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Data Representations – <u>Part 1</u> Lecture 7

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➤ Objectives - To understand:

- Base of number systems: decimal, binary, octal and hexadecimal
- Textual information stored as ASCII
- Binary addition/subtraction
- Binary logical operations
- Unsigned and signed binary number systems
- Fixed point binary representations
- Floating point representations
- Encoding schemes

➤ By the end of the lecture, you should be able to:

- Convert between numbers represented in different bases
- Perform simple binary arithmetic and logical operations
- Read and interpret hexadecimal numbers with reasonable speed

What Does Data Mean?

Definition

- In General: Data refers to the information that represent people, events, things, and ideas. Data can be a name, a number, the colors in a photograph, or the notes in a musical composition.
- ➤ <u>In Digital World</u>: Data is information processed, transmitted or stored by electronic devices. This information may be in the form of digital photographs, music files, software programs, word processing documents, PDFs and countless other types of data.

Data Representation

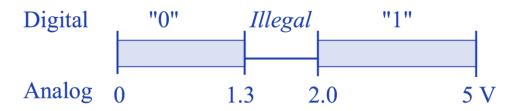
- The form in which data is stored, processed, and transmitted.
- Data need to be represented in a convenient way that simplifies:
 - common operations: addition, comparison, etc.
 - hardware implementation (cheap, fast, reliable)

Why Learn Data Representation?

- Data representation is a major part of the software-hardware interface.
- > It is important to understand data representation to write correct and high-performance programs.

Electronic Representation of Data

- ➤ Electronic data representation has to be simple so that it can be handled by electronic circuitry in digital devices.
- ➤ Information can be represented by a voltage level.
- A voltage signal which has only two possibilities (HIGH or LOW) is a bit—stands for Binary Digit.
- A bit is a 0 or 1 used in the digital representation of data.
- > <u>Advantage:</u> easy to do computation, very reliable, simple to implement in electronic hardware (switch).
- ➤ <u>Disadvantage:</u> too little information per bit, must use many of them.
- ➤ On the Cortex-M microcontroller, a voltage between 2 and 5V is considered high, and a voltage between 0 and 1.3V is considered low.

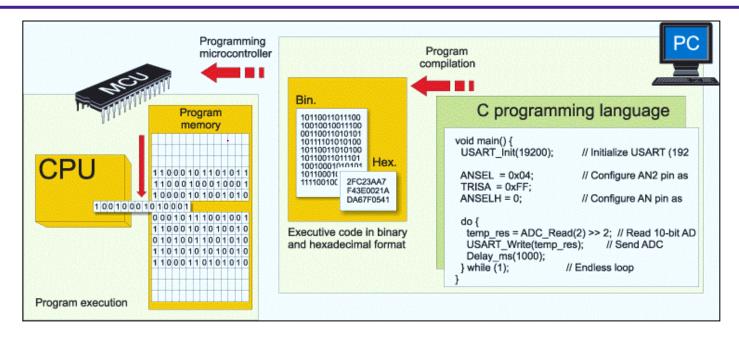


➤ Different digital logic families assign a different range of voltages to be equal to a logical "0" and a logic "1".



Number Systems

Compilers and assemblers are used to convert high-level language and assembler language codes into a compact machine code for storage in the microcontroller's memory



- Binary data and instructions are stored through billions of tiny transistors.
- > Each transistor can either exist in an **ON** or **OFF** state.
- An OFF state is considered a "0", and an ON state a "1".



Number Systems Overview

Binary

- Base value: 2
- Used in digital devices.
- Uses the digits {0,1}
- E.g. (1011)₂
- (01101010)₂=0*2⁷+1*2⁶+1 *2⁵+0*2⁴+1*2³+0*2²+1*2¹
 - **+0***2⁰=64+32+8+2=106

Octal

- Base value: 8
- Used to present binary numbers in a compact form.
- Uses the digits {0,1,3,4,5,6,7}
- Denoted as (5643)₈

Decimal

- Base value: 10
- Used by human beings for counting and measurements
- Uses the digits {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}
- E.g. (**1874**)₁₀

- Base value: 16
- Used to present binary numbers in a compact form.

