on a machine is to describe the most basic information, which is true/false, and then compose them into a statement or a proposition.

Informally, given a sentence, it is said to be a *statement* if

- it is declarative, either affirmative or negative.
- it is possible truth values are true or false.
- it is verifiable in reality.

On those statements, we have some rules to give them truth values

- Law of identity: $A = A$ is a true statement.
- Law of non-contradiction: $\neg(A \wedge \neg A)$ is false statement.
- Law of excluded middle: either $\neg A$ or A is true statement.

Now we will formalize calculations on boolean variables which is known as Boolean algebra, it will help us analyze and create circuits later on, also simplifying them to have less components.

1.1. Boolean Algebra

Let $\mathbb{B} := \{0, 1\}$ denote the set of boolean values, which can be represented too with true/false. Any variable a

Definition 1.1.1 (Boolean Variable): Let x be a variable, x is said to be a boolean variable if it can assume values in \mathbb{B} . Let $f : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ a map, f is called a boolean function.

Boolean functions will be the main study of Boolean algebra, how they can be written, expressed and modified without altering its values, the following operations will be useful for operating on boolean variables and construct functions.

Definition 1.1.2 (Boolean Operations): Let x, y be two boolean variables, we define the operations $+$, \cdot , \neg to be the logical or, and, not respectively, which have the following truth tables.

y	x	\bar{x}	$x + y$	$x \cdot y$
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

there are some other operations that are as follows

- $x \mid y = \overline{x \cdot y}$.
- $x \otimes y = x \cdot \bar{y} + \bar{x} \cdot y$.
- $x \Rightarrow y = \bar{x} + y$.

Proposition 1.1.3 (Boolean Identities):

$\overline{\bar{x}} = x$	
$x + x = x$	$x \cdot x = x$
$x + 0 = x$	$x \cdot 1 = x$
$x + 1 = 1$	$x \cdot 0 = 0$
$x + y = y + x$	$x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$	$x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
$x(y + z) = xy + xz$	$x + yz = (x + y) \cdot (x + z)$
$\overline{x + y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$	$\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$
$x + \bar{x} = 1$	$x \cdot \bar{x} = 0$

Definition 1.1.4 (Duality): Let $f : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ be a boolean function, we define the dual of f as the map $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \overline{f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)}$. We can obtain the dual of a function f by swapping $+$ with \cdot , 0 with 1 and keep the variables unchanged.

Definition 1.1.5 (Literal/Minterm/Maxterm): Let x_1, \dots, x_n be boolean variables and y_1, \dots, y_n such that $\forall i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket, y_i = x_i \vee y_i = \overline{x_i}$.

- A literal is a proposition in the form of x or \overline{x} with x a boolean variable.
- A minterm of x_1, \dots, x_n is the product $y_1 \cdot y_2 \cdots y_n$.
- A maxterm of x_1, \dots, x_n is the sum $y_1 + y_2 \cdots + y_n$.

Definition 1.1.6 (Conjunctive/Disjunctive Normal Form): Let $f : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ be a boolean function, x_1, \dots, x_n boolean variables.

- DNF: $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$ where X_i are minterms.
- CNF: $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^k X_i$ where X_i are maxterms.

Proposition 1.1.7:

1. the dual of a DNF is a CNF and vice versa.
2. Every boolean function can be written with only the defined connectives.
3. Every boolean function can be expressed only using one of those sets $\{+, -, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}$, we call them a complete set of connectives.
4. Any boolean function can be written in the CNF or DNF.

Proof.

1. A minterm is of the form $y_1 \dots y_n$ then its dual is $y_1 + \dots + y_n$ which is a maxterm, now if f is in a DNF then it is the sum of minterms, the dual will become a product of maxterms which is a CNF, its easy to verify the rest.
2. Let $f : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ a boolean function, we define $g : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ as follows $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \sigma_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ where $\sigma_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is defined as if we take the i in base 2, $i = \overline{i_n i_{n-1} \dots i_1 i_0}_2$ then $\sigma_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y_1 \dots y_n$ and if $i_j = 1$ then $y_j = x_j$ otherwise $y_j = \overline{x_j}$. Notice that $\sigma_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$ if and only if $\overline{x_n \dots x_1}^2 = i$. So we have for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{B}^n$, $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ thus f can be written only with the connectives.
3. To prove this statement, we just need to use the fact that any function can be written using only $+, \cdot, -$.

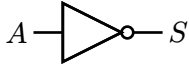


- We have by De Morgans laws that $x \cdot y = \overline{\overline{x} + \overline{y}}$ thus $+, -$ is enough to express every function.
- Same can be used to express $x + y = \overline{\overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}}$.
- Now we can use the NAND to write everything, notice that $x|x = \overline{x}$ and $(x|y)|(x|y) = x \cdot y$ thus we use the previous statement and we get that $\{|\}$ is a complete set of connectives.

