

# CSEE 3827: Fundamentals of Computer Systems, Spring 2022

## Lecture I

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# Quick Announcements

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- Please fill in Office Hour Availability at:
- <http://uribe.cs.columbia.edu/sched/table.php> (due Tues Jan 25)
- Waitlisted students:
  - Section 1 & 2: please enroll in Section 3 for now (1 & 2 overloaded on waitlist)
  - Section 3: larger room forthcoming... will assign as soon as possible
  - EdStem bug for “Observers” - reported the bug, they’ll try to fix... in the meantime I’m adding folks manually

# A note on lecture slides

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- There are 13 lecture slides over the course of the term
- They are grouped by topic
- Obviously, we won't always complete a set of lecture slides in a single lecture. Some can take 2,3, or 4 class lectures

# Agenda (M&K&M Ch 1, 3.11, 9.7)

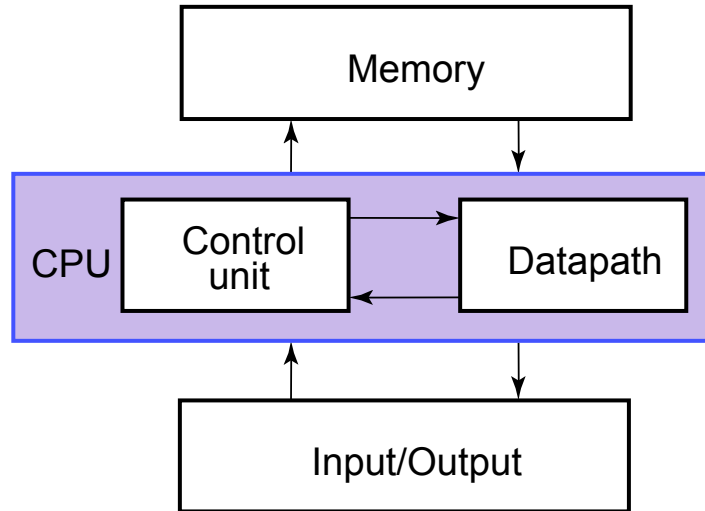
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- Computer from a (very high level) Digital Perspective
- Digital/Binary
  - vs Decimal, Hexadecimal
- Terminology:
  - Bit / Byte / **Word & Wordsize**
  - **Highest Order (most significant) Bit, Lowest Order (least significant) bit**
- Negative Number Formats:
  - Signed Magnitude
  - 1's Complement
  - **2's Complement**
- Floating Point via Binary (P&H 3.5 - skip FP in MIPS subsection)
  - Addition
  - Multiplication

# Course Overview: Building a computer (digital perspective)

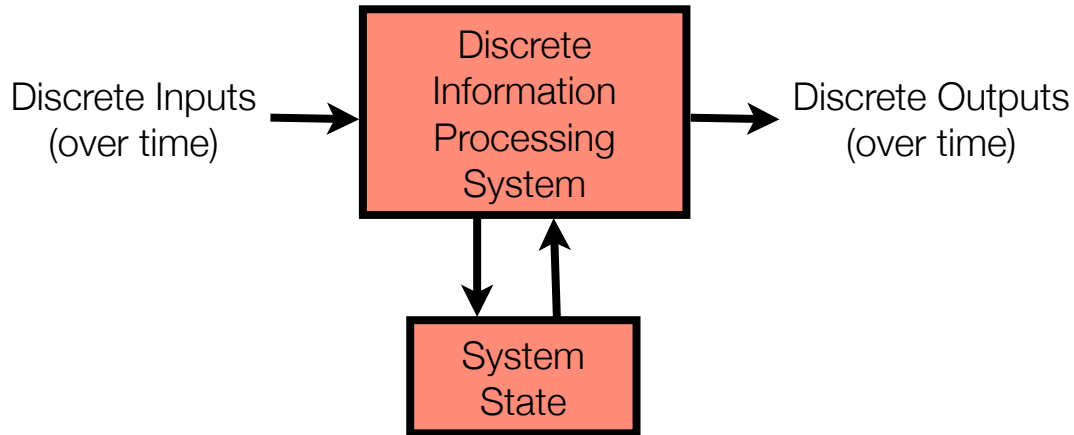
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- **CPU**: the “brain” of a computer
  - **Control unit** does calculations on data in **datapath**
- **Memory**: stores data (for later use)
- **Input/Output**: interface to outside (disk, network, monitor, keyboard, mouse, etc.)



# More simplistic view

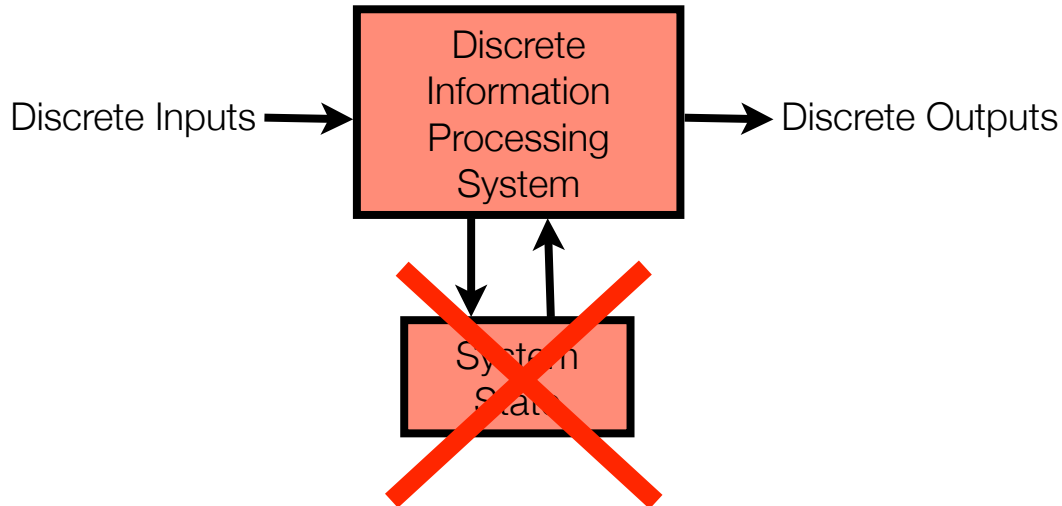
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- Course: Starts with this more simple view (on next slide)

