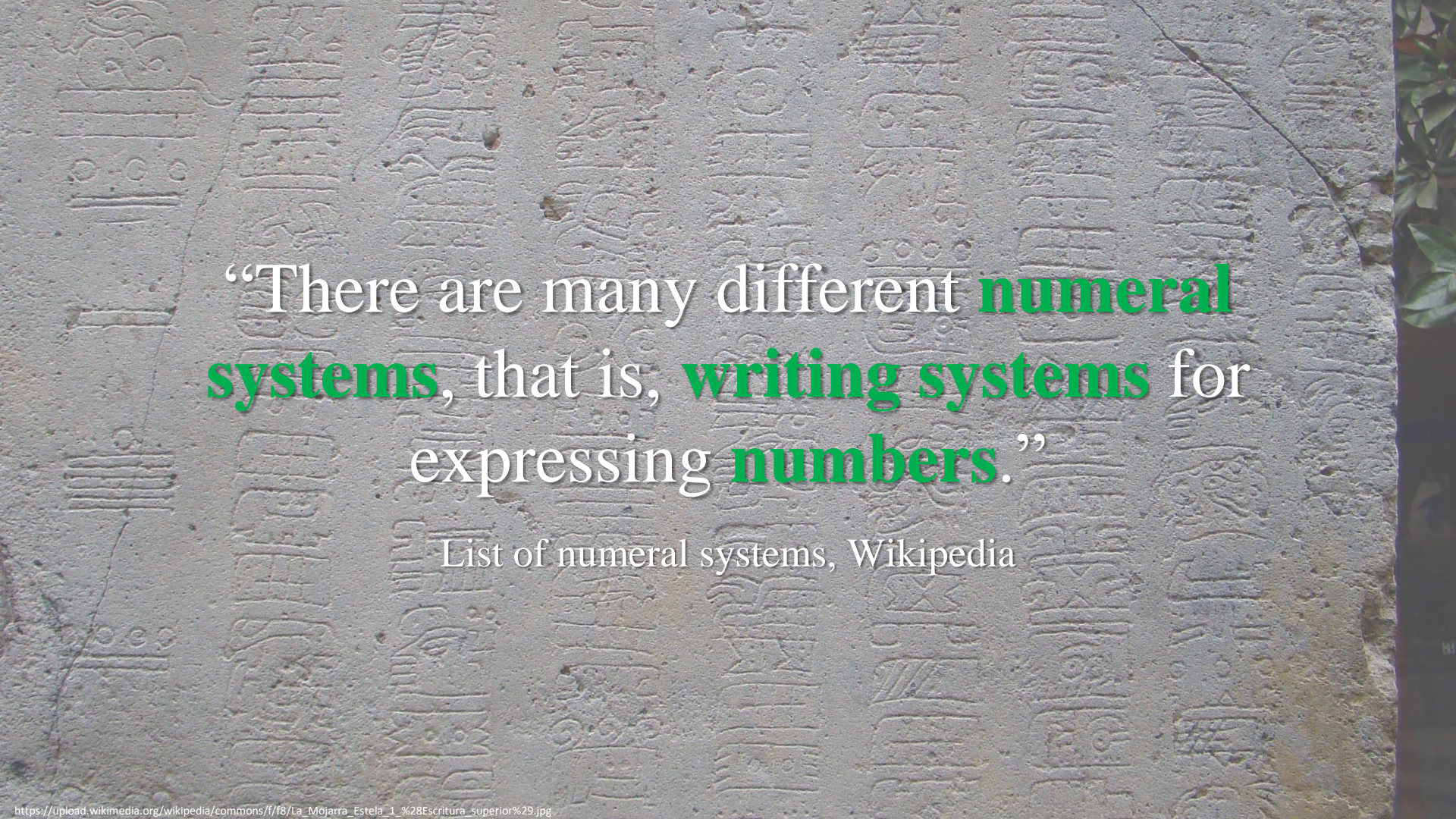


#2.2

Positional Numeral Systems

There are only 10 types of people
in the world.

Those who understand binary and
those who don't.



“There are many different **numeral systems**, that is, **writing systems** for expressing **numbers**.”