Hexadecimal

- Uses the digits {0,1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F}
- Denoted as (45AC)₁₆ or 0x45AC in C language

Number Systems



Why Use Octal or Hexadecimal?



- Writing or reading a long sequence of binary bits is cumbersome and error-prone!
- Try to read this binary string: (1011001010000110001110100011000)₂, which is the same as hexadecimal (B3431D18)₁₆ or octal (13120616430)₈

To make life easier:

- Large binary numbers are split up into groups to make them more convenient to write, understand, and handle.
- For example, the group of binary digits (1101 0101 1100 1111)₂ or (001 101 010 111 001 111)₂ are much easier to read and understand than (110101111001111)₂



- The Octal Numbering System breaks a binary number into groups of three and represents each group of three binary numbers with one octal number. Can you guess why?
- \rightarrow (1101 0101 1100 1111)₂ = (D5CF)₁₆
 - The Hexadecimal Numbering System breaks a binary number into groups of four and represents each group of four binary numbers with one hexadecimal number. Can you guess why?

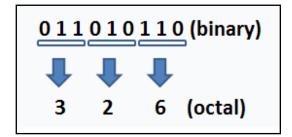




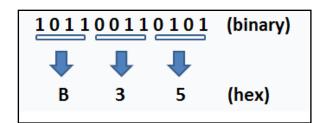
Conversion from Binary to Octal or Hexadecimal

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexadecimal	
0	0000 0		0	
1	0001	1	1	
2	0010	2	2	
3	0011	3	3	
4	0100	4	4	
5	0101	5	5	
6	0110	6	6	
7	0111	7	7	
8	1000	10	8	
9	1001	11	9	
10	1010	12	A	
11	1011	13	В	
12	1100	14	C	
13	1101	15	D	
14	1110	16	Е	
15	1111	17	F	

Binary to Octal Conversion



Binary to Hexadecimal Conversion



The use of octal numbers has declined as most modern computers no longer base their word length on multiples of three bits, (they are based on multiples of four bits, so hexadecimal is more widely used).



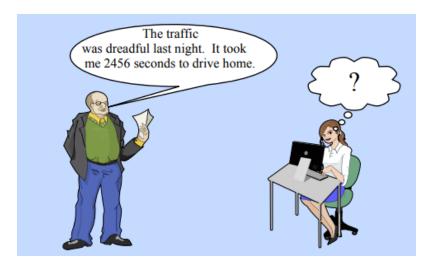
Advantages and Uses of Hexadecimal Numbers

Advantages

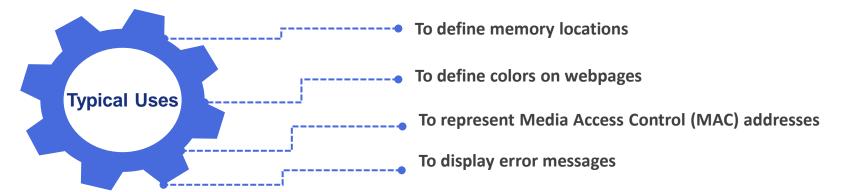
- Concise. The number of digits used to signify a given number is usually less than in binary, decimal, or octal.
- Fast and simple to convert between hexadecimal numbers and binary.
- Hexadecimal can be used to write large binary numbers in just a few digits.

It allows you to store more information using less space.

Human-friendly, as humans are used to grouping together numbers and things for easier understanding.



Lowers the possibility of error occurring.