# Course Overview: 1st quarter

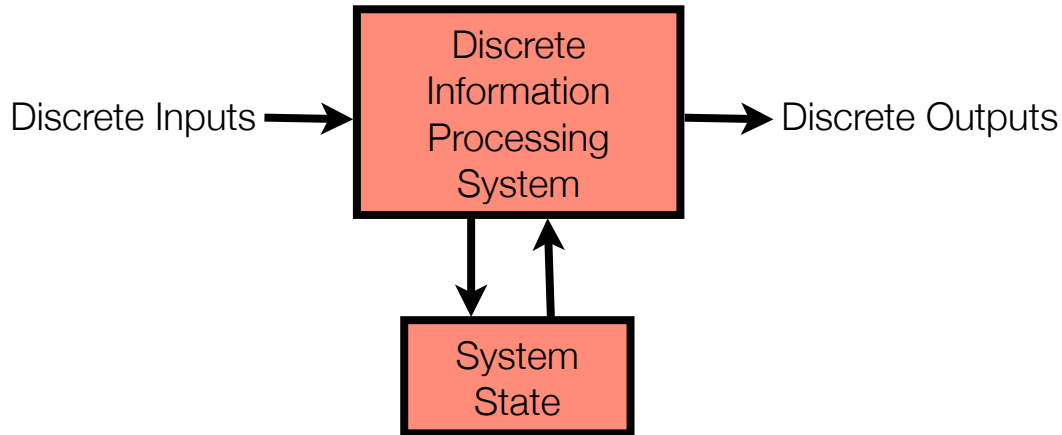
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- 1st quarter of course: really simple view: “computer” doesn’t maintain state
- Input → Compute → Output (just a math function)
- Feed same input, get same output

# Course Overview: 2nd quarter

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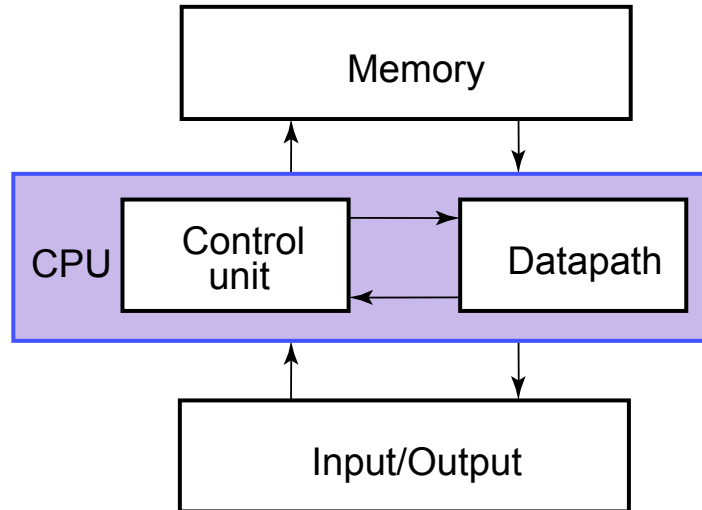
- 2nd quarter: “computer” has memory (system state)
  - Can use input & what it has stored in memory to determine output



# Course Overview: 2nd Half

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- Computer processes **programs** (stored in memory)
  - program made up of sequences of **instructions**
- Programs modify data also stored in memory



More on this later in term...

# Addition in different bases

# Number systems review: Base 10 (Decimal)

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Base 16 (Hexadecimal) Value	Base 2 (binary) value	Base 10 value
0	0000	0
1	0001	1
2	0010	2
3	0011	3
4	0100	4
5	0101	5
6	0110	6
7	0111	7
8	1000	8
9	1001	9
A	1010	10
B	1011	11
C	1100	12
D	1101	13
E	1110	14
F	1111	15

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- Shifting a column to the left multiplies a digit's value by  $(16)_{10}$
- Why Important: More concise than binary, but related (a power of 2)

# Number ranges

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- Cannot map infinite numbers in bounded memory: restrict to some finite range: must choose the representation for a computer
- How many numbers can I represent with ...

... 5 digits in decimal?       $10^5$  possible values  $(100,000)_{10}$

... 8 binary digits?       $2^8$  possible values  $(256)_{10}$

... 4 hexadecimal digits?       $16^4$  possible values  $(65,536)_{10}$

# Why Base 16 is useful

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- Computers work in base 2 (binary)
- Writing base 2 numbers is confusing / laborious
- Easy to convert between base 2 and base 16, here's why:
  - To multiply a base-2 4-bit quantity by 16, shift over 4 columns
    - e.g., 1101 0000 is 16x larger than 1101
  - To multiply a base-16 1-digit quantity by 16, shift over 1 column
    - e.g., D0 is 16x larger than D

# Converting between bases 2 and 16

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- 26BA
  - = 2000 + 600 + B0 + A
  - = 2 (shifted left 3) + 6 (shifted left 2) + B (shifted left 1) + A (hex digits)
  - = 0010 (shifted left 12) + 0110 (shifted left 8) + 1011 (shifted left 4) + 1010 (binary digits)
  - = 0010 0000 0000 0000 + 0110 0000 0000 + 1011 0000 + 1010
  - = 0010 0110 1011 1010
- 2    6    B    A
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- Diagram illustrating the conversion of the hexadecimal number 26BA to binary:
- HEX
  - Binary

