

# Computer Architecture

## Integer Arithmetic

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## Addition

### Unsigned Addition

when adding  $w$ -bit numbers, the sum may require more than  $w$  bits to represent, thus, we must apply modular arithmetic to the sum.

a **true** sum is one that *does not* need to use modular arithmetic. an **untrue** sum does.

$$sum = x +_w^u y \Rightarrow sum = x + y \bmod 2^w$$

Thus, any 4 bit integers  $x$  and  $y$  can compute the true sum  $x + y$ . this value increases linearly with  $x$  and  $y$  and if one were to graph this in 3D with axis  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $x + y$  one would get a plane.

If one were to graph these values again, but where  $x + y \geq 2^4$ . in other words, the sum cannot strictly be represented in 4 bits (untrue sums). one would see many identical planes representing the 'wrap around' effect of modular arithmetic.

Modular addition forms an **Abelian Group** which means it is closed, commutative, and associative, with an identity of 0 and inverses for all operable elements.

respectively they are:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq x +_w^u y \leq 2^w - 1 \\ x +_w^u y &= y +_w^u x \\ (x +_w^u y) +_w^u z &= x +_w^u (y +_w^u z) \\ x +_w^u 0 &= x \\ 2^w - x & \end{aligned}$$

## Signed Addition

this is also known as 2's Complement Addition

given the following equation, the classifications for the result are:

$$x +_w^t y$$

$2^{w-1} \leq x + y$	<b>Positive Overflow</b>
$x + y < 2^{w-1}$	<b>Negative Overflow</b>
$-2^{w-1} \leq x + y \leq 2^{w-1}$	<b>Normal</b>

note that  $+_w^t$  and  $+_w^u$ , which are our mod operators, have the same bit level behaviour (in C). a true sum requires that there are  $w + 1$  bits to use similar to Unsigned addition, graphing  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $x +_w^t y$  gives us many identical planes representing the range of  $x +_w^t y$ .

## Complement and Increment

the claim is this:

for 2's complement numbers, the following holds:

$$\neg x + 1 = -x$$

thus the **complement** of a number is:

$x$	$= 15213 = 0011101101101101$
$\neg x$	$= -15214 = 1100010010010010$
$\neg x + 1$	$= -15213 = 1100010010010011$

thus  $\neg x + 1$  is the complement of  $x$ .

## Multiplication

multiplication can be done with both Signed and Unsigned integers. Just the same as in addition, we can have a value that is cannot be represented by  $w$  bits.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Unsigned} & 0 \leq x * y \leq (2^w - 1)^2 = 2^{2w} - 2^{w+1} + 1 \\
 \text{Signed +} & x * y \geq (-2^{w-1} * 2^{w-1} - 1) = -2^{2w-2} + w^{w-1} \\
 \text{Signed -} & x * y \leq (-2^{w-1})^2 = 2^{2w-2}
 \end{array}$$

$w$  would have to change after each multiplication in order to maintain accuracy. otherwise we just use modular arithmetic

$$x *_w^t y$$

the overflow from this operator will be reported by the system unless another solution is being used ie. increasing  $w$

## Power-of-2 by shifting

we can multiply ints by powers of 2 using the shift operator. For example:

$$x << k == x * 2^k$$

once we have the result for this operation, we then apply the same modular arithmetic for Signed or Unsigned ints respectively.

## Shift Multiply

we can also multiply by numbers that are not powers of 2 by represented them through multiple shift operations:

$$(x << 5) - (x << 3) == x * 24$$

thus we can use this technique to multiply by any number// this is useful as most computers can do shifting and addition/subtraction much faster than multiplication. most compilers use this technique.

## Shift Division

division can be emulated in the same way with the other shift operator. there is also a floor operator as we are only working with ints. we **always round down**

$$x \gg k == \lfloor x/2^k \rfloor$$

note that this uses Logical shift

## Summary

computer arithmetic is bound by the number of bits that we are using  $w$  and we must account for any overflow either by increasing  $w$  or by implementing modular arithmetic.