

**CSSE2010 / CSSE7201**  
**Learning Lab 1**

# **Number Representations**

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## Number Representations

- Make sure you have
  - Something to write on and with
  - Your response device for polls (app or web)
  - For app, select 'East Asia' and the web URL is <http://responsewaresg.net/> ✓
- You may find a calculator useful if you have one (or use calculator on PC)

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# What happens in Learning Lab sessions?

A mix of:

- Mini-lectures (lots of content today, won't usually be this much)
- Problem Solving: Simulations, building up circuits on a breadboard, designing and writing software (C/Assembly), and debugging
- Poll questions
  - **Some are individual** to test **your** understanding and let us know how many people are on the right track
  - Copying someone else does not help you or us ✓
- Prac activities (hands-on with equipment/software)
  - Not today – this starts next week
- **Today: Kit distribution to internal (IN) students.**
- ✓ ● **EX students: Your labs for the first half of the course will be based on Logisim software. For the second half (i.e. from week 6-7) you will need the hardware items that you are supposed to acquire. A list is given in the ECP.**

# Today

## Number Representations ✓

- Octal, hexadecimal, *binary* ✓
- Negative Numbers ✓
  - Signed magnitude ✓
  - Ones' complement ✓
  - Two's complement ✓
  - Excess  $2^{m-1}$  ✓

# Poll question: What is 10010010 ✓

## converted to decimal?

0% A. -110

0% B. -109

0% C. -18

3% D. 18

0% E. 82

87% F. 146 ✓

5% G. None of the above

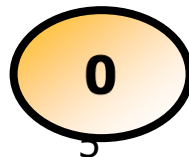
5% H. I don't know ✓

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 2^7 & 2^6 & 2^5 & 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$2^7 + 2^4 + 2^1 = 128 + 16 + 2 = 146$$

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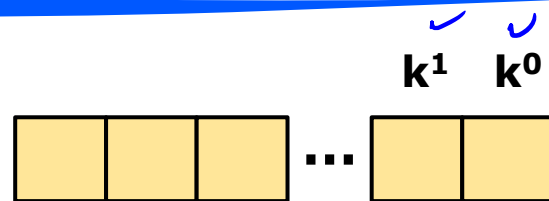
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# Radices (from lecture 1)

base

- A radix-k number system *radix-10 10 symbols 0, 1, 2, ..., 9*
  - $k$  different symbols to represent digits 0 to  $k-1$
  - Value of each digit is (from the right)  $k^0, k^1, k^2, k^3, \dots$
- Often convenient to deal with
  - **Octal** (radix-8)
    - Symbols: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    - One octal digit corresponds to 3 bits
  - **Hexadecimal** (radix-16)
    - Symbols: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F
    - One hexadecimal digit corresponds to 4 bits (useful!)



**N-digit radix-k number**

*byte = 8-bit  
= 2 hex*

<b>Dec</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Oct</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	20	21
<b>Hex</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	10	11

# Poll question – What's the maximum value you can represent in n radix-k digits?

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A.  $nk$

B.  $nk-1$

C.  $k^n$

✓ D.  $(k^n)-1$

E.  $k^{(n-1)}$

F.  $(n^k)-1$

G.  $nk^n$

H.  $(nk^n)-1$

Tip: consider examples in base 10 or 2

2-digit base 10  $\rightarrow 99 \rightarrow 10^2 - 1 = 99$   
3-digit "  $\rightarrow 999 \rightarrow 10^3 - 1 = 999$   
 $k^n - 1$

4-digit base 2

1111  $\rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 2^4 - 1 = 15$

**Answer Individually (No discussion)**

This is to test your individual understanding.

There will be discussion afterwards (unless all correct)

# Conversions

$$2^2 2^1 2^0 \\ 101 \rightarrow 2^2 + 2^0 = 4 + 1 = 5$$

1 ● Convert 1001101001 (unsigned binary) to

■ octal ✓

1 1 5 1  $2^3 = 8$   
001/001/101/001

■ hexadecimal (hex) ✓  $2^4 = 16$

2 6 9  
0010/0110/1001

2 ● Convert C55E7201 (hex) to

■ octal ✓

hex → binary → octal

0...9  
A B C D E F  
10 11 12

3 0 5 2 7 4 7 1 0 0 1  
011/000/101(010/ 111/0 011/001/0 0000 0001  
C 5 5 E 7 2 0 1



# Negative Numbers

- Computers don't store + and - signs, must use binary digits (0,1)
- 4 different formats have been used...
  - Signed magnitude ✓
  - Ones' complement ✓
  - **Two's complement – this is what is practically used. We'll see why** ✓
  - Excess  $2^{m-1}$  ✓