# Using Base 16

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- Useful for referring to long sequences of binary, e.g., 32-bit quantity:
- 0110 1010 1111 1010 0000 1100 0011 1111
- 6    A    F    A    0    C    3    F
- i.e., the 32-bit quantity can be written 6AFA0C3F, which is
- 01101010111110100000110000111111

# Defs & Terminology

# Computer from Digital Perspective

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- (Digital) Information: just sequences of binary (0's and 1's)
  - True = 1, False = 0
  - Numbers: converted into binary form when “viewed” by computer
    - e.g.,  $19 = 10011$  ( $16(1) + 8(0) + 4(0) + 2(1) + 1(1)$ ) in binary
  - Characters: assigned a specific numerical value (ASCII standard)
    - e.g., 'A' = 65 = 1000001, 'a' = 97 = 1100001
  - Text is a sequence of characters:
    - “Hi there” = 72, 105, 32, 116, 104, 101, 114, 101
      - = 1001000, 1101001, ...

# Terminology: Bit, Byte, Word

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- **Bit**: a single binary digit (a '0' or a '1')
- **Byte**: a grouping of 8 bits, e.g., 10110010. Q: how many distinct bytes exist?
- **Word**: a grouping of bits that is **computer-architecture dependent**
  - The number of bits that the computer architecture can process at once
  - e.g., 64-bit word architectures expect data to be passed in (and returns outputs back out) in 64-bit groupings
  - The number of bits used by the architecture is called its **word size**
  - **OBSERVATION**: computers have bounds on how much input they can handle at once
    - word size limits on the sizes of numbers they can deal with (in a single computation cycle)



# Terminology 2: Highest / Lowest Order / significant bits

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- Bit at the left is **highest order (a.k.a. most significant)** bit
- Bit at the right is **lowest order (a.k.a. least significant)** bit

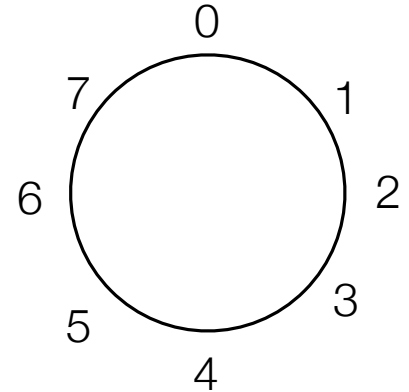
- e.g.,  1 0 1 0 1 1 1
- higher order bits represent “bigger” values when read as numbers
- e.g., above is  $64 + 16 + 4 + 2 + 1 = 87$  if read as unsigned binary
- Common reference notation for k-bit value:  $b_{k-1}b_{k-2}b_{k-3}...b_1b_0$ 
  - or alternatively:  $b_kb_{k-1}b_{k-2}...b_2b_1$

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- Def:  $X \bmod Y = \text{remainder}(X/Y)$  (i.e., a value between 0 and  $Y-1$ )
- e.g.,
  - $22 \bmod 5 = 2$  ( $22 / 5 = 4$  with remainder 2, i.e.,  $22 = 5 * 4 + 2$ )
  - $100 \bmod 9 = 1$ ,
  - $-10 \bmod 3 = -1 \bmod 3 = 2 \bmod 3$  ( $-4 * 3 + 2$ )



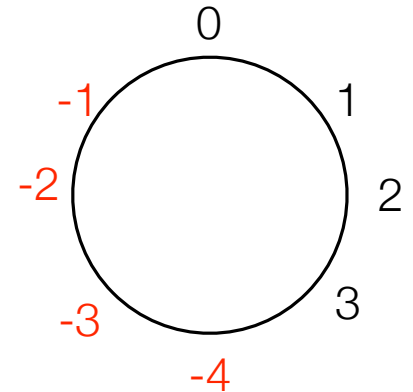
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# Modular Arithmetic with negative representations

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- For  $X \bmod Y$ , we usually define the remainder as a value between 0 and  $Y-1$
- Alternative: define remainder between  $-Y/2$  and  $Y/2-1$
- e.g., mod 8 would use remainder values -4 through 3:



**“Pinwheel” representation:** move clockwise on the pinwheel for + numbers, counter-clockwise for - numbers

**This pinwheel is for mod 8 (range -4 to 3)**

- $4 \bmod 8 = -4$       ( $4 = 8 \cdot 1 + (-4)$ )
- $7 \bmod 8 = -1$       ( $7 = 8 \cdot 1 + (-1)$ )
- $-5 \bmod 8 = 3$       ( $-5 = 8 \cdot -1 + 3$ )
- $30 \bmod 8 = -2$       ( $30 = 8 \cdot 4 + (-2)$ )
- $30 \bmod 10 = 0$       ( $30 = 10 \cdot 3 + 0$ )

Important for 2's complement (discussed later)

# Integer # Formats

(with word size restriction)

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- Can assign each number value to a distinct bit-sequence: can have up to  $2^k$  different number values

A weird but feasible assignment:

<b>word</b>	<b>val</b>
000	15
001	-7
010	42
011	42
100	7
101	9
110	$e^7$
111	0.004

# Unsigned binary numbers (with wordsize restriction)

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- Binary numbers represent only non-negative (positive or 0) values
- e.g., wordsize = 4 (computer “thinks” using 4 bits at a time)
  - $0000 = 0$
  - $0011 = 3$
  - $1011 = 11$
  - $1111 = 15$
  - Can't represent 16 or larger as unsigned binary with wordsize of 4!!
  - Can't represent negative #'s as unsigned binary



