

EECS 370 - Lecture 8

Combinational Logic



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Poll and Q&A Link

Announcements

- P1 and 2
 - P1 s+m due today
 - P2 posted by tomorrow
- HW 1
 - Due Monday
- Lab 4 meets Fr/M
 - Don't forget the pre-lab quiz tonight!



What do object files look like?

```
extern int X;  
extern void foo();  
int Y;  
  
void main() {  
    Y = X + 1;  
    foo();  
}
```

"extern" means
defined in another
file

```
extern int Y;  
int X;  
  
void foo() {  
    Y *= 2;  
}
```

.main:
LDUR X1, [XZR, X]
ADDI X9, X1, #1
STUR X9, [XZR, Y]
BL foo
HALT

Compile

Compile

Uh-oh!
Don't know
address of X, Y,
or foo!

.foo:
LDUR X1, [XZR, Y]
LSL X9, X1, #1
STUR X9, [XZR, Y]
BR X30

Linking

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What needs to go
in this intermediate
"object file"?

Assemble

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Assemble

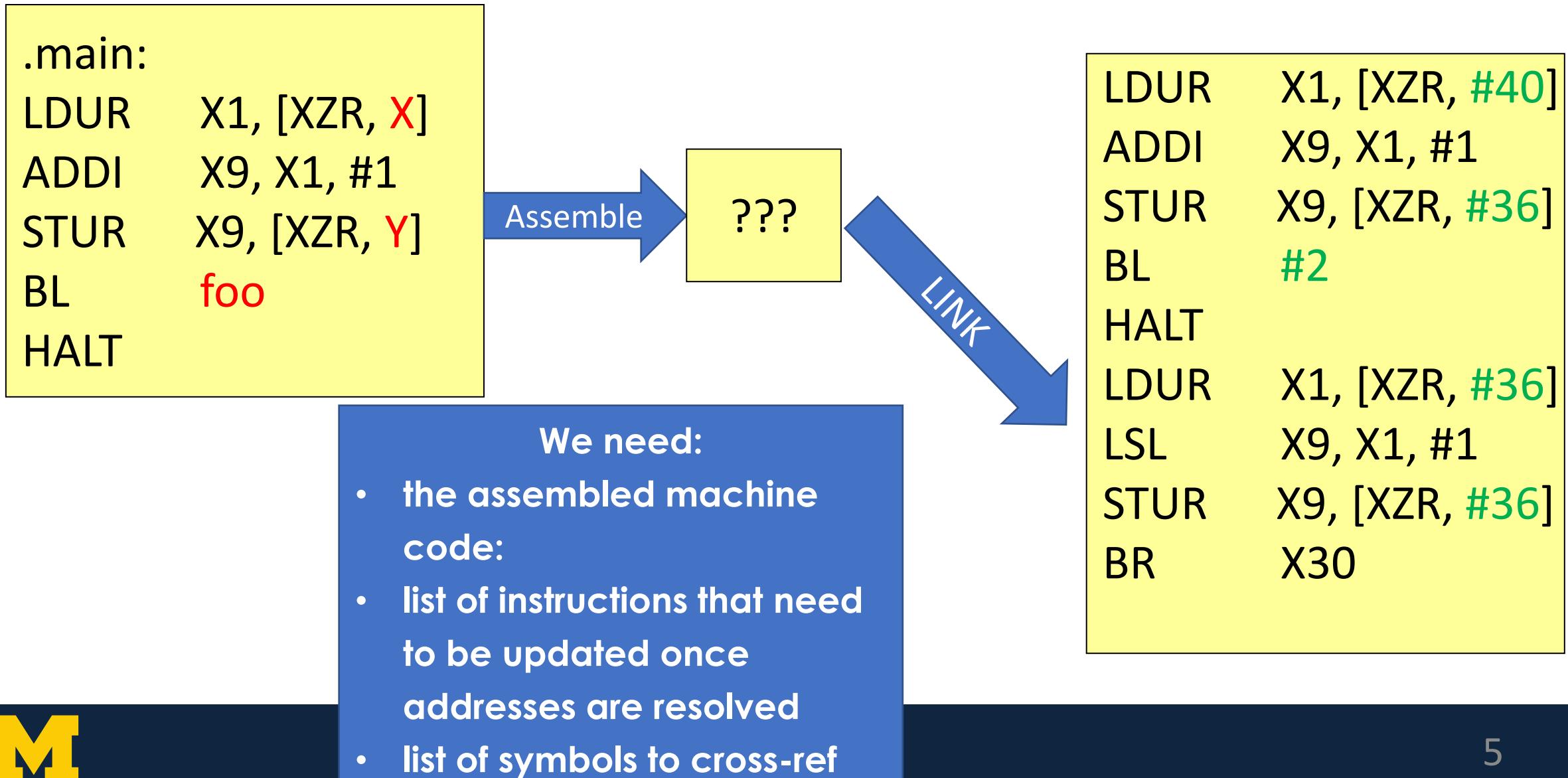
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NOTE: this will
actually be in
machine code, not
assembly

```
LDUR X1, [XZR, #40]  
ADDI X9, X1, #1  
STUR X9, [XZR, #36]  
BL #2  
HALT  
LDUR X1, [XZR, #36]  
LSL X9, X1, #1  
STUR X9, [XZR, #36]  
BR X30  
// Addr #36 starts here
```

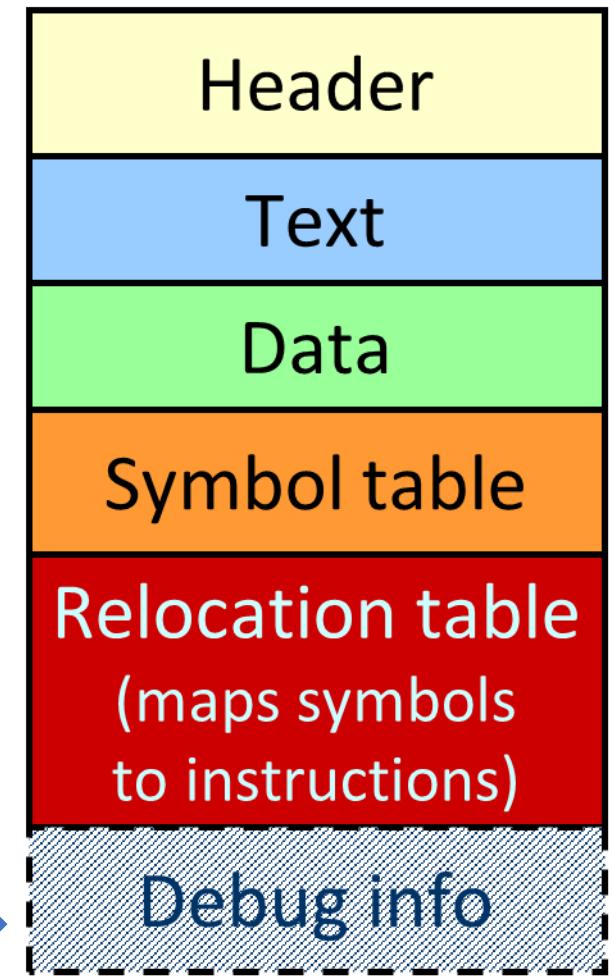
Linking



What do object files look like?