List of numeral systems, Wikipedia

ERBAUT = MDCCCLXXII.

$$\begin{aligned} 1872 = & 2 \cdot 1 + \\ & 7 \cdot 10 + \\ & 8 \cdot 100 + \\ & 1 \cdot 1000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & & \\ & \text{3} & \text{2} & \text{1} & \text{0} & & \\ (\text{1872})_{10} = & \text{2} & \cdot & 10^0 & + & & \\ & \text{7} & \cdot & 10^1 & + & & \\ & \text{8} & \cdot & 10^2 & + & & \\ & \text{1} & \cdot & 10^3 & & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
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 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\
 (1 & 8 & 7 & 2)_{10} = 2 \cdot 10^0 + \\
 & & & 7 \cdot 10^1 + \\
 & & & 8 \cdot 10^2 + \\
 & & & 1 \cdot 10^3
 \end{array} \\
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 (a_3 a_2 a_1 a_0)_{10} = \sum_{i=0}^3 a_i \cdot 10^i
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

The diagram illustrates the expansion of the decimal number (1872)₁₀ into its positional components. The digits 1, 8, 7, and 2 are shown in blue, with their respective place values 10³, 10², 10¹, and 10⁰ shown in green. Blue arrows connect the digits to the corresponding coefficients a₃, a₂, a₁, and a₀ in the general formula (a₃a₂a₁a₀)₁₀ = ∑_{i=0}³ a_i · 10ⁱ. The coefficients a₃, a₂, a₁, and a₀ are shown in green and enclosed in dashed blue boxes.

$$(a_n \dots a_1 a_0)_{10} = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \cdot 10^i$$






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quatre-vingt-dix-neuf

$$4 * 20 + 19$$

0	1	2	3	4
	•	••	•••	••••

5	6	7	8	9
	• 	•• 	••• 	•••• 

10	11	12	13	14
	• 	•• 	••• 	•••• 

15	16	17	18	19
	• 	•• 	••• 	•••• 

2

1

0



$13 \cdot 20^0$

33



$1 \cdot 20^2$



$1 \cdot 20^1$



$9 \cdot 20^0$

429



$12 \cdot 20^2$



$16 \cdot 20^1$



$5 \cdot 20^0$

5125

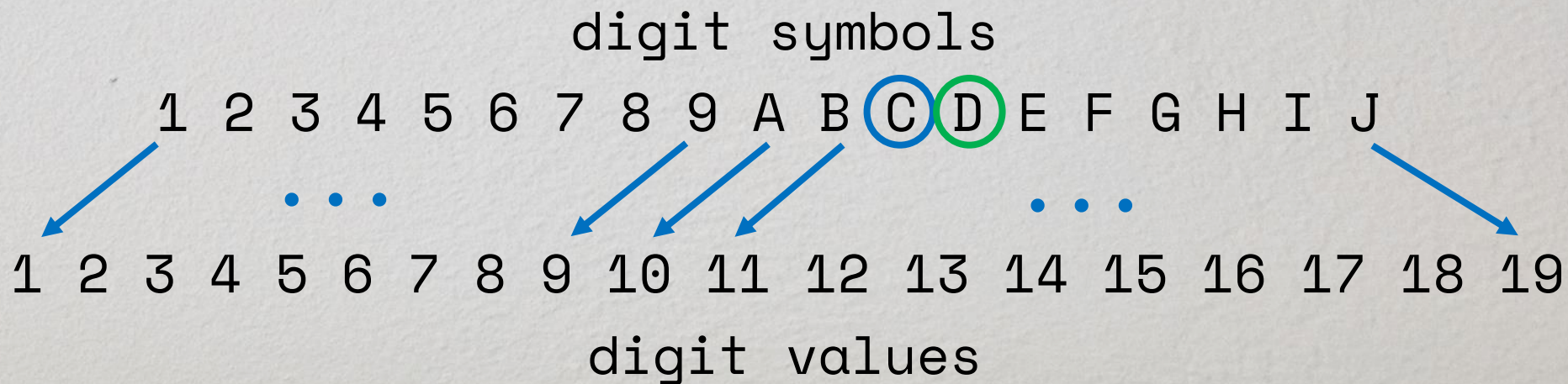


$$\begin{aligned} 1872 &= 12 \cdot 1 + \\ &\quad 13 \cdot 20 + \\ &\quad 4 \cdot 400 \\ &= 12 \cdot 20^0 + \\ &\quad 13 \cdot 20^1 + \\ &\quad 4 \cdot 20^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$1872 = 12 \cdot 20^0 +$$

$$?? \cdot 13 \cdot 20^1 +$$

$$4 \cdot 20^2$$



$$(1872)_{10} = (4DC)_{20}$$

$$(a_n \dots a_1 a_0)_{20} = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \cdot 20^i$$

↻ Positional Numeral System*

$$r, r \in \mathbb{N}, r > 1$$

Radix or **base** of the numeral system.

$$D = \{ \dots \}$$

Set of symbols, called **digits**, that are used on a single position in a positional notation.

$$|D| = r$$

Numeral system with **radix** r has exactly r **digits** in D .

$$v : D \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (r - 1)\} \subset \mathbb{N}$$

Bijjective function that assigns a **numerical value** to each **digit** in D .

$$(d_n \dots d_1 d_0)_r, d_i \in D, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

A **numeral** consisting of one or more **digits** used for representing a **number** in a numeral system with **radix** r .

$$N = \sum_{i=0}^n v(d_i) \cdot r^i$$

The **number** represented by the above **numeral** in a numeral system with **radix** r .