## BAA

# Binary Addition Algorithm (of unsigned numbers)

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- Like regular (base 10) addition algorithm, except:
  - $1+1 = 0$  with a carry of 1,  $1+1+1 = 1$  with carry of 1
  - e.g., wordsize = 5 (all numerical representations restricted to 5 bits)
  - add 11110 and 10101 (30 + 21)

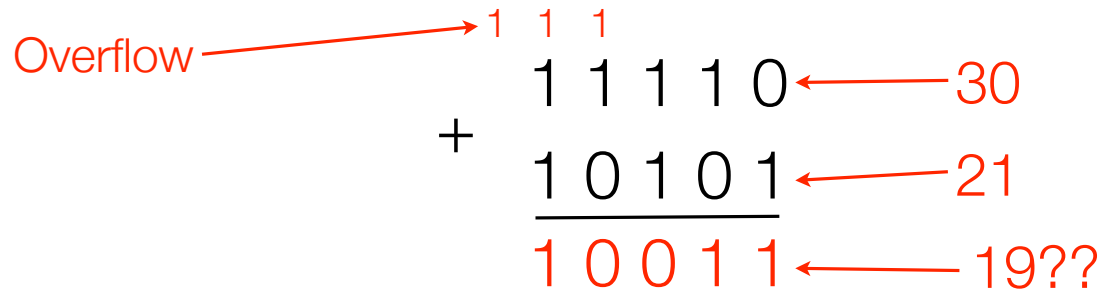
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A binary addition diagram for 11110 (30) + 10101 (21). The numbers are aligned by their least significant bits. Red arrows point from the decimal values to their binary representations. A red arrow labeled 'Overflow' points to the carry-out of the fifth bit. The result shown is 10011 (19), with red question marks after the last two digits.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Overflow} \rightarrow 1 \ 1 \ 1 \\ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \leftarrow 30 \\ + \quad 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \leftarrow 21 \\ \hline 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \leftarrow 19?? \end{array}$$

- **Overflow:** when result cannot fit within the wordsize constraint
- e.g., above, the “correct” answer 110011 (=51) requires 6 bits: cannot be represented with only 5 bits in unsigned representation

# Modular Arithmetic and Overflow

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$$\begin{array}{rcl} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 30 \\ + & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 21 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 19?? \end{array}$$

- Suppose we hadn't restricted wordsize, and allowed the solution to use an extra bit
- Solution would have been  $110011 = 51$
- The word size restriction prevented us from including the bit = 32
- The result (19) is off by 32, but is correct  $\text{mod } 32 = \text{mod } 2^{\text{wordsize}}$
- i.e.,  $19 = 51 \text{ mod } 2^5$
- In other words, arithmetic within fixed wordsize computes the remainder

# Negative Numbers

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- Given: computer has a fixed wordsize (e.g., 4)
- Q: How to represent both positive and negative #'s when constrained by this fixed wordsize?
  - Note: we need an alternate mapping (from what is used for unsigned binary) of bit sequences to values so that some bit sequences represent negative numbers
- A: There are several ways to do this, some are easier for humans, some for computers...

# Negative #

## Representations:

- Signed magnitude
- 1's Complement
- 2's Complement

# Negative Numbers: Signed Magnitude representation

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- highest order bit ( $b_{k-1}$ ) indicates **sign**: 0 = positive, 1 = negative
- remaining bits indicate **magnitude**
  - e.g., 0011 = 3
  - e.g., 1011 = -3
  - e.g., 1000 = 0000 = 0
- positive #'s have same form in both signed magnitude and unsigned
- Easy for humans to interpret, but not easiest form for computers to do addition/subtraction operations (as we will soon see...)

# Negative Numbers: 1's Complement representation

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- Again, highest order bit ( $b_{k-1}$ ) indicates **sign**: 0 = positive, 1 = negative
- Non-negative #'s have same representation as unsigned (and signed-mag)
- To negate a #, **flip all bits** (not just highest-order as in signed-mag)
- Note flipping all bits will also flip the highest order (sign) bit
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  - 0010 = 2
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- A: Let  $X = 11101011$  (it's a negative #)
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- NOTE: 2 ways to represent 0 in 1's Complement: all 0's and all 1's
  - e.g., for wordsize of 8, 00000000 and 11111111 are both 0 in 1's complement

# Problems with signed mag & 1's C

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$\begin{array}{r} + 5 \\ + -2 \end{array}$	<p>1's complement</p> <p>Result should be 3, not 2</p>
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Using binary addition algorithm (BAA)

# Negative Numbers: 2's complement representation

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- Non-negative #'s have same form as unsigned (and signed-mag)
- To negate a #, flip all bits and then (using binary add algorithm) add 1
  - Ignore overflow (will only occur when negating 0)
- e.g., wordsize = 4
  - 0010 = 2 so 1101 + 0001 = 1110 = -2
  - 0011 = 3 so 1100 + 0001 = 1101 = -3
  - 1101 = -3 so 0010 + 0001 = 0011 = 3 (can negate negatives too!)
  - 0000 = 0 so 1111 + 0001 = 0000 = 0 (0 is unique in 2's complement)
- Note: negation works both ways (going + to - or - to +)
- The exception: 1 followed by all 0's, e.g., 1000
  - value is  $-2^{k-1}$  for wordsize of k, e.g., k=4, value is -8
  - Note: the positive value of  $2^{k-1}$  not expressible with k bits in 2's complement form

# Number encodings

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	Unsigned	Sign&Mag.	1s comp.	2s comp.
0 0 0	0	+0	+0	+0
0 0 1	1	+1	+1	+1
0 1 0	2	+2	+2	+2
0 1 1	3	+3	+3	+3
1 0 0	4	0	-3	-4
1 0 1	5	-1	-2	-3
1 1 0	6	-2	-1	-2
1 1 1	7	-3	0	-1

*8 values*

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Signed Mag and 1's complement waste a bit-pattern: 2 reps for 0

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# Number encodings

2's complement: smallest negative # has no positive counterpart in representation

The flip-bits-and-add-1 process doesn't successfully negate that number

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0 0 0	0	+0	+0	+0
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In 2's complement, the binary addition algorithm always works (unless there is overflow)!