- Since we can't make executable, we make an object file
- Basically, includes the machine code that will go in the executable
 - Plus extra information on what we need to modify once we stitch all the other object files together
- Looks like this ->

Object code format



Assembly → Object file - example

```
extern int G;  
extern void B();  
int X = 3;  
main() {  
    int y = G + 1;  
    B();  
}
```

```
LDUR    X1, [XZR, G]  
ADDI    X9, X1, #1  
BL      B
```

Header	Name	foo
	Text size	0x0C //probably bigger
	Data size	0x04 //probably bigger
Text	Address	Instruction
	0	LDUR X1, [XZR, G]
	4	ADDI X9, X1, #1
	8	BL B
Data	0	X 3
	Label	Address
Symbol table	X	0
	B	-
	main	0
	G	-
Reloc table	Addr	Instruction type Dependency
	0	LDUR G
	8	BL B



Assembly → Object file - example

```
extern int X;
extern void B();
int X = 3;
main() {
    Y = G + 1;
    B();
}
```

Header:
keeps track of
size of each
section

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}
```

Text:
machine code

```
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BL      B
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	8	BL
		Dependency
		G
		B



Simplifying Assumption for EECS370

All globals and static locals (initialized or not) go in the data segment

Assembly → Object file - example

```
extern int G;  
extern void B();  
int X = 3;  
main() {  
    Y = G + 1;  
    B();  
}
```

Data:
initialized globals
and static locals

```
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```

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Assembly → Object file - example

```
extern int G;  
extern void B();  
int X = 3;  
main() {  
    Y = G + 1;  
    B();  
}
```

Symbol table:
Lists all labels
visible outside this file
(i.e. function names
and global variables)

LDUR
ADDI
BL

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Assembly → Object file - example

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LDUR X1 [XZR, G]

Relocation Table:

list of instructions and data words that must be updated if things are moved in memory

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Class Problem 1

Poll: Which symbols will be put in the symbol table? (i.e. which "things" should be visible to all files?)

file1.c

```
extern void bar(int);
extern char c[];
int a;
int foo (int x) {
    int b;
    a = c[3] + 1;
    bar(x);
    b = 27;
}
```

file 1 – symbol table

sym	loc
a	data
foo	text
c	-
bar	-

file2.c

```
extern int a;
char c[100];
void bar (int y) {
    char e[100];
    a = y;
    c[20] = e[7];
}
```

file 2 – symbol table

sym	loc
c	data
bar	text
a	-



Poll: Which lines / instructions are in the relocation table? (i.e. which "things" need to be updated after linking?)

Class Problem 2

file1.c

```
1 extern void bar(int);
2 extern char c[];
3 int a;
4 int foo (int x) {
5     int b;
6     a = c[3] + 1;
7     bar(x);
8     b = 27;
9 }
```

file 1 - relocation table

line	type	dep
6	ldur	c
6	stur	a
7	bl	bar

file2.c

```
1 extern int a;
2 char c[100];
3 void bar (int y) {
4     char e[100];
5     a = y;
6     c[20] = e[7];
7 }
```

file 2 - relocation table

line	type	dep
5	stur	a
6	stur	c

Note: in a real relocation table, the “line” would really be the address in “text” section of the instruction we need to update.



Linker

- Stitches independently created object files into a single executable file (i.e., `a.out`)
 - Step 1: Take text segment from each `.o` file and put them together.
 - Step 2: Take data segment from each `.o` file, put them together, and concatenate this onto end of text segments.
- What about libraries?
 - Libraries are just special object files.
 - You create new libraries by making lots of object files (for the components of the library) and combining them (see `ar` and `ranlib` on Unix machines).
- Step 3: Resolve cross-file references to labels
 - Make sure there are no undefined labels



Linker - Continued

- What kind of instructions get relocated?
- PC-relative branches? (if/else or loops)
 - No – amount we're branching forwards/backwards doesn't change after sliding instructions around
- Local variable accesses?
 - No – memory addresses are relative to stack pointer (SP) value
 - Relative offsets won't change
 - SP value will – but that's a dynamic value anyway, isn't encoded in instruction
- Global / static local variable access?
 - Yes – these use hardcoded addresses which change after linking