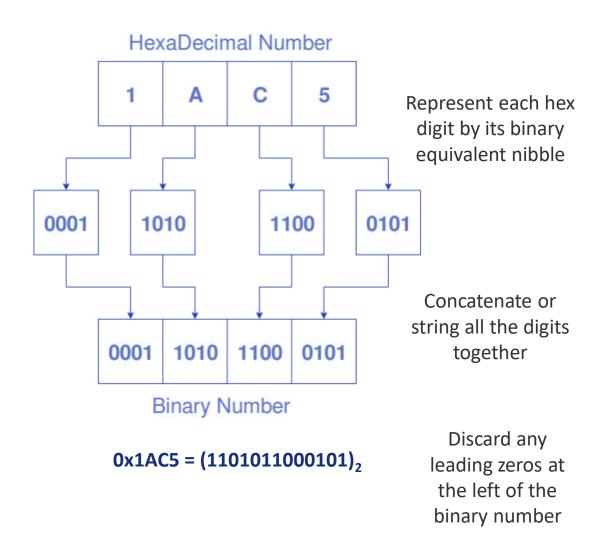




Nibble

Conversion from Hexadecimal to Binary

	Binary	Hex
	0000	0x0
	0001	0x1
	0010	0x2
	0011	0x3
	0100	0x4
	0101	0x5
	0110	0x6
	0111	0x7
	1000	0x8
	1001	0x9
	1010	0xA
	1011	0xB
	1100	0xC
	1101	0xD
•	1110	0xE
	1111	0xF





Conversion from Base r to Decimal

Given an *n*-digit base *r* number:

 $d_{n-1}d_{n-2}d_{n-3}...d_2d_1d_0$ (base r), the decimal equivalent is given by:

$$d_{n-1}^* r^{n-1} + d_{n-2}^* r^{n-2} + ... + d_1^* r^1 + d_0^* r^0$$

For example:

$$(A1C2)_{16} = 10*16^3 + 1*16^2 + 12*16^1 + 2*16^0 = (41410)_{10}$$

 $(10110)_2 = 1*2^4 + 0*2^3 + 1*2^2 + 1*2^1 + 0*2^0 = (22)_{10}$

Conversion from Decimal to Base r

Use repeated division/remainder.

For example:

To convert $(261)_{10}$ to hexadecimal:

261/16 => quotient=16 remainder=5

16/16 => quotient=1 remainder=0

1/16 => quotient=0 remainder=1 (quotient=0 stop)

Hence, $(261)_{10} = (105)_{16}$ (Collect the hex digits from the remainder in reverse order)



Conversion from Decimal to Base 2

 Repeatedly divide the Decimal Integer by 2. Each remainder is a binary digit in the translated value:

Division	Quotient	Remainder	
37 / 2	18	1 -	least significant bit
18 / 2	9	0	
9/2	4	1]
4/2	2	0	
2/2	1	0	
1/2	0	1 -	most significant bit

 $37_{10} = 100101_2$

stop when quotient is zero



Let's play a game!

Go to: https://www.menti.com

Enter the code: 9349 2689



Try it yourself!

- Convert the decimal number 108 into:
 - Binary number.
 - Hexadecimal number.

- Convert the binary number 1000011000 into:
 - Hexadecimal number.
 - Decimal number.



Try it yourself!

Convert the decimal number 108 into:

Binary number: 1101100

Hexadecimal number: 6C

Convert the binary number 1000011000 into:

Hexadecimal number: 218

Decimal number: 536



Why Data Representation?

- A microcontroller uses a fixed number of bits to represent a piece of data, which could be a number, a character, or others. Hardware cannot handle infinite long bit sequences.
- \triangleright A *n*-bit storage location can represent up to 2^n distinct entities.
- E.g. a 3-bit memory location can hold one of these eight binary patterns: 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, or 111. It can represent at most 8 distinct entities:
 - represent numbers 0 to 7,
 - numbers 8881 to 8888,
 - characters 'A' to 'H',
 - or up to 8 kinds of fruits like apple, orange, banana, etc.
- A memory location stores a binary pattern. It is entirely up to the programmer to decide on how these patterns are to be interpreted.
- For example, the 8-bit binary pattern "(0100 0001)₂" can be interpreted as an unsigned integer 65, or an ASCII character 'A', or any other kind of data known only to the programmer.
- > The programmer first decides how to represent a piece of data in a binary pattern before the binary patterns make sense.
- The interpretation of binary pattern is called <u>data representation</u> or <u>encoding</u>.
- Once the data representation scheme is decided between parties, certain constraints, such as the precision and range will be applied. Hence, it is important to understand data representation to write correct and highperformance programs!