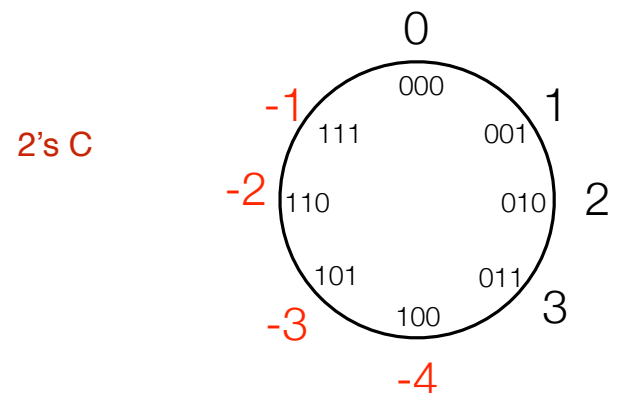
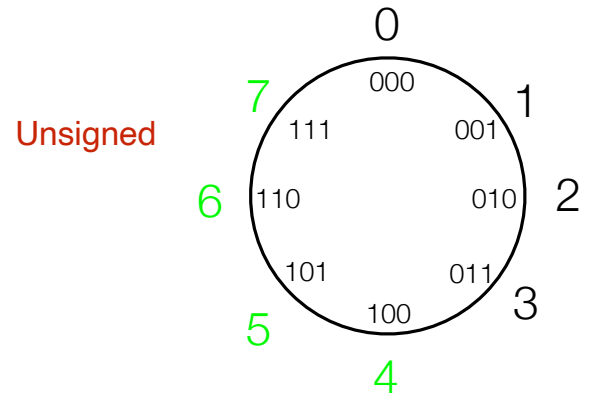
- e.g.,

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## Using binary addition algorithm

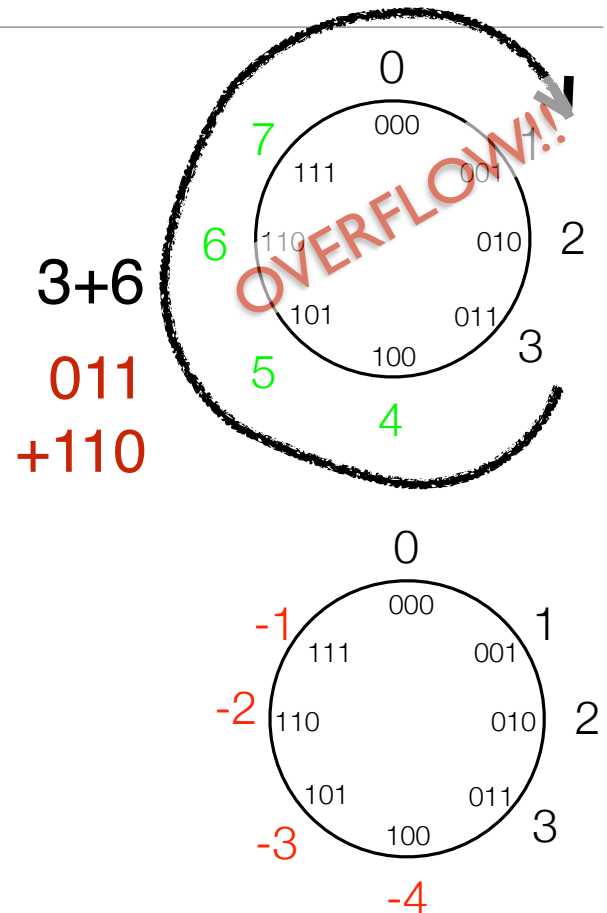
# What's special about 2's complement

- Like unsigned, when adding using **BAA**, results are correct mod  $2^k$  (k is word size)
  - Pinwheel perspective: when incrementing, rotate right, when decrementing, rotate left
- In either unsigned or 2's C form, will land on value correct Mod  $2^k$  but actual value not correct if not on pinwheel