4. Notice that in the first statement we proved that any boolean function can be written in the DNF, using the same function σ_i we can construct a DNF, it will be of the form $g : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^{2^n} \overline{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \cdot \sigma_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

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1.2. Logic Gates & Digital Circuits

To be able to use and/or/not in circuits, we introduce the most basic circuit components called logic gates, as the table below shows

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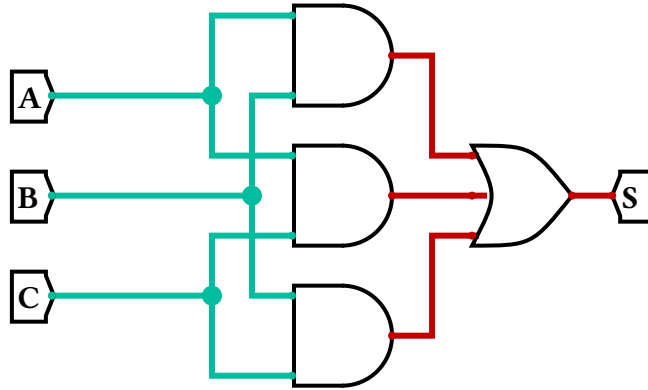
Thus we can use these to represent some circuits that behave as logical circuits called digital circuits.

Example:

- A committee of n individuals decide issues for an organization. Each individual votes either yes or no for each proposal that arises. The proposal is passed if it receives at least p votes. Its easy to notice that the solution is equal to

$$y = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq n} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_p}$$

where x_1, \dots, x_n represent the votes of the individuals and y the proposal passing. In case, $n = 3$ and $p = 2$ we get



1.3. Transistors

One of the biggest advancements in our modern world is the creation of a transistor, in principle the idea is simple, a transistor is simply an electrically controlled switch. We use this to materialize the logic gates to be able to use them directly.

1.3.1. Circuit Simplification & Reduction Methods

1. Karnaugh Maps
2. Quine-McCluskey Method

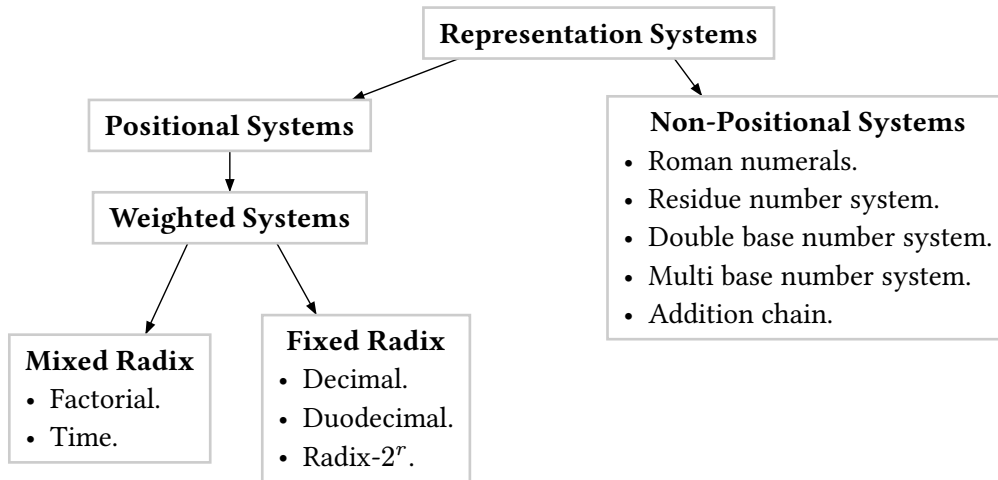
Chapter 2

Arithmetics

Computer arithmetic is the process of using algorithms for doing basic operations on numbers like addition multiplication... etc. To be able to do those operations, a representation of the numbers is needed, which will be the first part of the course.

2.1. Positive Integer Representations

Multiple numeral systems were developed throughout history, the roman numerals were the oldest that are still in use, but not in any complicated systems due to the difficulty of doing arithmetic operations on them.



2.1.1. Weighted Representation System

Let $I = \llbracket 0, n-1 \rrbracket$, and $\{D_i\}_{i \in I}$ be sets of digits, the digit vector $x = (x_{n-1}, \dots, x_0) \in D_{n-1} \times \dots \times D_0$ and let w a weight vector $w = (w_n, \dots, w_0) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, we have that the integer mapping of x in this weighted system is $w^t x =$

$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i w_i$. The number of combinations possible is $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \# D_i$ but notice that there representations are not necessarily unique.

2.1.2. Mixed Radix Representation System

The mixed radix representation is the same as weighted but has a different way to get the weight vector, we consider a radix vector $r = (r_{n-1}, \dots, r_0)$, $w_0 = 1$ and $w_i = w_{i-1} \cdot r_{i-1}$ and by using the representation from the weighted system we get $w^t x = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} r_j$.

