

Chapter 2

Bits, Data Types, and Operations

How do we represent data in a computer?

At the lowest level, a computer is an electronic machine.

- works by controlling the flow of electrons

Easy to recognize two conditions:

1. presence of a voltage – we'll call this state "1"
2. absence of a voltage – we'll call this state "0"

**Could base state on *value* of voltage,
but control and detection circuits more complex.**

- compare turning on a light switch to measuring or regulating voltage

Computer is a binary digital system.

Digital system:

- finite number of symbols

Binary (base two) system:

- has two states: 0 and 1



Basic unit of information is the *binary digit*, or *bit*.

Values with more than two states require multiple bits.

- A collection of **two** bits has **four** possible states:
00, 01, 10, 11
- A collection of **three** bits has **eight** possible states:
000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111
- A collection of **n** bits has **2^n** possible states.

What kinds of data do we need to represent?

- **Numbers** – signed, unsigned, integers, floating point, complex, rational, irrational, ...
- **Logical** – true, false
- **Text** – characters, strings, ...
- **Images** – pixels, colors, shapes, ...
- **Sound**
- ...

Data type: 

- *representation* and its associated *operations* within the computer

We'll start with numbers...

Unsigned Integers

Non-positional notation

- could represent a number (“5”) with a string of ones (“11111”)
- problems?

Weighted positional notation

- like decimal numbers: “329”
- “3” is worth 300, because of its position, while “9” is only worth 9

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 329 & \\ / & | & \backslash \\ 10^2 & 10^1 & 10^0 \end{array}$$

$$3 \times 100 + 2 \times 10 + 9 \times 1 = 329$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{most} & & \text{least} \\ \text{significant} & \text{101} & \text{significant} \\ / & | & \backslash \\ 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \end{array}$$

$$1 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 = 5$$

Unsigned Integers (cont.)

An n -bit unsigned integer represents 2^n values: from 0 to $2^n - 1$.

2^2	2^1	2^0	
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	2
0	1	1	3
1	0	0	4
1	0	1	5
1	1	0	6
1	1	1	7

Unsigned Binary Arithmetic

Base-2 addition – just like base-10!

- add from right to left, propagating carry

$\begin{array}{r} 10010 \\ + \underline{1001} \\ 11011 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \text{carry} \curvearrowright \\ 10010 \\ + \underline{1011} \\ 11101 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \curvearrowright \curvearrowright \curvearrowright \curvearrowright \\ 1111 \\ + \underline{1} \\ 10000 \end{array}$
	$\begin{array}{r} 10111 \\ + \underline{111} \end{array}$	

Subtraction, multiplication, division,...

Signed Integers

With n bits, we have 2^n distinct values.

- assign about half to positive integers (1 through 2^{n-1}) and about half to negative (-2^{n-1} through -1)
- that leaves two values: one for 0, and one extra

Positive integers



- just like unsigned – zero in *most significant* (MS) bit

00101 = 5

Negative integers

- sign-magnitude – set MS bit to show negative, other bits are the same as unsigned
- one's complement – flip every bit to represent negative

10101 = -5

11010 = -5

- in either case, MS bit indicates sign: 0=positive, 1=negative



Two's Complement

Problems with sign-magnitude and 1's complement

- two representations of zero (+0 and -0)
- arithmetic circuits are complex
 - How to add two sign-magnitude numbers?
 - e.g., try $2 + (-3)$
 - How to add to one's complement numbers?
 - e.g., try $4 + (-3)$

Two's complement representation developed to make circuits easy for arithmetic.

- for each positive number (X), assign value to its negative (-X), such that $X + (-X) = 0$ with “normal” addition, ignoring carry out



$$\begin{array}{r} 00101 \quad (5) \\ + \underline{11011} \quad (-5) \\ \hline 00000 \quad (0) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 01001 \quad (9) \\ + \underline{10111} \quad (-9) \\ \hline 00000 \quad (0) \end{array}$$