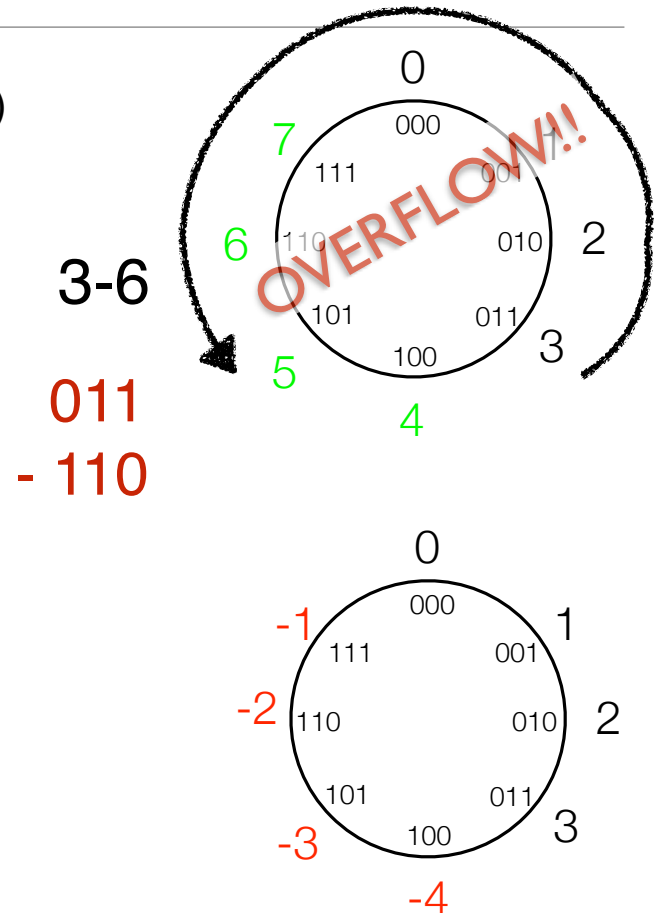
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- Think about modular arithmetic (e.g., mod 8)
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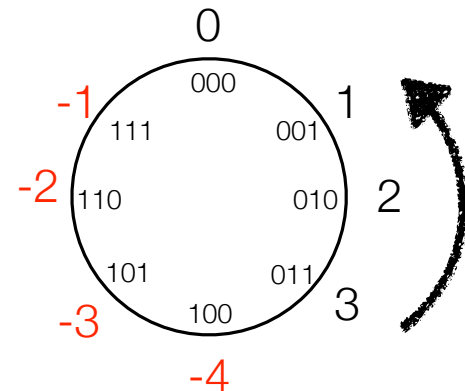
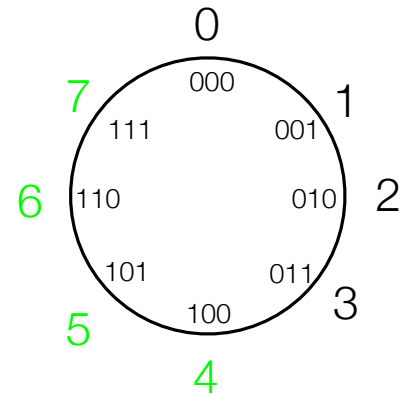
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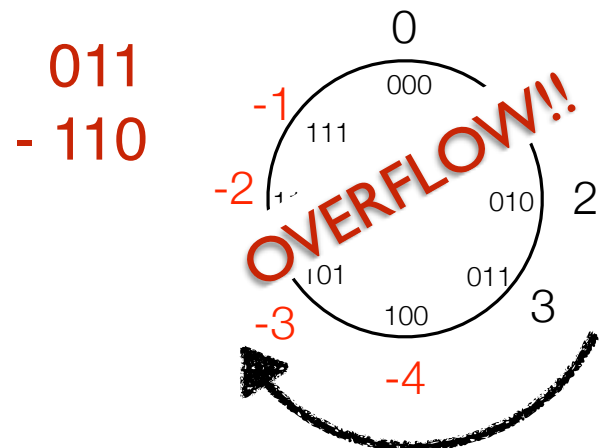
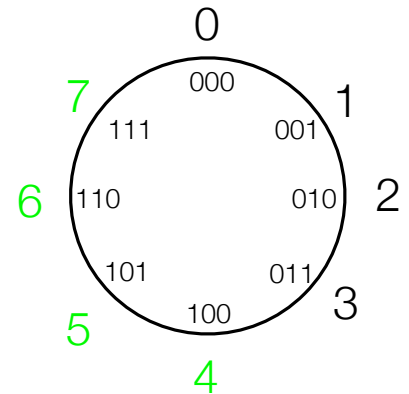
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# Why Flip all bits +1 for 2C works: intuitive “proof”

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- Start with any k-bit word X (other than 100...000) and look at it in 2's complement representation
- Let  $Y = X$  with all bits flipped
- $X+Y = 11...1111$  (using binary add algorithm)
  - Thus,  $X+Y = -1$  in 2's complement rep. (rotated 1 back from 00..0000 on pinwheel)
- Then  $X + Y + 1 = 00...0000$  (using binary add algorithm)
- So  $Y+1 = -X$  (and recall Y is X with all bits flipped)



# Representation v. Operation

# k-bit Words & Ranges of various representations

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- Given a k-bit word, the range of numbers can be **represented** is:
  - unsigned: 0 to  $2^k - 1$  (e.g., k=8, 0 to 255)
  - signed mag:  $-2^{k-1} + 1$  to  $2^{k-1} - 1$  (e.g., k=8, -127 to 127 [2 vals for 0])
  - 1's complement: same as signed mag (but negative numbers are represented differently)
  - 2's complement:  $-2^{k-1}$  to  $2^{k-1} - 1$  (e.g., k=8, -128 to 127 [1 val for 0])

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- A: Is it to be represented in Unsigned, Signed Magnitude, 1's complement or 2's complement?
  - Unsigned:  $128 + 8 + 2 + 1 = 139$
  - Signed Mag:  $-1 * (8 + 2 + 1) = -11$
  - 1's Complement: the negation of 01110100 = -116
  - 2's Complement: the negation of 01110101 = -117
    - Note: for a given set of bits, when # is negative, 2's complement is 1 less than 1's complement

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- We have discussed various **representations** for expressing integers
  - unsigned, signed magnitude, 1's-complement, 2's-complement
- There are also bit-oriented **operations** that go by the same names
  - 1's-complement: flip all bits
  - 2's-complement: flip all bits and (binary) add 1
- Operation can be performed on a number, regardless of representation
  - e.g., let 10111 be a number in signed-magnitude form (value is -7)
  - 2's complement (operation) on 10111 = 01001 (value is 9 in signed-mag form)
- Observe:
  - **2's-complement operation negates a number when number uses 2's-complement representation**
  - **1's-complement operation negates a number when number uses 1's-complement representation**

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- Signed magnitude has lots of potential “gruntwork”
  - e.g., flip top & bottom, “borrow” from higher order bits, etc.