- The factorial system is an example of such a system, where we take the radix vector to be $r = (n, n-1, \dots, 2, 1)$ then we get that the weight vector would be $w = (n!, (n-1)!, \dots, 2!, 1!)$ and we take $D_i = \{0, 1, \dots, i\}$, thus we get a unique representation for each integer, and using this representation and the previous formula we get that the number of permutations is $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \# D_i = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i \cdot (i-1)! = (n+1)! - 1$.

2.1.3. Fixed Radix Representation System

The fixed radix representation is just taking the mixed radix representation with the vector to be all the same constant r and $D_i = D$ and thus we get that the representation is $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i r^i$.

- For $r = 10, D = \{0, \dots, 9\}$, it is the decimal system.
- For $r = 2, D = \{0, 1\}$, it is the binary system.

We get a redundant representation since we can represent a number with multiple representations. Let r, s be the indices of two unbalanced positional number systems, n_r and n_s represent the number of digits required in radices r and s , then we get that $n_r/n_s = \log(s)/\log(r)$.

2.2. Integer Representations In Binary

We went through the way we represent positive integers in multiple systems. Now we will consider the binary system and the goal is to represent negative integers too, for that we will see 3 typical ways to represent them. Consider w the number of bits we will use for the representations and $x = (x_{w-1}, \dots, x_0) \in \mathbb{B}^w$.

Definition 2.2.1 (Sign & Magnitude):

- Value: $X = (-1)^{x_{w-1}} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i 2^i$
 - x_{w-1} is called the sign bit
 - (x_{w-2}, \dots, x_0) is the magnitude.
- Range: $\llbracket -2^{w-1} + 1; 2^{w-1} + 1 \rrbracket$.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple conceptually. • Easy to negate the values by flipping the sign bit. • Range is balanced evenly around 0 like the unsigned integers with one less bit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicate value for zero. • Arithmetic operations are done with different circuits. • Overflow detection is more complicated because of the duplicate zero and sign bit.

Definition 2.2.2 (One's Complement):

- Value: $X = -x_{w-1} \cdot (2^{w-1} - 1) + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i 2^i$.
- Range: $\llbracket -2^{w-1} + 1; 2^{w-1} + 1 \rrbracket$.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better for arithmetic with similar circuits to unsigned integers. • Easy to negate the values by inverting all the bits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicate value for zero. • The range of the representation is asymmetric.

Definition 2.2.3 (Two's Complement):

- Value: $X = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i 2^i$.
- Range: $\llbracket -2^{w-1}; 2^{w-1} - 1 \rrbracket$.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single zero representation. • Arithmetic circuits use the exact same as unsigned integers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range is asymmetric. • The negation requires extra circuitry.

An overflow may happen in all representations, we will give the rules for detecting overflow in addition. Notice that if we add two numbers of different signs then there is no possible overflow. Thus, we will verify it only for numbers with the same sign.

Proposition (Properties Of Two's Complement):

Let $A = a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_0$ and $B = b_n b_{n-1} \dots b_0$ two numbers represented in the two's complement representation.

1. $A + B = c_n c_{n-1} \dots c_0$ overflows if and only if $a_n = b_n$ and $c_n \neq a_n$.
2. A can be represented in $n + d$ bits in two's complement with the representation $A = \underbrace{a_n \dots a_n}_d a_n \dots a_0$.

Proof.

1. We consider the value of $A + B$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A + B &= -a_n \cdot 2^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i - b_n \cdot 2^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i \cdot 2^i \\
 &= -(a_n + b_n) \cdot 2^n + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (a_i + b_i) 2^i
 \end{aligned}$$

1. Consider the value of $A' = a_{n+d} a_{n+d-1} \dots a_{n+1} a_n \dots a_0, \forall i \in \llbracket 1, d \rrbracket, a_{n+i} = a_n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A' &= -a_{n+d} \cdot 2^{n+d} + \sum_{i=0}^{n+d-1} a_i \cdot 2^i \\
 &= -a_n \cdot 2^{n+d} + a_n \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} 2^{n+i} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot 2^i = -a_n \cdot \sum_{i=0}^d 2^{n+i} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot 2^i \\
 &= -a_n 2^n \cdot \frac{1 - 2^{d+1}}{1 - 2} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot 2^i = -a_n 2^n \cdot (2^{d+1} - 1) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot 2^i
 \end{aligned}$$

by truncating the first n elements we get $-a_n 2^n \cdot (2 - 1) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot 2^i = A. \square$

2.3. Decimal Representations In Binary

After representing integers with binary, we will represent numbers with decimal digits. So we consider the following representations, we take

Definition 2.3.4 (Fixed Point Representation):

Let $x = x_{w-1}x_{w-2}\dots x_0x_{-1}\dots x_{-m} \in \mathbb{B}^{w+m}$.

- Value: $-x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=-m}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$
- Range: $\llbracket -2^{n-1}; 2^{n-1} - 1 \rrbracket / 2^m$.

We denote the values represented in this fixed point system as $Q_{n.m}$ where n is the number of bits for integers and m the number of bits for the decimal part.