```
B.EQ    endLoop
```

```
sub    sp, sp, #16
mov    x0, #42
stur   x0, [sp, 0]
ldur   x1, [sp, 0]
```

```
ldur   x2, [0, MY_VAR]
```

Loader

- Executable file is sitting on the disk
- Loader is software that puts the executable file code image into memory and asks the operating system to schedule it as a new process
 - Creates new address space for program large enough to hold text and data segments, along with a stack segment
 - Copies instructions and data from executable file into the new address space
 - Initializes registers (PC and SP most important)
- Take operating systems class (EECS 482) to learn more!



Summary (for your reference)

- Compiler converts a single source code file into a single assembly language file
- Assembler handles directives (.fill), converts what it can to machine language, and creates a checklist for the linker (relocation table). This changes each .s file into a .o file
- Assembler does 2 passes to resolve addresses, handling internal forward references
- Linker combines several .o files and resolves absolute addresses
- Linker enables separate compilation: Thus unchanged files, including libraries need not be recompiled.
- Linker resolves remaining addresses.
- Loader loads executable into memory and begins execution

Floating Point Arithmetic

See end of slides for
bonus material (not
covered in HW or
exams)



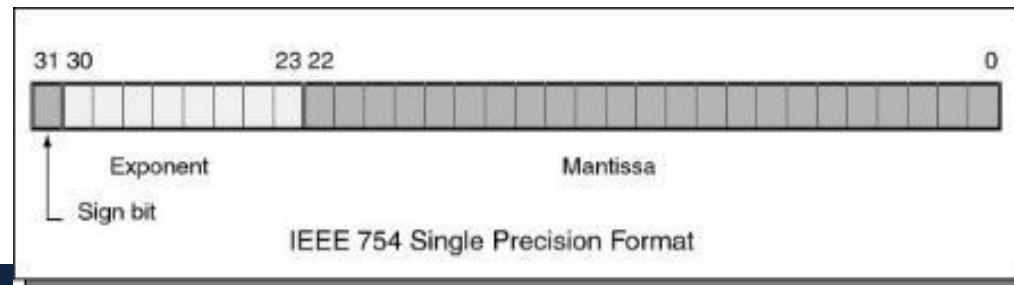
Why floating point

- Have to represent real numbers somehow
- Rational numbers
 - Ok, but can be cumbersome to work with
- Fixed point
 - Do everything in thousandths (or millionths, etc.)
 - Not always easy to pick the right units
 - Different scaling factors for different stages of computation
- **Scientific notation: this is good!**
 - Exponential notation allows HUGE dynamic range
 - Constant (approximately) relative precision across the whole range

IEEE Floating point format (single precision)

- Sign bit: (0 is positive, 1 is negative)
- Significand: (also called the *mantissa*; stores the 23 most significant bits after the decimal point)
- Exponent: used biased base 127 encoding
 - Add 127 to the value of the exponent to encode:
 - $-127 \rightarrow 00000000$ $1 \rightarrow 10000000$