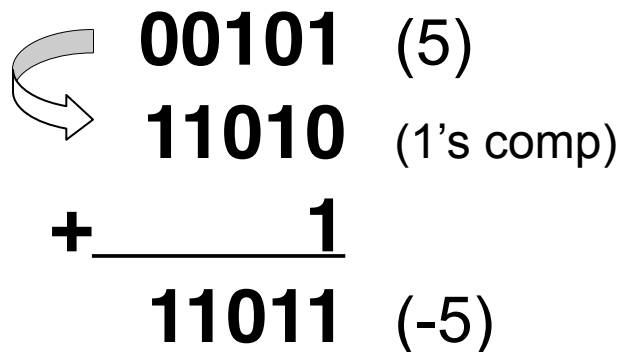
Two's Complement Representation

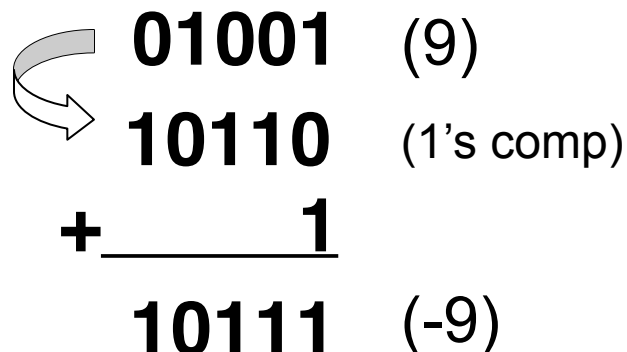
If number is positive or zero,

- normal binary representation, zeroes in upper bit(s)

If number is negative,

- start with positive number
- flip every bit (i.e., take the one's complement)
- then add one


$$\begin{array}{r} \text{00101} \quad (5) \\ \text{11010} \quad (1\text{'s comp}) \\ + \quad \underline{\quad 1} \\ \text{11011} \quad (-5) \end{array}$$


$$\begin{array}{r} \text{01001} \quad (9) \\ \text{10110} \quad (1\text{'s comp}) \\ + \quad \underline{\quad 1} \\ \text{10111} \quad (-9) \end{array}$$

Two's Complement Shortcut

To take the two's complement of a number:

- copy bits from right to left until (and including) the first “1”
- flip remaining bits to the left

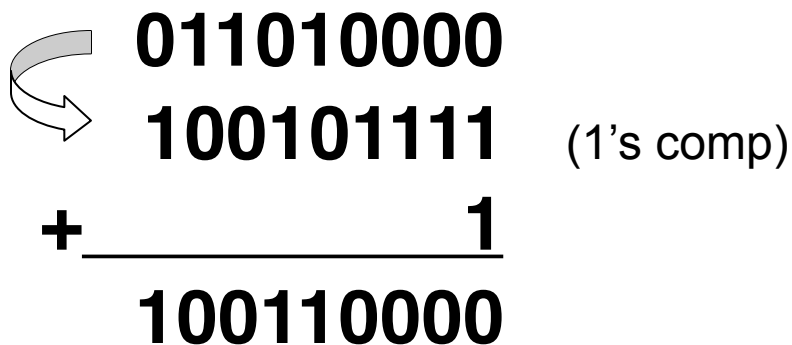
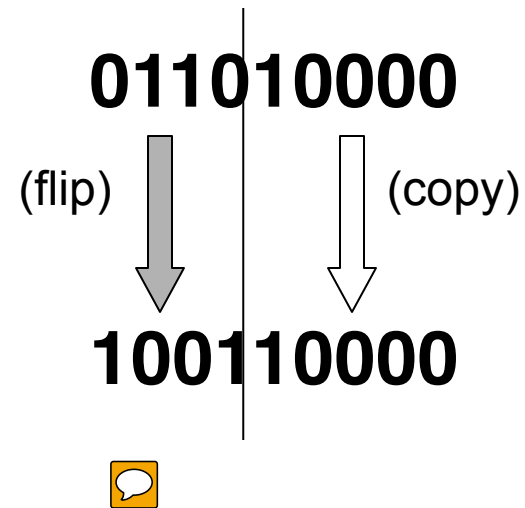


Diagram illustrating the addition of 1 to the 1's complement to find the two's complement:

$$\begin{array}{r} 011010000 \\ 100101111 \text{ (1's comp)} \\ + \quad \quad \quad 1 \\ \hline 100110000 \end{array}$$



Two's Complement Signed Integers

MS bit is sign bit – it has weight -2^{n-1} .

Range of an n-bit number: -2^{n-1} through $2^{n-1} - 1$.

- The most negative number (-2^{n-1}) has no positive counterpart.

-2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0		-2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0	
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-8
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	-7
0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	-6
0	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	-5
0	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	-4
0	1	0	1	5	1	1	0	1	-3
0	1	1	0	6	1	1	1	0	-2
0	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	-1

Converting Binary (2's C) to Decimal

1. If leading bit is one, take two's complement to get a positive number.
2. Add powers of 2 that have "1" in the corresponding bit positions.
3. If original number was negative, add a minus sign.

$$\begin{aligned} X &= 01101000_{\text{two}} \\ &= 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^3 = 64 + 32 + 8 \\ &= 104_{\text{ten}} \end{aligned}$$

<i>n</i>	<i>2ⁿ</i>
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1024

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

More Examples

$$\begin{aligned} X &= 00100111_{\text{two}} \\ &= 2^5 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0 = 32 + 4 + 2 + 1 \\ &= 39_{\text{ten}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= 11100110_{\text{two}} \\ -X &= 00011010 \\ &= 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^1 = 16 + 8 + 2 \\ &= 26_{\text{ten}} \\ X &= -26_{\text{ten}} \end{aligned}$$

n	2^n
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1024

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

Converting Decimal to Binary (2's C)