# Negative Numbers - Signed Magnitude Representation

- **Signed magnitude**

- Leftmost bit = **sign-bit**

- 0 = positive ✓
- 1 = negative ✓

- Negate by

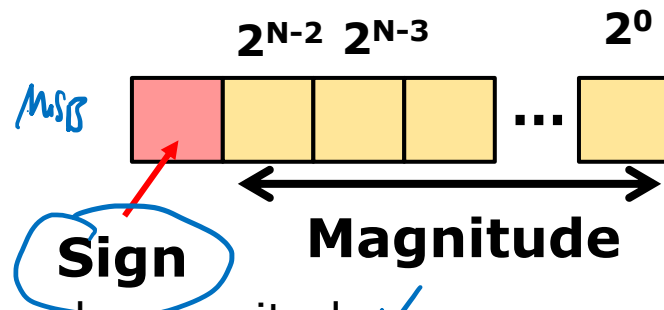
- Inverting sign-bit

- Sign bit does not contribute towards magnitude ✓

- Example: 8-bit signed magnitude representations of +47 and -47

+47:  $2^6 2^5 2^4 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0$   
 0 0 1 0 1 1 1

-47: 1 0 1 0 1 1 1  
 -ve



# What range of numbers can be represented with 8-bit signed-magnitude binary?

3% A. 0 to 255

9% B. -255 to 255

9% C. -256 to 256

21% D. -128 to 127

3% E. -128 to 128

✓ 45% F. -127 to 127 ✓

3% G. -127 to 128

6% H. None of the above

1-bit for sign ✓

7-bits for magnitudes ✓

$$K^n - 1$$

$$2^7 - 1 = 127$$

Largest -ve number:

sign bit is -ve

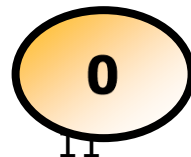
Largest magnitude

Largest +ve number

sign bit +ve

Largest magnitude = 127

Answer Individually (No discussion initially)



# What range of numbers can be represented with $n$ -bit signed-magnitude binary?

0% A. 0 to  $2^n - 1$

35% B.  $-(2^{n-1} - 1)$  to  $2^{n-1} - 1$  ✗

0% C.  $-2^n$  to  $2^n$

0% D.  $-(2^{(n-1)} - 1)$  to  $2^{(n-1)}$

6% E.  $-2^{(n-1)}$  to  $2^{(n-1)}$

✓ 59% F.  $-(2^{(n-1)} - 1)$  to  $2^{(n-1)} - 1$  ✓

0% G.  $-2^{(n-1)}$  to  $2^{(n-1)} - 1$

0% H. None of the above

$n = 8\text{-bit} \rightarrow > \text{bits for magnitude}$

$-(2^7 - 1)$  to  $2^7 - 1$

$-127$  to  $127$

$-(2^{n-1} - 1)$  to  $2^{n-1} - 1$

# Negative Numbers – Ones' complement

## • Ones' complement ✓

- Leftmost bit = sign-bit (as per signed magnitude, **but now also contributes towards magnitude in negative**)

- 0 = positive ✓
- 1 = negative ✓



- Bit position values changed as →
- By having the bit position values like this allows us to find the negative number by just **inverting all the bits** ✓

✓ So, if you want to find  $(-A)$ , get the binary representation of  $A$  and **obtain its ones' complement**, i.e. by inverting all the bits ✓