 - $-126 \rightarrow 00000001$ $2 \rightarrow 10000001$
 - ...
 - $0 \rightarrow 01111111$ $128 \rightarrow 11111111$
- How do you represent zero ? Special convention:
 - Exponent: -127 (all zeroes), Significand 0 (all zeroes), Sign + or -

Some other exception cases (e.g. NaN) we won't cover



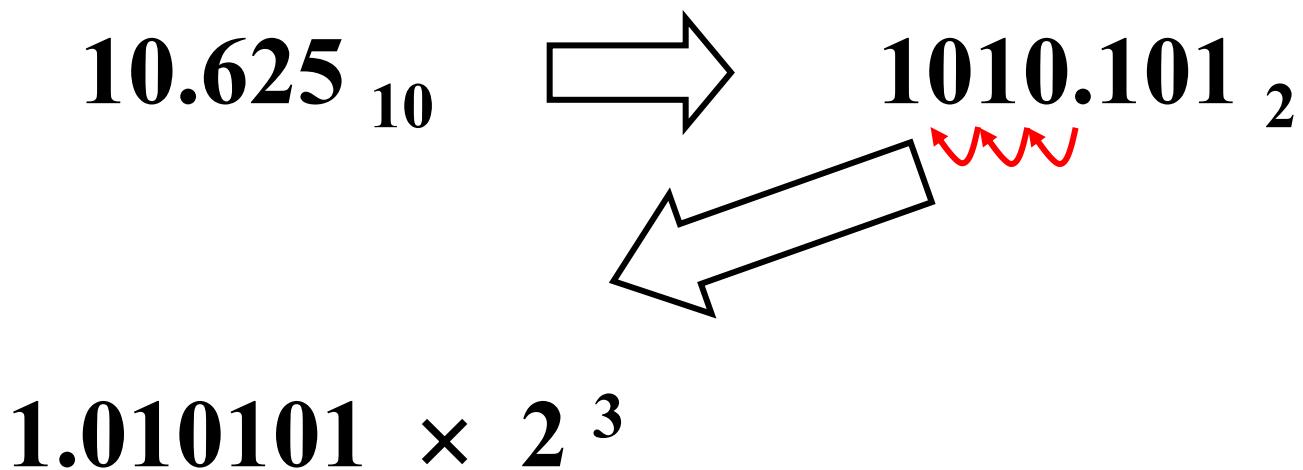
Floating Point Representation

$$10.625_{10} \longrightarrow 1010.101_2$$

- Step 1: convert from decimal to binary
 - 1st bit after "binary" point represents 0.5 (i.e. 2^{-1})
 - 2nd bit represents 0.25 (i.e. 2^{-2})
 - etc.

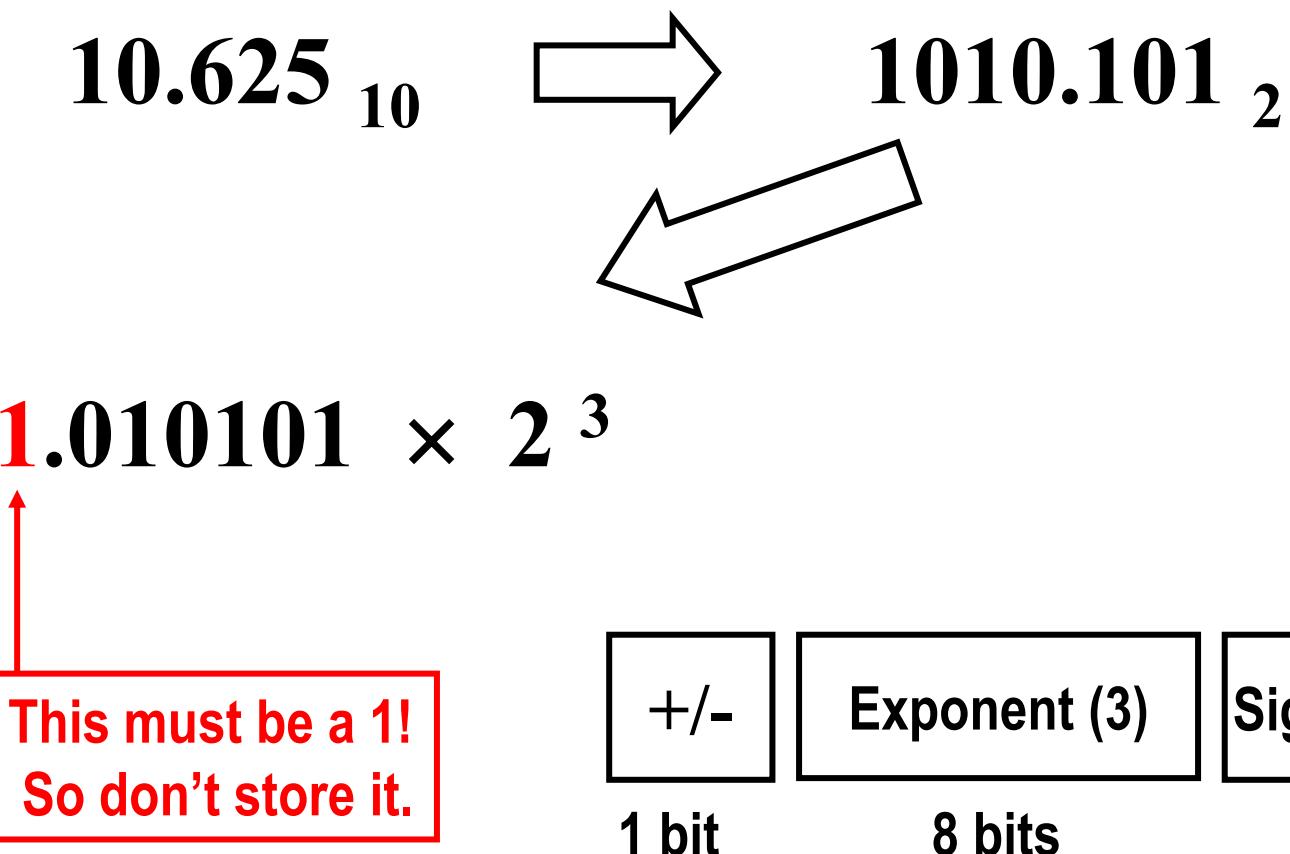


Floating Point Representation



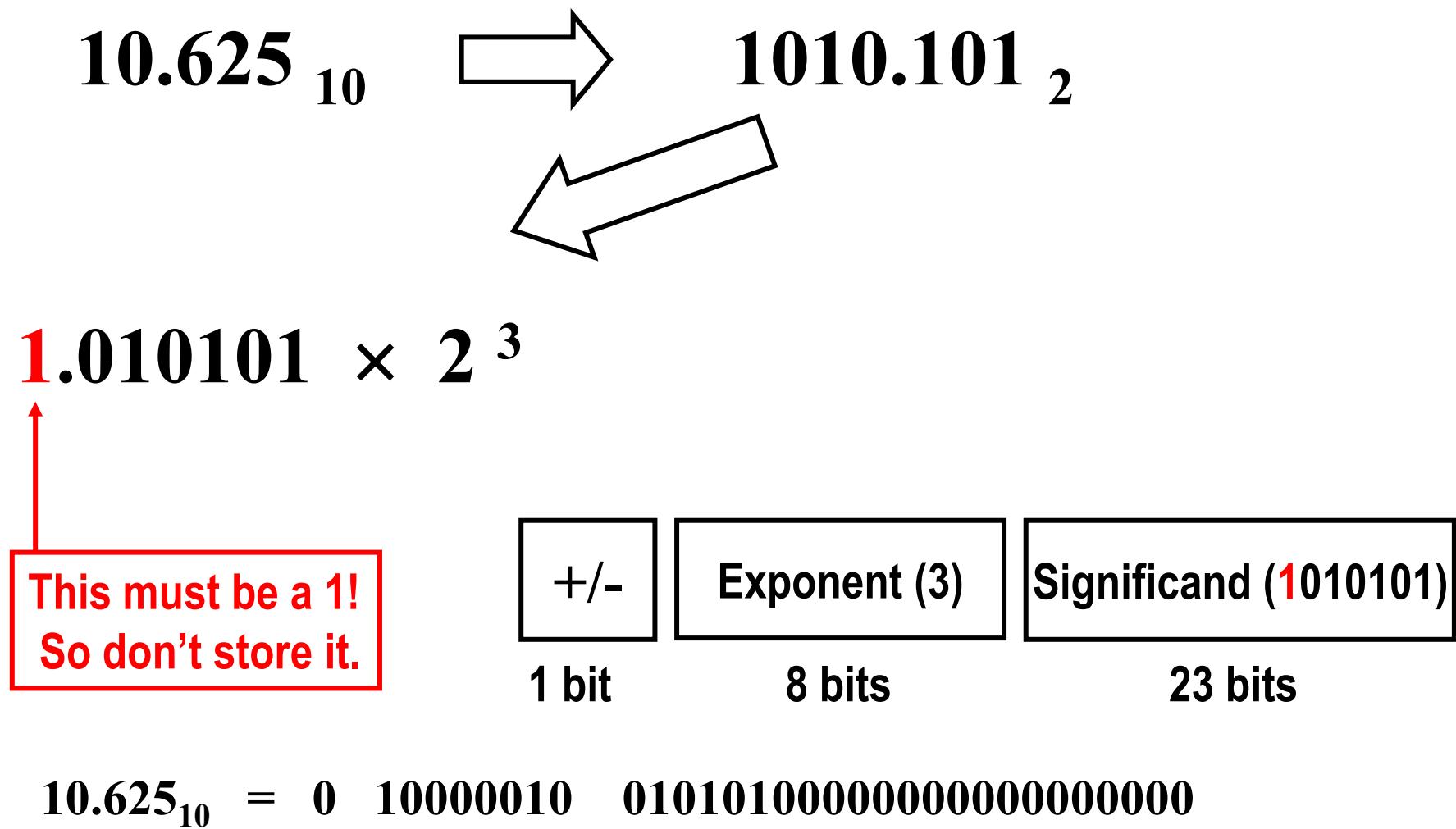
- Step 2: normalize number by shifting binary point until you get $1.XXX \times 2^Y$

Floating Point Representation



- Step 3: store relevant numbers in proper location (ignoring initial 1 of significand)

Floating Point Representation



On Your Own:

- What is the value of the following IEEE 754 floating point encoded number?

1 = -
10000101 = $133 - 127 \rightarrow$ exponent 6
01011001 = mantissa

-1.01011001×2^6

-1010110.01
 $-(2^6 + 2^4 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^{-2})$
 $-(64 + 16 + 4 + 2 + 1/4)$

-86.25

1 10000101 010110010000000000000000

What matters to a CS person?

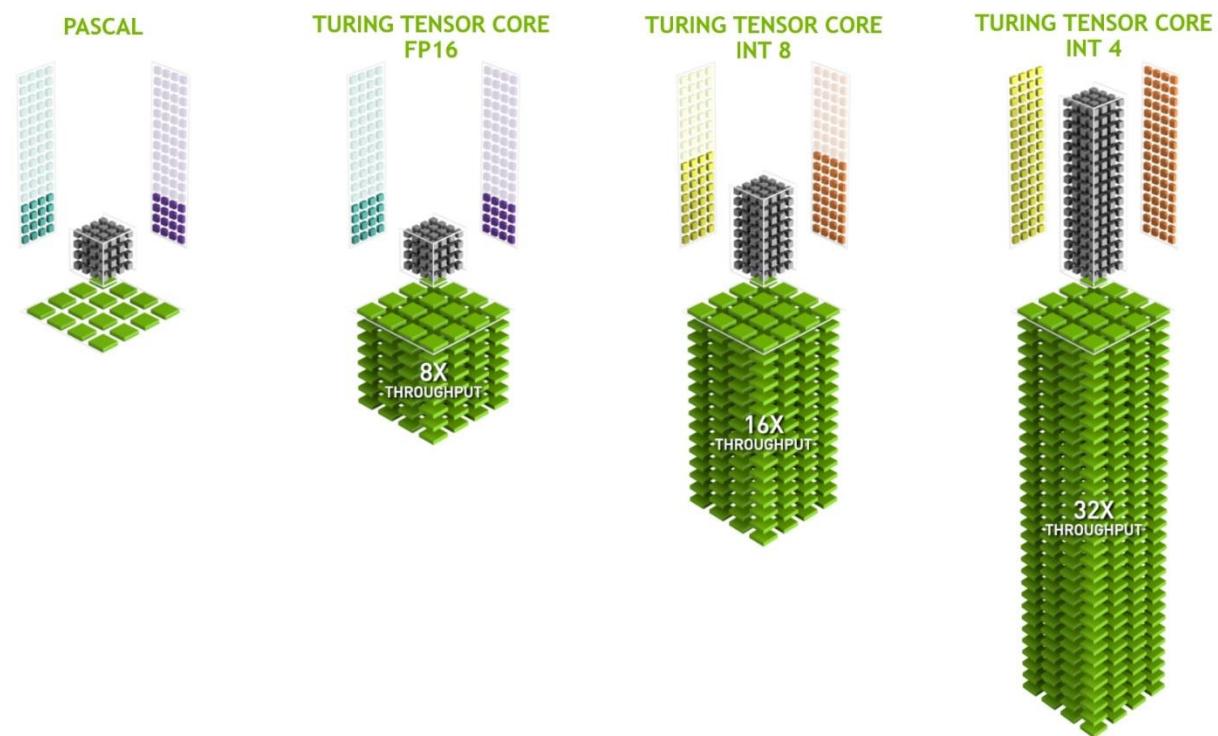
- What happens if you add a big number to a small number?
 - E.g.
$$1000 + .00001$$
- The larger the exponent, the larger the "gap" between numbers that can be represented
- When the smaller number is added to the larger one, it can't be represented so precisely
 - Rounded down to zero: addition has no effect
 - Imagine having a loop do the above a million times: you'd end up with 1000 instead of 1010
 - Can be a big problem in scientific code
- You need to be aware of the issue.
 - This is why people often use “double” instead of “float”
 - The problem can still exist, it's just less likely.

More precision and range

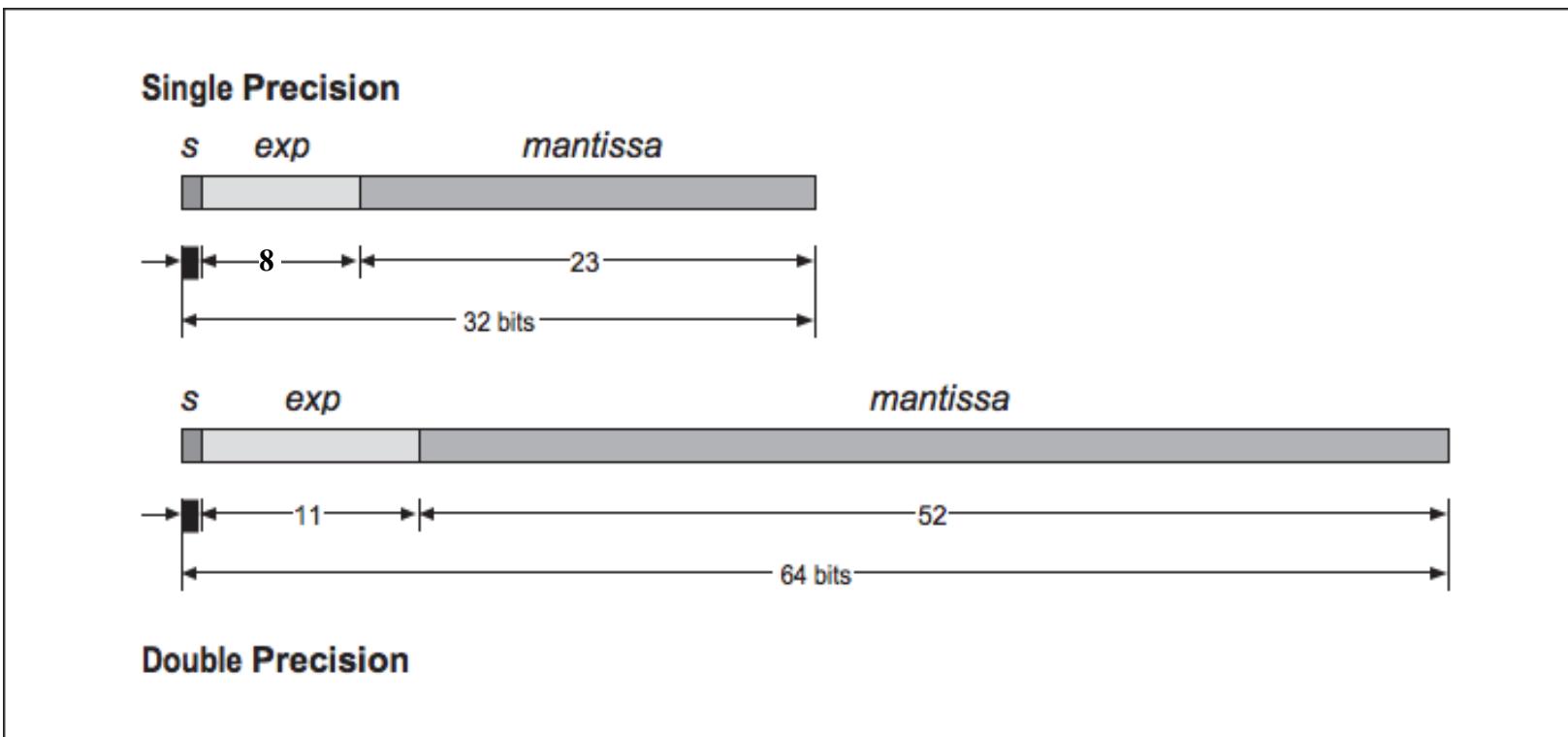
- We've described IEEE-754 binary32 floating point format, i.e. "single precision" ("float" in C/C++)
 - 24 bits precision; equivalent to about 7 decimal digits