Why Data Representation?





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The moral of the story is unless you know the encoding scheme, there is no way that you can decode the data!



Integer Representation

- Numeric data consists of numbers that can be used in arithmetic operations.
- Integers are fixed-point numbers with the radix point fixed after the least-significant bit.
- **Real numbers** are floating-point numbers with the position of the radix point varies.

Example:

3774₁₀ is a fixed point number (integer)
2949.94₁₀ is a floating point number (real number)

54533.

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LSB Radix Point Fixed

4573.55

Radix Point Moved from LSB



Integer Representation

- ➤ Integers and floating-point numbers have different representations and are processed differently.
- Numbers are represented by a fixed number of bits. These bit sizes are typically 8-bit, 16-bit, 32-bit, 64-bit. These sizes are usually multiple of 8, because memories are organized on an 8-bit byte basis.
- > There are two representation schemes for integers:
 - <u>Unsigned Integers</u>: can represent zero and positive integers.
 - Signed Integers: can represent zero, positive and negative integers.
 - a. Sign-Magnitude representation
 - b. 1's Complement representation
 - c. 2's Complement representation



Integer Representation

A practical example of integer use:

- > Colours are often stored using 3 numbers to represent red, green & blue (RGB).
- ➤ The screenshot below shows how a colour can be selected in a graphics application by changing the RGB values.
- ➤ When the colour is saved, it is stored as three 8-bit binary numbers (each one between 0 and 255).



For example R=159,G=73,B=171 would be stored as: 10011111 01001001 10101011 159 73 171



Integer Representation

Integer Storage Sizes

Standard sizes:

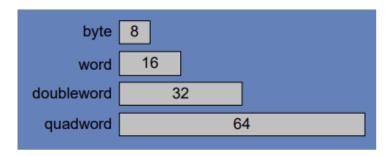


Table 1-4 Ranges of Unsigned Integers.

Storage Type	Range (low-high)	Powers of 2
Unsigned byte	0 to 255	0 to $(2^8 - 1)$
Unsigned word	0 to 65,535	0 to $(2^{16} - 1)$
Unsigned doubleword	0 to 4,294,967,295	0 to $(2^{32} - 1)$
Unsigned quadword	0 to 18,446,744,073,709,551,615	0 to $(2^{64} - 1)$

What is the largest unsigned integer that may be stored in 20 bits?



- When a fixed binary number is used to hold positive values, it is considered as <u>unsigned</u>.
- Unsigned integers can represent zero and positive integers.
- ➤ The range of positive values that can be represented is from **0 to 2ⁿ-1**, where n is the number of bits being used.

Example 1:

If n=8 and the binary pattern is $(01000001)_2$, the value of this unsigned integer is:

$$1*2^0 + 1*2^6 = (65)_{10}$$

Example 2:

If n=16 and the binary pattern is $(000100000001000)_2$, the value of this unsigned integer is:

$$1*2^3 + 1*2^{12} = (4104)_{10}$$



An n-bit pattern can represent 2^n distinct integers. An n-bit unsigned integer can represent integers from 0 to $(2^n)-1$, as tabulated below

n-bit	Minimum	2 ⁿ – 1	Maximum
8bit	0	2 ⁸ - 1	255
16bit	0	2 ¹⁶ - 1	65,535
32bit	0	2 ³² - 1	4,294,967,295
64bit	0	2 ⁶⁴ - 1	18,446,744,073,709,551,615

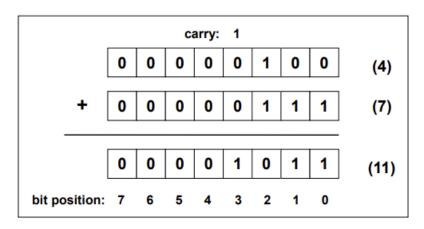
When you are programming you need to select the correct and appropriate bit size to store integers. If you want to store small numbers less than 255, you can select 8bit number, selecting 32bit length to store small numbers is a waste of resources.



