# 2 Representation of Integer

## 2.1 Encoding of Integer

$$m = X_0 X_1 X_2 \dots X_n$$

- Signed magnitude (原码)
  - $X_0$  represent the sign of the integer m (0: non-negative, 1: non-positive).
  - $X_1 X_2 \dots X_n$  is the binary form of |m|.
  - As a result, the number 0 has two codes 100...00 or 000...00.
  - Not convenient for calculation.
- One's complement (反码)
  - $X_0$  represent the sign of the integer m (0: non-negative, 1: non-positive).
  - $\circ \ \ X_1X_2...X_n$  is the binary form of the number m if  $X_0=0$ ;
  - $\circ \ \ X_1X_2\ldots X_n$  is the bitwise NOT of the binary form of the number -m if  $X_0=1$ .
  - As a result, the number 0 has two codes 000...00 or 111...11.
  - Not convenient enough for calculation, either.
- Two's complement (补码)
  - $X_0$  represent the sign of the integer m (0: non-negative, 1: non-positive).
  - $\circ \ \ X_1X_2...X_n$  is the binary form of the number m if  $X_0=0$ ;
  - $\circ X_1 X_2 \dots X_n$  is 1 plus the bitwise NOT of the binary form of the number -m if  $X_0 = 1$ .
  - $\circ$  Actually,  $X_1X_2\ldots X_n$  is the binary form of the number  $(2^n+m)$  if  $X_0=1$ , so  $X_0X_1X_2\ldots X_n$  is actually  $(2^{n+1}+m)$ . That is,

$$[m]_{TC} = [m]_2 \quad (0 \le m < 2^n) \ [m]_{TC} = [2^{n+1} + m]_2 \quad (-2^n \le m < 0)$$

**The two's complement** has the same effect as  $mod \ 2^{n+1}$ .

- $\circ$  As a result, the number 0 only has one code 000...00.
- $\circ [X + Y]_{OC} = [X]_{OC} + [Y]_{OC}$

[Example] (different encoding methods in computer)

$$[-102]_{10} = [11100110]_S = [10011001]_{OC} = [10011010]_{TC}$$

where S stands for Signed magnitude, OC stands for One's complement and TC stands for Two's complement.

So -102 has the code of 10011010 in two's complement, as a result, it is stored as  $[9A]_H=[9A]_{16}$  in computer.

[Example] The encoding method of int in the computer is two's complement.

 $[100...00]_{TC} = -2147483648 = -2^{31}, [011...11]_{TC} = 2147483647$ , so the range of *int* in computer is [-2147483648, 2147483647].

## 2.2 Encoding of Unsigned Integer

$$m = X_0 X_1 X_2 \dots X_n$$

The range is  $[0, 2^{n+1} - 1]$ , it is also same as  $mod \ 2^{n+1}$ .

The two's complement of a signed number can also be regard as a unsigned number, which means the code does not change! But the meaning of the code changes, a negative number becomes a quite big positive number.

[Example] **Warning** In C compiler, if the two operands are a signed number and an unsigned number, the signed number will be implicitly transformed to unsigned number.

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unsigned int length = 0;
for (int i = 0; i <= length - 1; ++ i)
   // do something ...</pre>
```

In the program above, length is an unsigned number while i and 1 are a signed number, the compiler will automatically transform 1 to unsigned number, and calculate length - 1 which is 0-1 in unsigned number, so the result will be  $2^{32}-1$ , which is the maximum number of *unsigned int*. The comparison between i and length - 1 will also be treated as unsigned number comparison, so the loop will never end because all the *unsigned int* number is not greater than  $2^{32}-1$ .

How to use unsigned in programming?

- Use *unsigned int* to represent set (subset).
- Use *unsigned int* as a modulo system.

## 2.3 Bitwise Operators

Operator &, | |, | |, | |, | |, | |, | |, | |, | |, | | in C language are bitwise operator. They can fully use the feature of the binary number. Here are some useful methods to use the bitwise operator:

• Masking (掩码): Use operator & to extract some certain digit of an number:

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[Example] [0x8C \& 0x0F = 0x0C] extract the digit [C]; [0x238C \& 0x0FF0 = 0x0380] extract the digits [38].
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• Set or check in certain digits: Use operator & or 1 to set 1 or 0 in some certain digit, or check if certain digit is 0 or 1.

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[Example] 0x0c \mid 0xF0 = 0xFC; 0x238c \& 0x0FFF = 0x038C;
Check if the last binary digit of x is 1: x \& 1.
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• Represent a set: The i-th binary digit represent whether  $p_j$  is in the set. The & operator can be used to get the *intersection* of two sets; the || operator can be used to get the *union* of two set; the || operator can be used to get the *symmetric difference* of two sets.

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[Example] \{1,2,4,6\} can be represent as (01010110), \{1,3,5\} can be represent as (00101010); (01010110) & (0101010) = (011111110) represent \{1,2,3,4,5,6\} = \{1,2,4,6\} \cup \{1,3,5\}.
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- Digit-extension (位扩展): the C programming language will do it automatically, after the extension, the number **WILL NOT** change.
  - o 0-extension (0扩展): the transformation of unsigned numbers, all the extension digit will be filled with 0.
  - o signed-extension (带符号扩展): the transformation of signed numbers, all the extension digit will be filled with the sign digit of the original number.

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[Example]
(unsigned short)111...11 = (unsigned int)000..00111...11
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(short)011...11 = (int)000...00011...11
(short)111...11 = (int)111...11111...11
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• Digit-truncation (位截断): the C programming language will do it automatically. Force to truncate, so the meanings may be different.

[Example]