 - $3.4 * 10^{38}$ maximum value
 - Good enough for most but not all calculations
- IEEE-754 also defines larger binary64 format, "double precision" ("double" in C/C++)
 - 53 bits precision, equivalent to about 16 decimal digits
 - $1.8 * 10^{308}$ maximum value
 - Most accurate physical values currently known only to about 47 bits precision, about 14 decimal digits
- Interestingly, there's been a surge in popularity for **lower** precision floating point lately. Why?



Low Precision FP Popular in accelerating AI



Single (“float”) precision



Next few lectures: Digital Logic

- Lectures 1-7:
 - LC2K and ARMv8/LEGv8 ISAs
 - Converting C to Assembly
 - Function Calls
 - Linking
- Today:
 - **Floating Point**
 - **Combinational Logic**
- Next lecture:
 - Sequential Logic



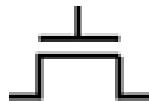
Up Until Now...

- We've covered high-level C code to an executable
 - Compilation
 - Assembly
 - Linking
 - Loading
- Now, we'll talk about the hardware that runs this code
 - First step: the basics of digital logic

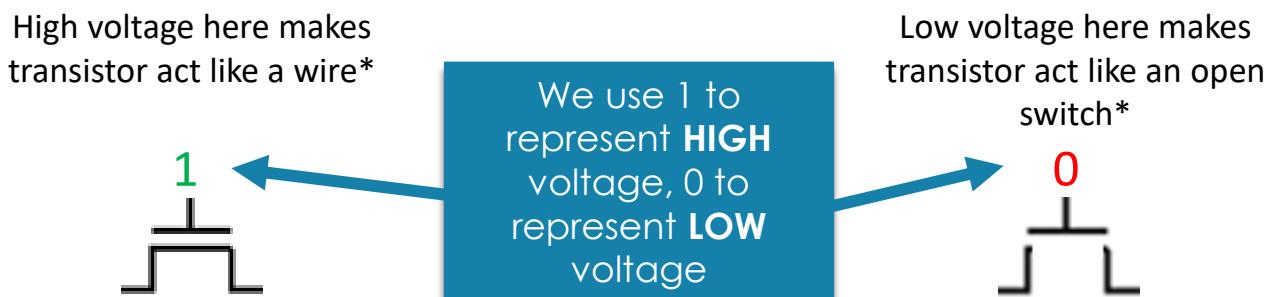


Transistors

- ❑ At the heart of digital logic is the transistor
- ❑ Electrical engineers draw it like this



- ❑ The physics is complicated, but at the end of the day, all it is a **really small and really fast electric switch**



**Yeah, yeah, circuits people. It's a lot more complicated than that. This abstraction is fine for 370.*

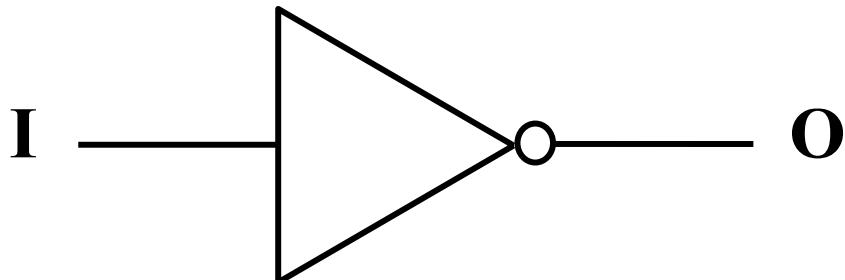
Basic gate: Inverter

CS abstraction
- logic function

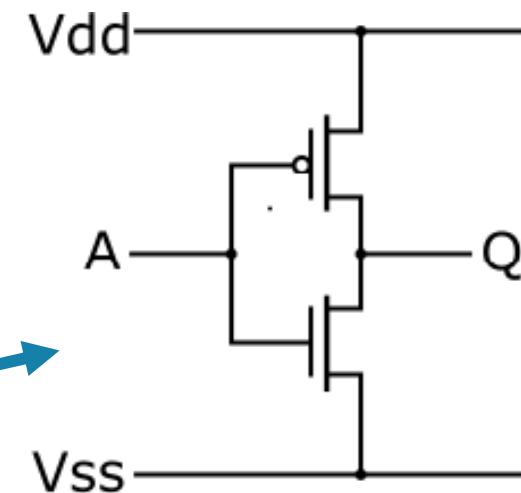
Truth Table

I	O
0	1
1	0

Schematic symbol (CS/EE)



We won't focus on
this part in 370. Take
270 and 312 to
learn more

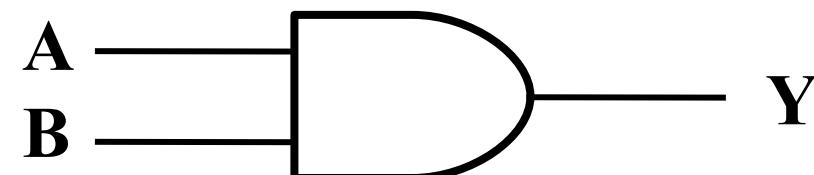


Basic gates: AND and OR

Truth Table

AND

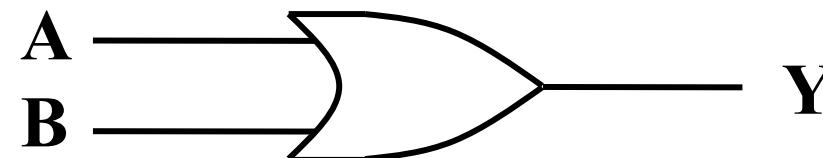
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1	0	0
1	1	1



Truth Table

OR

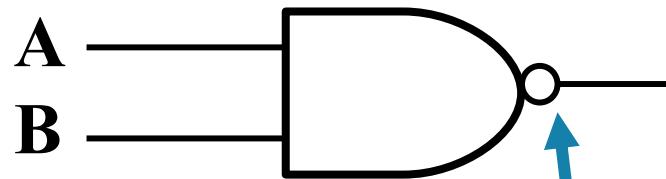
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Basic gate: NAND

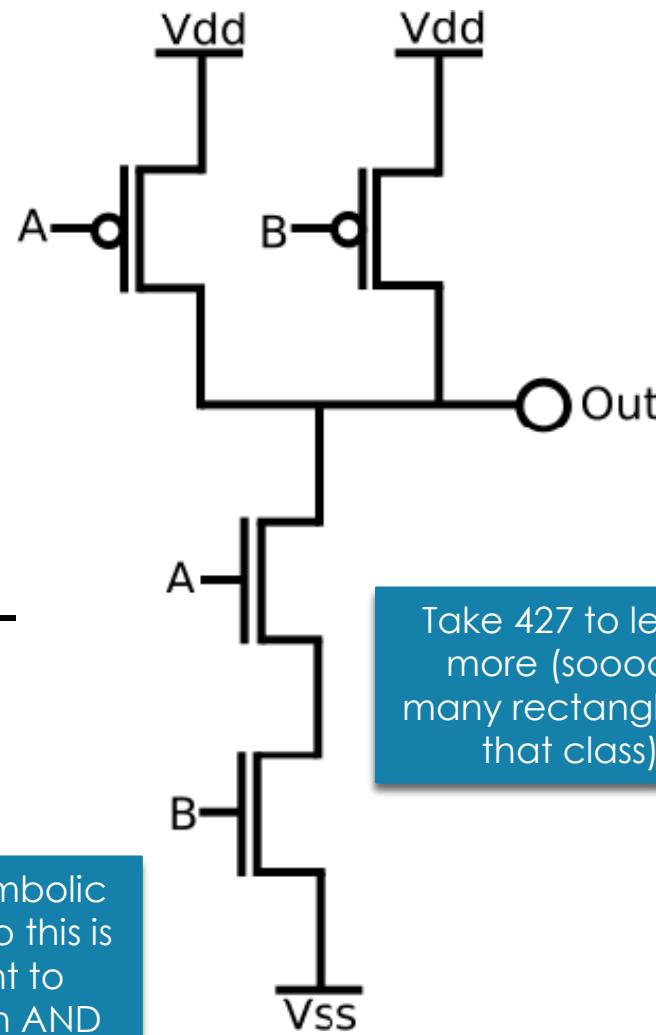
Truth Table

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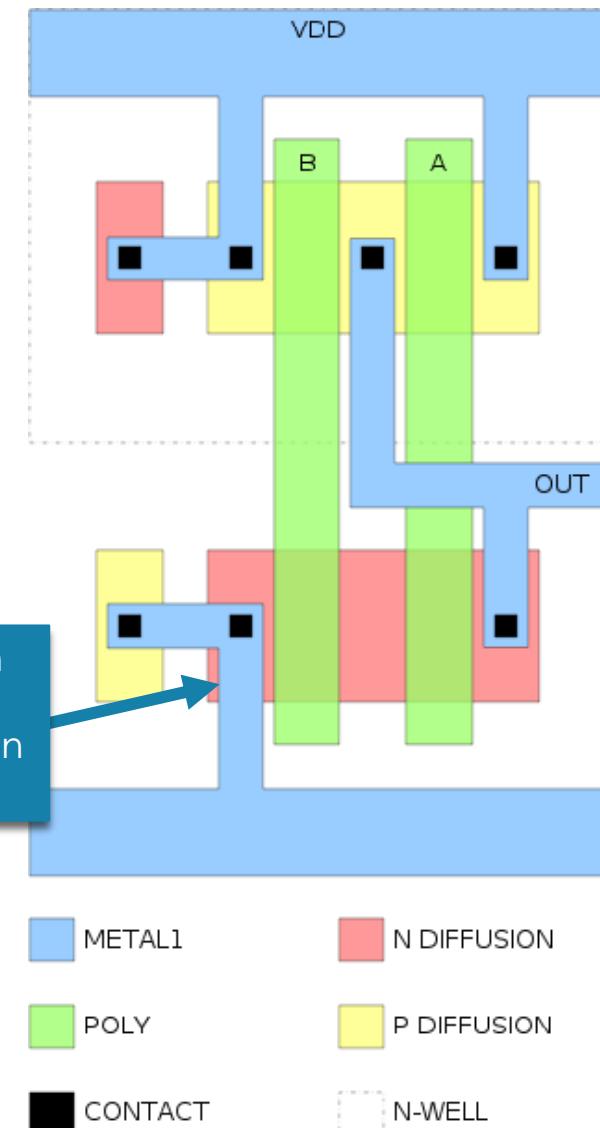
Bubble is symbolic for "invert", so this is equivalent to negating an AND gate