Computers perform arithmetic operations on signed magnitude numbers in much the same way as humans carry out pencil and paper arithmetic.

Case	Α	+	В	Sum	Carry
1	0	+	0	0	0
2	0	+	1	1	0
3	1	+	0	1	0
4	1	+	1	0	1

- Start with the least significant bit (rightmost bit)
- Add each pair of bits
- Include the carry in the addition, if present



Complete the following binary addition exercises:



Case	Α	10	В	Subtract	Borrow
1	0		0	0	0
2	1	-	0	1	0
3	1	-	1	0	0
4	0	-	1	0	1

Example 2: Subtract binary 10100 from 101001

$$101001_{2} \rightarrow 41_{10}$$

$$- 10100_{2} - 20_{10}$$

$$21_{10}$$

$$64 \ 32 \ 16 \ 8 \ 4 \ 2 \ 1$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1$$

$$= 16 + 4 + 1$$

$$= 21_{10}$$

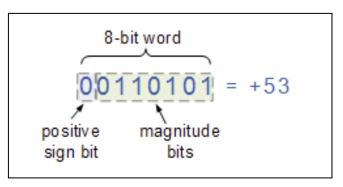
Complete the following binary subtraction exercises:



Representing Numbers - Integer Representation Signed Integers Sign-Magnitude Representation

- ➤ The most-significant bit (MSB) is the sign bit: 0 represents a **positive** integer and 1 represents a **negative** integer.
- The magnitude of the integer, however, is interpreted differently in different schemes.
- ➤ In the Sign-Magnitude scheme, the remaining **n-1** bits represents the magnitude (absolute value) of the integer.

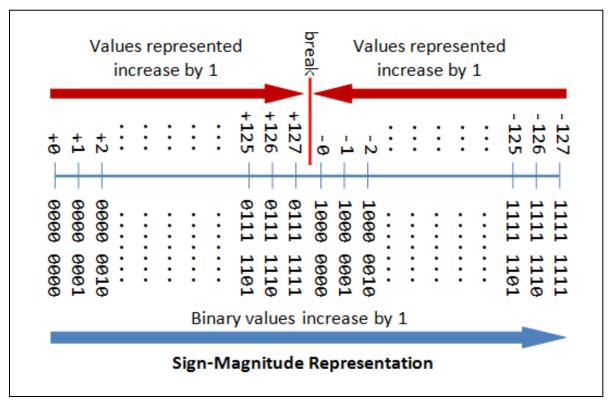
If *n*=8





Sign-Magnitude Representation

- Total possible numbers representable by an n-bit register using signed magnitude is equal to: 2ⁿ⁻¹, as the MSB is always reserved for the sign
- Largest representable magnitude, in this method, is (2ⁿ⁻¹-1)
- Range of numbers: -(2ⁿ⁻¹-1), ..., -1, -0, +0, +1, ..., +(2ⁿ⁻¹-1)

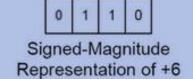


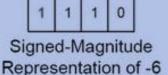


Sign-Magnitude Representation

Examples

Q: Show the signed magnitude representations of +6, -6, +13 and -13 using a 4-bit register and an 8-bit register





- Note that: $(6)_{10} = (110)_2$, $(13)_{10} = (1101)_2$
- For a 4-bit register, the leftmost bit is reserved for the sign, which leaves 3 bits only to represent the magnitude
- The largest magnitude that can be represented = 2⁽⁴⁻¹⁾ -1 = 7
- Because 13 > 7, the numbers +13 and –13 can NOT be represented using the 4-bit register



Sign-Magnitude Representation - Addition

Let's see how the addition rules work with signed magnitude numbers . . .

- Example:
 - Using signed magnitude binary arithmetic, find the sum of 75 and 46.
- Once we have worked our way through all eight bits, we are done.