- See, a simple 4-bit example: ones' complement representation of +3 and -3 ✓

+3: 0011 ✓

$-(2^3-1)$   $2^2$   $2^1$   $2^0$   
→ 4 2 1

-3: 1100 ✓

→ 4 00 = -3 ✓

# What range of numbers can be represented with 8-bit ones' complement binary?

4% A. 0 to 255

19% B. -255 to 255

0% C. -256 to 256

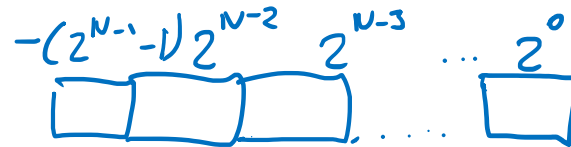
31% D. -128 to 127

12% E. -128 to 128

✓ 35% F. -127 to 127

0% G. -127 to 128

0% H. None of the above



Largest -ve number

1 000 0000  $-(2^7-1) = -127$  ✓

Largest +ve number

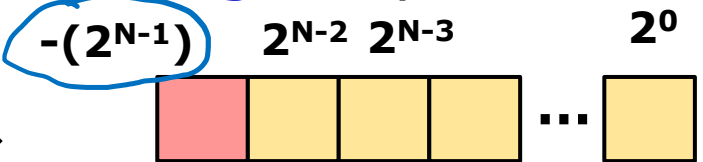
0 111 1111  $= 2^7-1 = 127$

# Negative Numbers – Two's complement

## Two's complement

- Leftmost bit = sign-bit (as per signed magnitude, **but now also contributes towards magnitude in negative**)

- 0 = positive ✓
- 1 = negative ✓



- Bit position values changed as →
- By having the bit position values like this allows us to find the negative number by **inverting all the bits and adding 1** ✓

- So, if you want to find  $(-A)$ , get the binary representation of  $A$  and **obtain its two's complement**, i.e. inverting all the bits and add 1 ✓

- See, a simple 4-bit example: ~~ones'~~ <sup>two's</sup> complement representation of +3 and -3

$+3: 0011 \rightarrow -3: \begin{array}{r} 1100 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 1101 \end{array}$ 
 $\begin{array}{r} -2^3 \quad 2^2 \quad 2^1 \quad 2^0 \\ -8 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 1 \end{array}$ 
 $-8 + 4 + 1 = -3$

# Comparing signed magnitude with two's complement

- Signed magnitude (8-bit)

		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Sign bit	0: +	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
	1: -	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

- Two's complement format (8-bit)

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
$-2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
-128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1



# What range of numbers can be represented with 8-bit two's complement binary?

0% A. 0 to 255

7% B. -255 to 255

0% C. -256 to 256

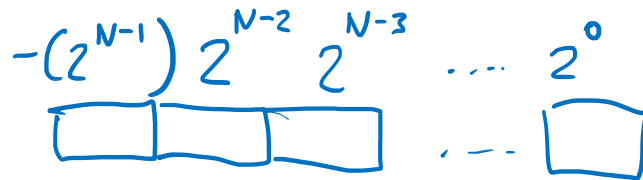
✓ 45% D. -128 to 127 ✓

24% E. -128 to 128

14% F. -127 to 127

10% G. -127 to 128

0% H. None of the above

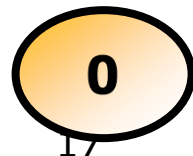


Largest -ve number

$$1000\ 0000 = -2^{8-1} = -128$$

Largest +ve number

$$0\ 111\ 111 = 2^7 - 1 = 127$$



Answer Individually (No discussion initially)

# What range of numbers can be represented with n-bit two's complement binary?

0% A. 0 to  $2^n - 1$

0% B.  $-(2^n - 1)$  to  $2^n - 1$

0% C.  $-2^n$  to  $2^n$

6% D.  $-(2^{(n-1)} - 1)$  to  $2^{(n-1)}$

3% E.  $-2^{(n-1)}$  to  $2^{(n-1)}$

3% F.  $-(2^{(n-1)} - 1)$  to  $2^{(n-1)} - 1$

✓ 87% G.  $-2^{(n-1)}$  to  $2^{(n-1)} - 1$  ✓

0% H. None of the above

$$-(2^{N-1}) \quad 2^{N-2} \quad 2^{N-3} \quad \dots \quad 2^0$$

$$\text{-ve: } -2^{N-1}$$

$$\text{+ve: } 2^{N-1} - 1$$

# Negative Numbers – Excess $2^m-1$ ✓

- **Excess  $2^m-1$**

- e.g for 8 bits, “excess 128” ✓
- Number stored as true value plus 128 ✓
  - e.g. -3 stored as  $-3 + 128 = 125$  ✓
  - e.g. 3 stored as  $3 + 128 = 131$  ✓