Transistor-level schematic



Take 427 to learn more (soooooo many rectangles in that class)

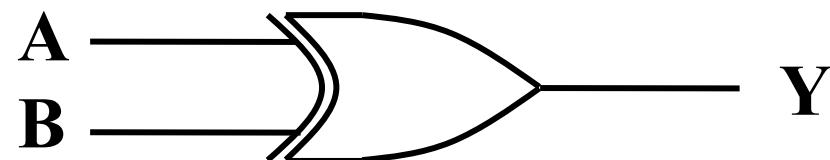
Layout schematic



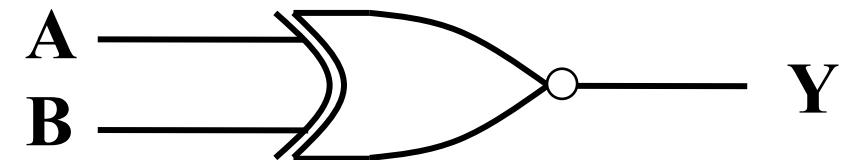
Basic gate: XOR (eXclusive OR)

Truth Table

A	B	Y
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	



XNOR Gate



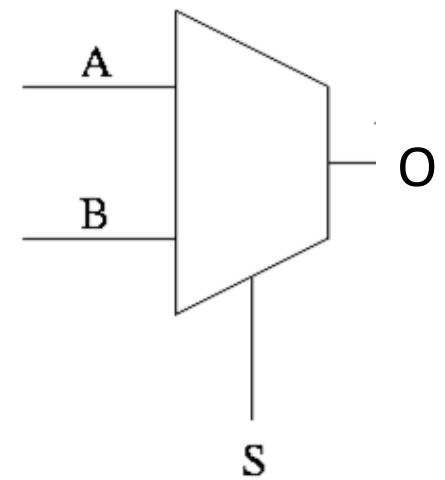
Building Complexity: Selecting

- We want to design a circuit that can select between two inputs (multiplexer or **mux**)
- Let's do a one-bit version
 1. Draw a truth table

Poll: How do we fill in the truth table for this?

A	B	S	O
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

Symbol



$$O = S ? B : A$$

Rawr!



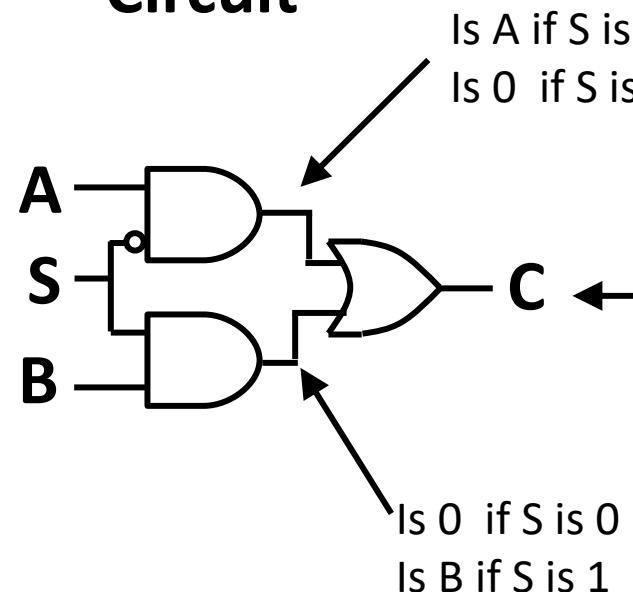
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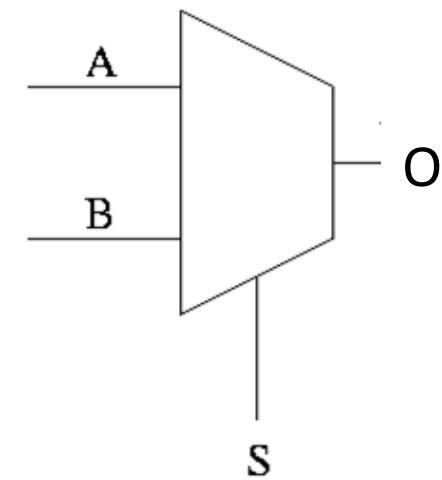
Muxes are universal! A 2^N entry truth table can be implemented by passing each output value into an input of a 2^N -to-1 mux

A	B	S	O
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

Circuit



Symbol



Building Complexity: Addition

- We want to design a circuit that performs binary addition
- Let's start by adding two bits
 - Design a circuit that takes two bits (**A** and **B**) as input
 - Generates a sum and carry bit (**S** and **C**)
 1. Make a truth table
 2. Design a circuit

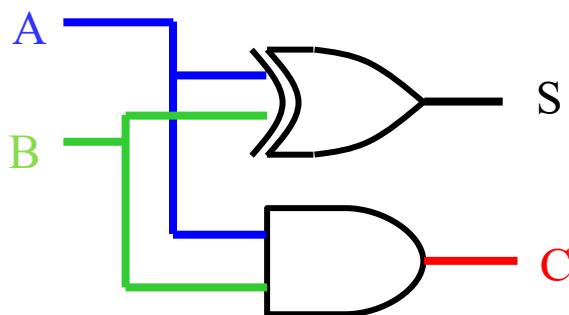
$$\begin{array}{r} 10011 \\ + 00110 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

A	B	C	S

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$$\begin{array}{r} 0110 \\ 10011 \\ +00110 \\ \hline 11001 \end{array}$$



A	B	C	S
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

Building Complexity: Addition

- Now we can add two bits, but how do we deal with carry bits?
- This is a **full adder**

- We have to design a circuit that can add three bits

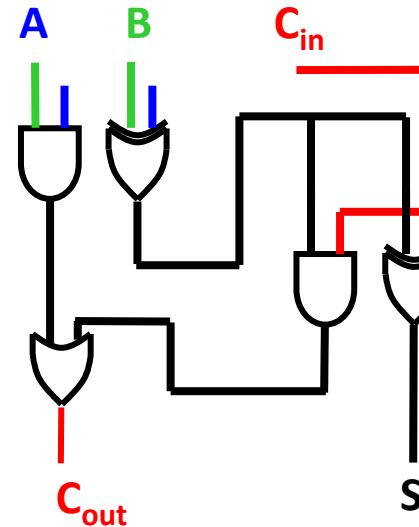
- Inputs: A, B, Cin

- Outputs: S, Cout

- Design a truth table

- Circuit

- This is a **full adder**



$$\begin{array}{r} 0110 \\ 10011 \\ + 00110 \\ \hline 11001 \end{array}$$

Cin	A	B	Cout	S
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

Next Time

- Logic circuits that "remember"