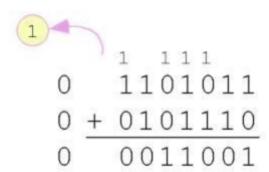
In this example, we were careful to pick two values whose sum would fit into seven bits. If that is not the case, we have a problem.



Sign-Magnitude Representation - Addition

- Example:
 - Using <u>signed magnitude</u>
 binary arithmetic, find the sum of 107 and 46.
- We see that the carry from the seventh bit <u>overflows</u> and is discarded, giving us the erroneous result:

$$107 + 46 = 25$$
.





Sign-Magnitude Representation - Addition

If sign is the same, just add the magnitude



Sign-Magnitude Representation – Addition

Signs are different - 0 0010
$$(+2_{10})$$

determine which is $+$ 1 0101 (-5_{10})
larger magnitude

Put larger magnitude number on top

Subtract

Result has sign of larger magnitude number...



Sign-Magnitude Representation - Addition

- Need two separate operations
 - Addition
 - Subtraction
- Several decisions:
 - Signs same or different?
 - Which operand is larger?
 - What is the sign of final result?
 - Two zeroes (+0, -0)

Advantages

-Easy to understand

Disadvantages

- -Two different 0s
- Hard to implement in logic



Advantages & Disadvantages of Sign-Magnitude Representation

Advantages:

1. The easiest for humans to understand.

Disadvantages:

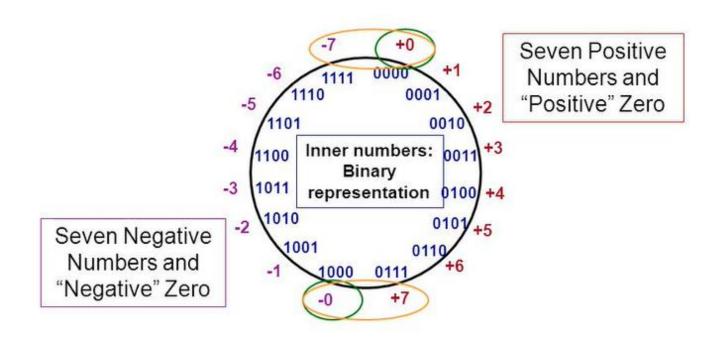
- 1. Positive and negative integers need to be processed separately.
- 2. This adds a fair amount of complexity when performing arithmetic
- 3. For performing addition or subtraction we need to first check the sign and magnitude of the operands. The result of these checks determines which operation we need to perform, the order of the operands and the sign of the result.
- 4. More circuitry is needed to do arithmetic, therefore, increasing the hardware cost.
- 5. There are two ways of representing the value zero:

This could lead to inefficiency and confusion!



Advantages & Disadvantages of Sign-Magnitude Representation

5. There are two ways of representing the value zero:



Two different representations for 0!

This could lead to inefficiency and confusion!



Representing Numbers - Integer Representation Signed Integers 1's Complement Representation

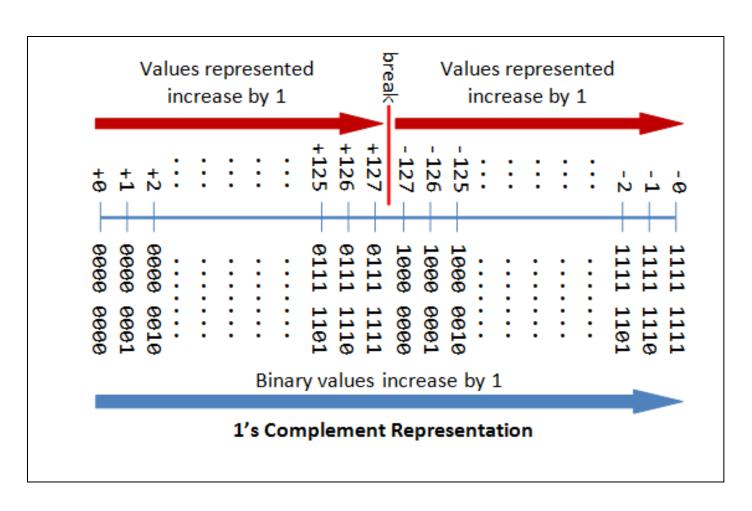
- ➤ Again, MSB is the sign bit: 0 represents a positive integer and 1 represents a negative integer.
- > The remaining bits represents the magnitude of the integer, as follows:
 - For positive integers, the absolute value of the integer is the magnitude of the remaining bits.