0 sign-bit = -ve  
1 sign-bit = +ve

- Interestingly, same as two’s complement with sign-bit reversed (0 in most significant bit means bit value of -128, 1 means bit value of 0)
- Practical use: hardware becomes simple for comparing two signed numbers. ✓

↳ essentially comparing unsigned numbers

- Example: Excess-128 representations of +47 and -47

+47 => 175  
10101111

-47 => 81  
01010001

larger → 10101 } unsigned  
                  ✓

# What range of numbers can be represented with 8-bit excess-128 binary?

- 26% A. 0 to 255 -ve → negative
- 4% B. -255 to 255 +ve → positive
- 4% C. -256 to 256 Largest -ve number
- ✓ 39% D. -128 to 127 ✓✓✓  $0000\ 0000 = 0 - 128 = -128$
- 13% E. -128 to 128 Largest +ve
- 0% F. -127 to 127  $1111\ 1111$
- 9% G. -127 to 128  $2^8 - 1 = 255 - 128 = 127$
- 4% H. None of the above

Answer Individually (No discussion initially)

## Limitations/Advantages

- Two representations of zero - undesirable
  - Signed-magnitude ✓
    - e.g. for 8 bits:  $00000000$ ,  $10000000$
  - Ones' complement ✓
    - e.g. for 8 bits:  $00000000$ ,  $11111111$
  - This means we've wasted one bit pattern which could've been used to represent something else to increase the range. ✓  
*2's comp +0: 0000 0000*

- Asymmetric range
    - Two's complement
    - Excess  $2^{m-1}$
- 8-bits  
-128 - 127

2's comp to: 0000 0000  
 -0: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1  
 + 1  
 0 000 0000 = +0

Excess:  $+0 \rightarrow 0 + 128 = 128 = 1000\ 0000$ ,  $-0 \rightarrow -0 + 128 = 128 = 1000\ 0000 = +0$

# Poll question: What is 10010010 converted to decimal?

- 0% A. -110
- 0% B. -109
- 6% C. -18
- 0% D. 18
- 0% E. 82
- x 39% F. 146 *Unsigned*
- 11% G. None of the above
- 44% H. I don't know ✓

# Format matters!

- Binary data is meaningless unless you know the format
- Example: **01010101** could be
  - 85 (if format is an 8-bit unsigned number) ✓
  - -43 (if format is excess-128) ✓
  - 'U' (if format is an ASCII character) ✓
  - 10.625 (if format is an 8-bit unsigned fixed-point number with 5 bits before the binary point and 3 after) ✓
- The format is not encoded in the data, this must be known separately, by e.g.
  - A human ✓
  - A computer program (software) *unsigned int, int, char*
  - Digital hardware (e.g. CPU) ✓

# Complete the following by yourself and observe changes across various formats

## 4-bit unsigned

0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7
1000	8
1001	9
1010	10
1011	11
1100	12
1101	13
1110	14
1111	15

## 4-bit sign-mag

0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7
1000	-0
1001	-1
1010	-2
1011	-3
1100	-4
1101	-5
1110	-6
1111	-7

## 4-bit 1's comp

0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7
1000	-7
1001	-6
1010	-5
1011	-4
1100	-3
1101	-2
1110	-1
1111	-0

## 4-bit 2's comp

0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7
1000	-8
1001	-7
1010	-6
1011	-5
1100	-4
1101	-3
1110	-2
1111	-1

## 4-bit excess-8

0000	-8
0001	-7
0010	-6
0011	-5
0100	-4
0101	-3
0110	-2
0111	-1
1000	0
1001	1
1010	2
1011	3
1100	4
1101	5
1110	6
1111	7



# Kit Borrowing for IN Students

- Sign and submit the kit borrowing agreement and collect your kit. Wait in your tables, do not queue up.
- Check if you have all the parts
- Do not use the kit until we advise to do so – there are things that you can easily break
- For next week, you will use the logic chips and breadboard and will be advised how to use them.
- The AVR microcontroller is needed only in the second half of the course
- IN students – if you either drop the course or change to EX mode after borrowing the kit, you must return the kit within 3 business days by contacting the course coordinator via email.

**EX students: you don't need hardware until week 6. But start acquiring your hardware items now (the list is on the ECP). Ask questions if you are unsure about any part.**