 - Aka "sequential logic"

BONUS Floating Point Slides

Bonus slides – this material is not testable

Not
testable

- This material is here for those folks that may care.
 - You *may* find it useful when considering the gap between representations
 - But the material isn't directly testable.
- It is interesting if you are into that kind of thing.
- It can be useful if you are going to do scientific programming for a living.
- So it is provided as a reference, but isn't part of the class (we may cover a bit of it in lecture if we have time)

*Not
testable*

Floating point multiplication

- Add exponents (don't forget to account for the bias of 127)
- Multiply significands (don't forget the implicit **1** bits)
- Renormalize if necessary
- Compute sign bit (simple exclusive-or)

Floating point multiply

Not
testable

$$10.625_{10} = 1010.101_2 \rightarrow 0|10000010|010101000000000000000000$$
$$10_{10} = 1010_2 \rightarrow 0|10000010|010000000000000000000000$$

The diagram illustrates the floating-point multiplication of two numbers. It shows the conversion of decimal numbers to binary, the representation of the numbers in floating-point format, and the step-by-step multiplication process.

Conversion:

- $10.625_{10} = 1010.101_2$
- $10_{10} = 1010_2$

Binary floating-point representation:

- Number 1: $0|10000010|010101000000000000000000$
- Number 2: $0|10000010|010000000000000000000000$

Operations:

- Addition of exponents: $+ -127$ (the exponent of the second number is subtracted from the first)
- Multiplication of mantissas: \times

Intermediate result:

$$0\ 1000101\ 101010010000000000000000$$

Final result:

$$1101010.01_2 = 106.25_{10}$$



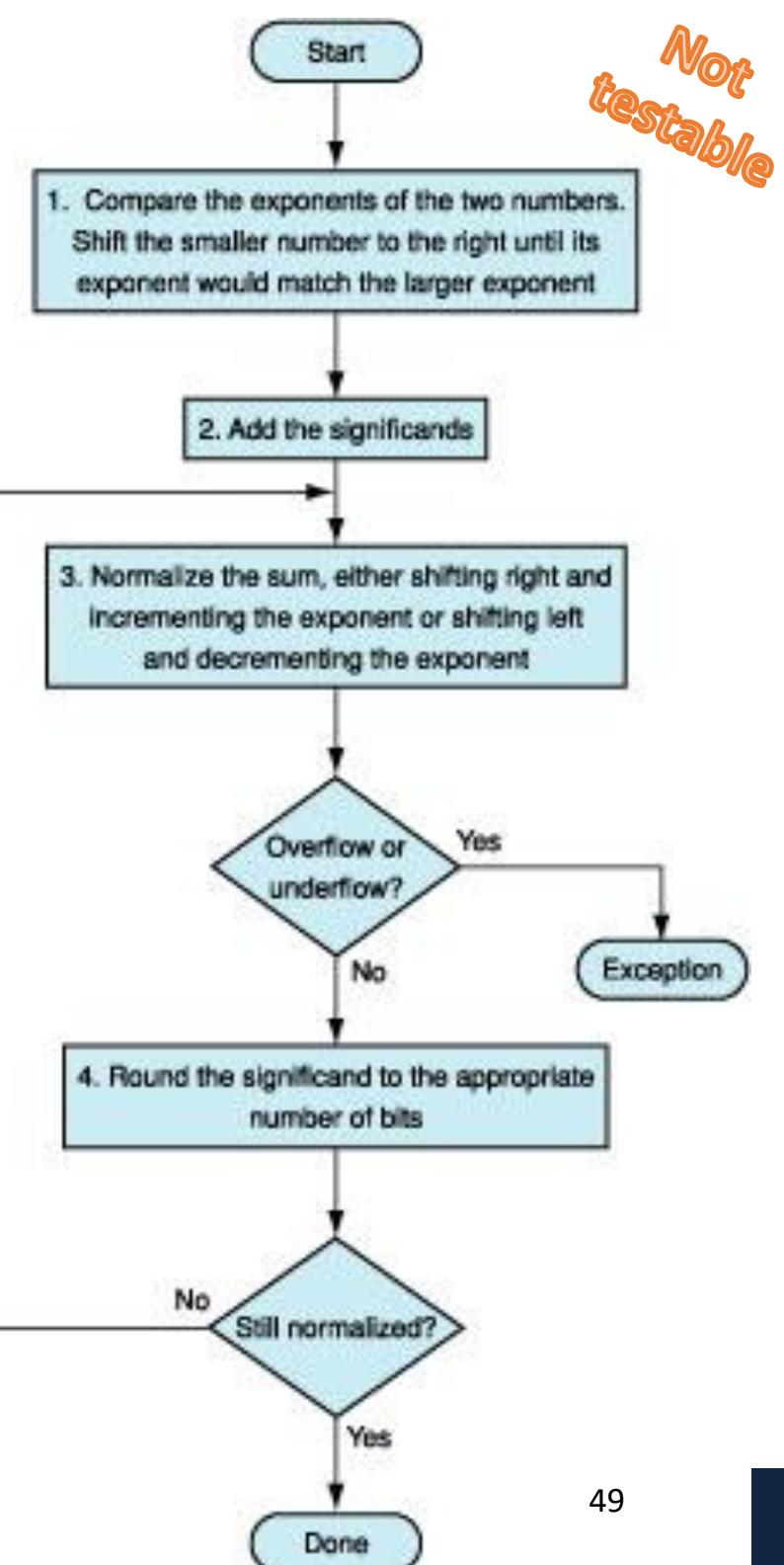
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Floating point addition

- More complicated than floating point multiplication!
- If exponents are unequal, must shift the significand of the smaller number to the right to align the corresponding place values
- Once numbers are aligned, simple addition (could be subtraction, if one of the numbers is negative)
- Renormalize (which could be messy if the numbers had opposite signs; for example, consider addition of +1.5000 and – 1.4999)