Similar to the Sign-Magnitude representation!

• For negative integers, the absolute value of the integer is the magnitude of the *complement* (inverse) of the remaining bits (hence called 1's complement).



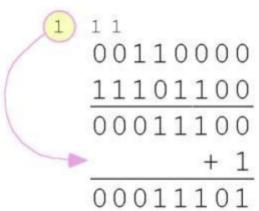
1's Complement Representation





1's Complement Representation - Addition

- With one's complement addition, the carry bit is "carried around" and added to the sum.
 - Example: Using one's complement binary arithmetic, find the sum of 48 and - 19



We note that 19 in one's complement is 00010011, so -19 in one's complement is:

11101100.



Advantages & Disadvantages of 1's Complement Representation

Advantages:

- 1. Inversion of the bits in the number is done using simple **NOT** gates.
- 2. Additions and subtractions are done on signed numbers without checking the sign or magnitude of the numbers.
- 3. Only adder units are needed to perform both addition and subtraction

Disadvantage:

> There are two ways of representing the value zero:

Despite the advantages provided by 1's complement, it is not used in any of the modern computers!

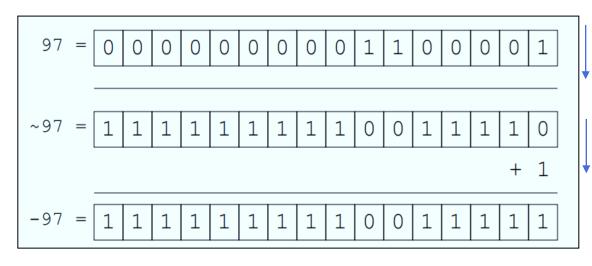


Representing Numbers - Integer Representation Signed Integers 2's Complement Representation

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Similar to the Sign-Magnitude representation!

• For negative integers, the absolute value of the integer is the magnitude of the **complement** of the remaining bits plus one (**hence called 2's complement**).



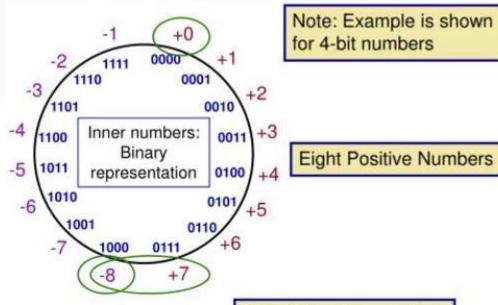
Invert

Add 1; if the addition causes a carry bit past the most significant bit, discard the high carry



2's Complement Representation

Re-order Negative Numbers to Eliminate Discontinuities



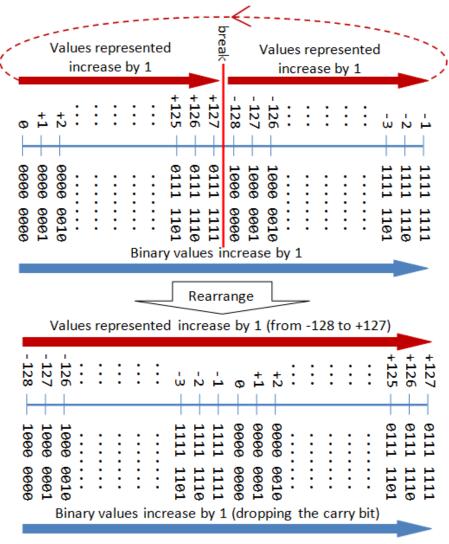
If n=4

- · Only one discontinuity now
- Only one zero
- One extra negative number

Note: Negative numbers still have 1 for MSB



2's Complement Representation



If *n*=8

2's Complement Representation