```
int i = 32768;
short j = (int) i;
int k = (short) j;
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Both i and j have code of 0x8000 in the two's complement, which represent the number of -32768 in *signed short*. When cast to *int* again, the number is still -32768 according to the digit-extension rules, that is, k have a code of 0xffff8000 in the two's complement, which is different from original number 32768.

- Shift-truncation (移位): the C programming language has the operator << and >>.
  - o Left-shift (左移): throw away the high digits, and filled the low digits with 0. Usually, x << 1 has the same effect as x \* 2. Left-shift may cause overflow and get the wrong result.
  - o Right-shift (右移): throw away the low digits, and filled the high digits with 0 (logic right-shift); or throw away the low digits, and filled the high digits with the sign digit of original number. Just like digit-extension, compiler will automatically choose one of the methods. Similarly,  $x \gg 1$  has the same effect as  $x \neq 2$ .
  - **Warning**: In the shift operator |x| << y| or |x| >> y, if |y| is greater than the digit-length of |x|, then the C compiler / MIPS will automatically do the modulo operation in |y|.

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[Example] If the x has 32 digits, the result will be x \gg (y\%32).
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## 2.4 Logic Operators

Logic Operators &&, | | , ! only get the result *true* (not 0) or *false* (0).

[Example] Short-circuit evaluation in logic operator: true | | p == 1, we don't need to check if p==1, we can get the result is true.

#### The Comparison between Logic Operators and Bitwise Operators:

- Logic Operators: only has *true* or *false*, don't care about the actual numbers.
- Bitwise Operators: are operations between actual numbers.

## 2.5 The +/- Operators

Suppose the digit numbers of the operands are w.

#### **Unsigned Plus Operation**

Unsigned plus operation is same as plus operation under modulo  $2^w$ , that is,

$$UAdd_w(u,v) = (u+v) \bmod 2^w$$

#### **Signed Plus Operation**

According to the plus formula in two's complement, we still have:

$$TAdd_w(u,v) = (u+v) \ mod \ 2^w$$

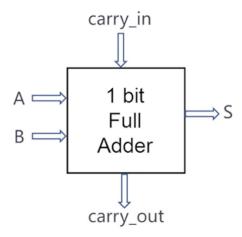
That means, in the following program, sum1 is equal to sum2.

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int u, v;
int sum1 = (int)((unsigned int)u + (unsigned int v);
int sum2 = u + v;
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**Explanation** The numbers are the same, only the ways we look at the numbers change.

#### **Serial Carry Adder**

So the plus operation can be implemented with many 1-bit Full Adders (一位全加器).



where, *A* and *B* are operands, *carry\_in* is the carry of lower digits, *carry\_out* is the carry of higher digits, *S* is the result of this digit.

We can have:

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S = A ^ B ^ carry_in
carry_out = (A & B) | (A & carry_in) | (B & carry_in)
```

With many 1-bit full adders connected together, we get a serial carry adder (simple but slow).

#### **Unsigned Substract Operation**

Unsigned substract operation is same as substract operation under modulo  $2^w$ , that is,

$$USub_w(u, v) = u - v = u - v + 2^w = u + (2^w - v) = u + \bar{v} + 1$$

#### **Signed Substract Operation**

According to the plus formula in two's complement,

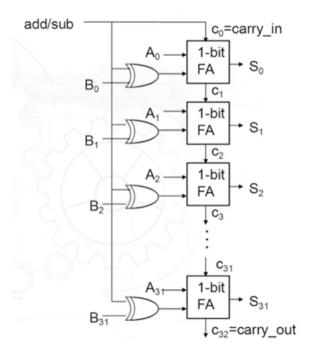
$$[A-B]_{TC}=[A+(-B)]_{TC}=[A]_{TC}+[-B]_{TC}$$
. And we know that  $[B]_{TC}+[-B]_{TC}=0$ , so we have  $[-B]_{TC}=0-[B]_{TC}=\overline{[B]_{TC}}+1$ .

$$TSub_w(u,v)=u-v=u+ar{v}+1$$

#### Arithmetic/Logic Unit

Thus, we can design a serial carry adder/subber (串行加减法器) in the following structure.

When doing plus operation, the signal add/sub is 0; when doing substract operation, the signal is 1.



We use xor gate to implement the bitwise NOT operation in the substraction.

This unit can also do other logic/arithmetic things, so we call it **ALU** (a.k.a. **Arithmetic/Logic Unit**).