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Apply binary addition algorithm

$$X = 111001, -X = 000111 = 7, X = -7$$

# Detecting Overflow

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- Q: How to tell if the result of a computation overflows (i.e., result cannot be expressed within the wordsize constraint)

- e.g., 4-bit words, unsigned:  $1110 + 1010$  ( $14 + 10$ )

- result is 24, cannot be expressed in 4-bit unsigned (only values 0-15)


- Hence, overflows

- Detection in unsigned easy:

- Addition: if final carry = 1, then overflow, else not

- Subtraction: subtrahend is bigger # (result negative), then overflow

Indication of overflow  
for unsigned


$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \\ 1110 \\ 1010 \\ \hline 1000 \end{array}$$

# Overflow detection in 2's-complement is easy

- If final two carries match, then no overflow
- If differ, then overflow
- e.g., wordsize = 4

Handwritten notes on the right side of the slide:

A	0	0
B	1	0
C	0	1
D	1	1

MSB  
0

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5 + 1 = 6 \\
 \begin{array}{r}
 00 \\
 + 0101 \\
 \hline
 0001 \\
 0110
 \end{array}
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$$\begin{array}{r}
 -5 + -3 = -8 \\
 \begin{array}{r}
 11 \\
 + 1011 \\
 \hline
 1101 \\
 1000
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$$\begin{array}{r}
 -2 + 7 = 5 \\
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 01 \\
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 \hline
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 10 \\
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 \hline
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 0111
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 7 + 7 = 14 \\
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 01 \\
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**Remainder of Course:** We use unsigned and 2's complement: It's what computers usually use for their representation

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- The computer represents
  - x and y as signed 2's complement
  - z as an unsigned

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Thus, for this representation,  $00+01$  causes overflow

# Floating Point

# Need a bigger range? Floating Point Representation

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- Change the encoding.
- Floating point (used to represent very large numbers in a compact way)

- A lot like scientific notation:  $-7.776 \times 10^3 = -7776 = -6^5$

**mantissa**  
**(a.k.a. fraction)**

Note: mantissa always in form X.XX...  
(one digit before the '.')

**exponent**

- But for this course, think binary:

$$-1.10 \times 2^{0111} (= -1.5 * 2^7)$$

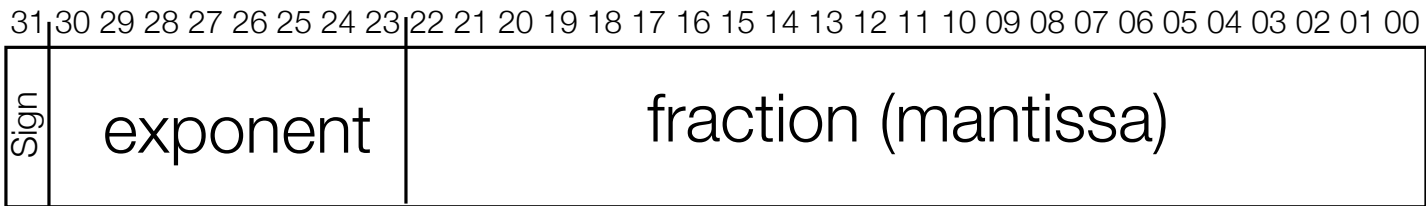
$$1.01 \times 2^{-0111} (= 1.25 * 2^{-7})$$

Note: in proper form, for binary, mantissa always 1.XX...  
(one digit before the '.' and digit always a 1)

The only exception:  $0 = 0.0 \times 2^0$

# Standard Forms for Floating Point Numbers

- How to represent a floating point # within the confines of a 32-bit word
- The bits of the word are separated into different **fields**



- IEEE 754 standard specifies
  - which bits represent which fields (bit 31 is sign, bits 30-23 are 8-bit exponent, bits 22-00 are 23-bit fraction)
  - how to interpret each field

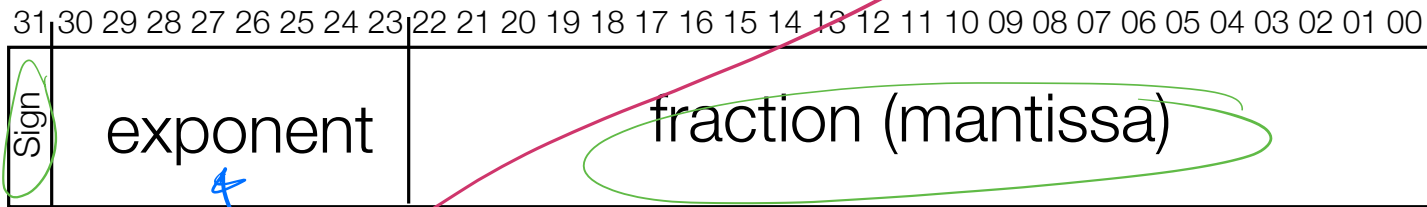
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$2^4$   $2^3$   $2^2$   $2^1$   $2^0$   $2^{-1}$   $2^{-2}$   $2^{-3}$

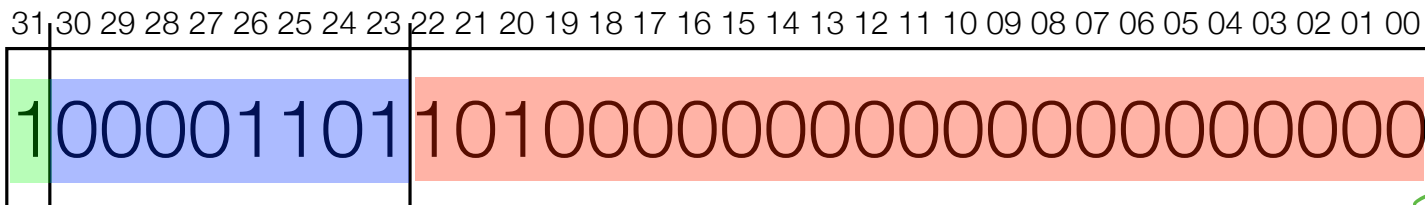
9.876...