- Added complication: rounding to the correct number of bits to store could denormalize the number, and require one more step

Floating point Addition

1. Shift smaller exponent right to match larger.
2. Add significands
3. Normalize and update exponent
4. Check for “out of range”



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Class Problem

Show how to add the following 2 numbers using IEEE floating point addition: $101.125 + 13.75$



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Class Problem

101.125

0	10000101	100101001000000000000000
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13.75

0	10000010	101110000000000000000000
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Shift by $6-3 = 3$

Shift mantissa by difference in exponent

001	101110000000000000000000
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Sum Significands

$$\begin{array}{r} 1100101001 \\ + 0001101110 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

1110010111

Sum didn't overflow, so no re-normalization needed

Note: When shifting to the right, the first shift should put the implicit 1, then 0's

0	10000101	110010111000000000000000
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= 114.875

Class Problem

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Show how to add the following 2 numbers using IEEE floating point addition: $117.125 + 13.75$



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Class Problem

117.125

0	10000101	110101001000000000000000
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13.75

0	10000010	101110000000000000000000
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Shift by $6-3 = 3$

Shift mantissa by difference in exponent

001	101110000000000000000000
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Sum Significands

$$\begin{array}{r} 111010100 \\ + 0001101110 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

10000010111

Sum overflows, re-normalize by adding one
to exponent and shifting mantissa by one

Note: When shifting to the right, the
first shift should put the implicit 1, then
0's

0	10000110	0000010111000000000000
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= 130.875