* With positive integer bases and without fractions ;-). In a more general case, a base can be a negative integer, any real number like e.g., π , even a complex number, and of course we can have fractions as well.

↻ E.g., Base-10 (Decimal) System

$$r = 10$$

$$D = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$|D| = 10$$

d	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$v(d)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

$$(1872)_{10}$$

$$N = 2 \cdot 10^0 + 7 \cdot 10^1 + 8 \cdot 10^2 + 1 \cdot 10^3 = 1872$$

↻ E.g., Base-10 (Decimal) System [Devanagari]

$$r = 10$$

$$D = \{०, १, २, ३, ४, ५, ६, ७, ८, ९\}$$

$$|D| = 10$$

d	०	१	२	३	४	५	६	७	८	९
$v(d)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

$$(१८७२)_{10}$$

$$N = 2 \cdot 10^0 + 7 \cdot 10^1 + 8 \cdot 10^2 + 1 \cdot 10^3 = 1872$$

↻ E.g., Base-20 (Vigesimal) System

$$r = 20$$

$$D = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J\}$$

$$|D| = 20$$

d	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
$v(d)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

$$(4DC)_{20}$$
























$$N = 12 \cdot 20^0 + 13 \cdot 20^1 + 4 \cdot 20^2 = 1872$$

↻ E.g., Base-20 (Vigesimal) System [Maya]

$$r = 20$$

$$D = \left\{ \text{shell}, \cdot, \bullet, \bullet\bullet, \bullet\bullet\bullet, \bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet, \text{—}, \text{—}^\bullet, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet}, \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet} \right\}$$

$$|D| = 20$$

d	                      
$v(d)$	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

$$(\dots \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet} \text{—}^{\bullet\bullet})_{20}$$

$$N = 12 \cdot 20^0 + 13 \cdot 20^1 + 4 \cdot 20^2 = 1872$$

↻ E.g., Base-16 (Hexadecimal) System

$$r = 16$$

$$D = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F\}$$

$$|D| = 16$$

<i>d</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
<i>v(d)</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

$$(750)_{16}$$

$$N = 0 \cdot 16^0 + 5 \cdot 16^1 + 7 \cdot 16^2 = 1872$$

↻ E.g., Base-8 (Octal) System

$$r = 8$$

$$D = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$|D| = 8$$

d	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$v(d)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

$$(3520)_8$$

$$N = 0 \cdot 8^0 + 2 \cdot 8^1 + 5 \cdot 8^2 + 3 \cdot 8^3 = 1872$$

↻ E.g., Base-2 (Binary) System

$$r = 2$$

$$D = \{0, 1\}$$

$$|D| = 2$$

d	0	1
$v(d)$	0	1

$$(11101010000)_2$$

$$N = 0 \cdot 2^0 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + 1 \cdot 2^{10} = 1872$$

↻ Some “Obvious” Identities

$$\min(v(d)) = 0$$

$$\max(v(d)) = r - 1$$

$$\max(\{N = (d_n \dots d_1 d_0)_r : d_i \in D, n \in \mathbb{N}\}) = r^{n+1} - 1$$

E.g.:

$$r = 10, n = 2 \Rightarrow \max(N) = 10^{2+1} - 1 = (1000)_{10} - 1 = (999)_{10}$$

$$r = 16, n = 2 \Rightarrow \max(N) = 16^{2+1} - 1 = (1000)_{16} - 1 = (FFF)_{10}$$

$$r = 2, n = 2 \Rightarrow \max(N) = 2^{2+1} - 1 = (1000)_2 - 1 = (111)_2$$

↻ $(x_n \dots x_1 x_0)_r \rightarrow (y_m \dots y_1 y_0)_{10}$ **Conversion**

$$(4DC)_{20} = 12 \cdot 20^0 + 13 \cdot 20^1 + 4 \cdot 20^2 = (1872)_{10}$$

$$(750)_{16} = 0 \cdot 16^0 + 5 \cdot 16^1 + 7 \cdot 16^2 = (1872)_{10}$$

$$(3520)_8 = 0 \cdot 8^0 + 2 \cdot 8^1 + 5 \cdot 8^2 + 3 \cdot 8^3 = (1872)_{10}$$

$$(11101010000)_2 = 0 \cdot 2^0 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + \dots + 1 \cdot 2^{10} = (1872)_{10}$$

↻ $(x_n \dots x_1 x_0)_{10} \rightarrow (y_m \dots y_1 y_0)_r$ **Conversion**

	remainder	
1872 $\nearrow 20$	12	C
93 $\nearrow 20$	13	D
4 $\nearrow 20$	4	
0		

$(4DC)_{20}$