$10^1$   $10^2$   $10^{-3}$

$$4 + 127 = 131$$

$$128 + 1$$
$$128 + 6 + 1$$


- exponent value = unsigned binary rep of 8 bits - 127



$$\bullet = (-1) \times 1.101_{(2)} \times 2^{13-127} = -1.625_{(10)} \times 2^{-114} = -7.82409 \times 10^{-35}$$

# Approximation of 0

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- Because representation always of form  $\pm 1.XXXX \times 2^{yyyy}$ , cannot represent true 0
- Note: All bits set to 0 equals  $1.0 \times 2^{-127}$ , a very very small number, effectively 0

# Bias and Comparing floats

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- Bias allows exponents between -127 (very small) and 128 (very large)
- Q: Why bias instead of 2's-complement or unsigned magnitude?
- A: Easy comparison between two floats, A & B, for which is larger
  - **Step 1:** Check signs. A+ and B-, return  $A > B$ . A- and B+, return  $A < B$
  - **Step 2** (A and B same sign): Check exponents
    - (A+ and A.exp > B.exp) or (A- and A.exp < B.exp), return  $A > B$
    - (A- and A.exp > B.exp) or (A+ and A.exp < B.exp), return  $A < B$
  - **Step 3** (A and B same sign, same exponents): check fractions
    - (A+ and A.frac > B.frac) or (A- and A.frac < B.frac), return  $A > B$
    - (A- and A.frac > B.frac) or (A+ and A.frac < B.frac), return  $A < B$
  - **Step 4** (A and B same sign, same exponents, same fraction): return  $A = B$
- Observation: when bits are ordered sign, exponent, magnitude, process same as comparing 2 signed-magnitude numbers

# Which IEEE 754 FP # is biggest?



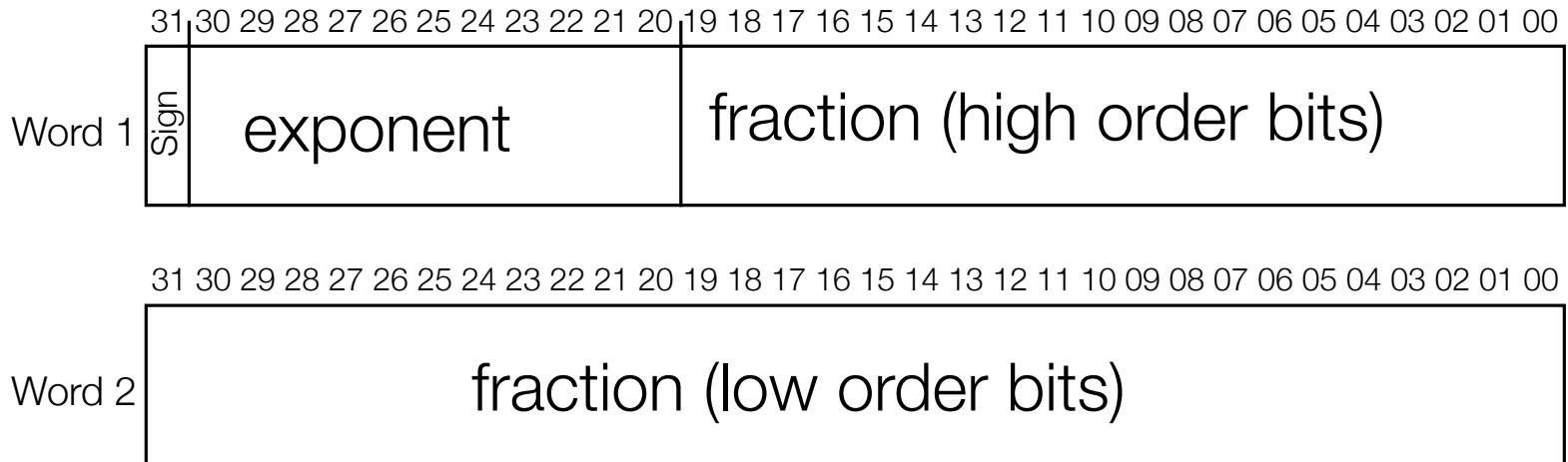
- All + #'s,  $B > A$  (larger exponent),  $B > C$  (same exponent, larger fraction)
- What if #'s were simply viewed as signed-mag?
  - Same result:  $B > C > A$



# IEEE 754 64-bit (double) precision

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- Described within 32-bit architecture as **two 32-bit words**



- 11-bit exponent with bias of 1023
- fraction is 52 bits long (20 higher order bits in Word 1, remaining 32 lower order bits in Word 2)

# Underflow

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- When the **magnitude** of the value is **too small** to be described by the representation
- e.g., in IEEE 754 floating point:
  - $X = 1 \times 2^{-100}$  can be represented by the standard (what is the set of bits in the exponent field?)
  - However,  $X^2$ , which equals  $2^{-200}$  is too small to be represented
    - smallest possible exponent is -127
  - Hence, attempts to compute  $X \times X$  results in an underflow

# End of Lecture

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- Important take-aways for rest of course:
  - High-level view of computer (digital perspective): notion of word size
  - Binary #'s: negative representation (2's complement)
    - adding, subtracting, overflow, overflow detection