First Method: *Division*

1. Find magnitude of decimal number. (Always positive.)
2. Divide by two – remainder is least significant bit.
3. Keep dividing by two until answer is zero, writing remainders from right to left.
4. Append a zero as the MS bit;
if original number was negative, take two's complement.

$$X = 104_{\text{ten}}$$

$$104/2 = 52 \text{ r}0 \quad \textit{bit 0}$$

$$52/2 = 26 \text{ r}0 \quad \textit{bit 1}$$

$$26/2 = 13 \text{ r}0 \quad \textit{bit 2}$$

$$13/2 = 6 \text{ r}1 \quad \textit{bit 3}$$

$$6/2 = 3 \text{ r}0 \quad \textit{bit 4}$$

$$3/2 = 1 \text{ r}1 \quad \textit{bit 5}$$

$$1/2 = 0 \text{ r}1 \quad \textit{bit 6}$$

$$X = 01101000_{\text{two}}$$

Converting Decimal to Binary (2's C)

Second Method: *Subtract Powers of Two*

1. Find magnitude of decimal number.
2. Subtract largest power of two less than or equal to number.
3. Put a one in the corresponding bit position.
4. Keep subtracting until result is zero.
5. Append a zero as MS bit;
if original was negative, take two's complement.

n	2^n
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1024

$$X = 104_{\text{ten}} \qquad 104 - 64 = 40 \qquad \text{bit 6}$$

$$40 - 32 = 8 \qquad \text{bit 5}$$

$$8 - 8 = 0 \qquad \text{bit 3}$$

$$X = 01101000_{\text{two}}$$

Operations: Arithmetic and Logical

Recall:

a data type includes *representation* and *operations*.

We now have a good representation for signed integers, so let's look at some arithmetic operations:

- **Addition**
- **Subtraction**
- **Sign Extension** 

We'll also look at overflow conditions for addition.

Multiplication, division, etc., can be built from these basic operations.

Logical operations are also useful:

- **AND**
- **OR**
- **NOT**

Addition

As we've discussed, 2's comp. addition is just binary addition.

- assume all integers have the same number of bits
- ignore carry out
- for now, assume that sum fits in n-bit 2's comp. representation

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & 01101000 & (104) \\ + & \underline{11110000} & (-16) \\ \hline & 01011000 & (98) \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{rcl} & 11110110 & (-10) \\ + & \underline{11110111} & (-9) \\ \hline & 11101101 & (-19) \end{array}$$

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

Subtraction

Negate subtrahend (2nd no.) and add.

- assume all integers have the same number of bits
- ignore carry out
- for now, assume that difference fits in n-bit 2's comp. representation

$\begin{array}{r} 01101000 \text{ (104)} \\ - 00010000 \text{ (16)} \\ \hline 01101000 \text{ (104)} \\ + 11110000 \text{ (-16)} \\ \hline 01011000 \text{ (88)} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 11110110 \text{ (-10)} \\ - \text{ (-9)} \\ \hline 11110110 \text{ (-10)} \\ + \text{ (9)} \\ \hline \text{ (-1)} \end{array}$
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Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

Sign Extension

To add two numbers, we must represent them with the same number of bits.

If we just pad with zeroes on the left:

<u>4-bit</u>		<u>8-bit</u>	
0100	(4)	00000100	(still 4)
1100	(-4)	00001100	(12, not -4)

Instead, replicate the MS bit -- the sign bit:

<u>4-bit</u>		<u>8-bit</u>	
0100	(4)	00000100	(still 4)
1100	(-4)	11111100	(still -4)

Overflow

If operands are too big, then sum cannot be represented as an n -bit 2's comp number.

$\begin{array}{r} 01000 \\ + 01001 \\ \hline 10001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 11000 \\ + 10111 \\ \hline 01111 \end{array}$
(8) (9) (-15)	(-8) (-9) $(+15)$

We have overflow if:

- signs of both operands are the same, and
- sign of sum is different.

Another test -- easy for hardware:

- carry into MS bit does not equal carry out 

Logical Operations

Operations on logical TRUE or FALSE

- two states -- takes one bit to represent: TRUE=1, FALSE=0

A	B	A AND B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

A	B	A OR B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

A	NOT A
0	1
1	0

View n -bit number as a collection of n logical values

- operation applied to each bit independently

Examples of Logical Operations

AND

- useful for clearing bits
 - AND with zero = 0
 - AND with one = no change

$$\begin{array}{r} 11000101 \\ \text{AND } \underline{00001111} \\ 00000101 \end{array}$$

OR

- useful for setting bits
 - OR with zero = no change
 - OR with one = 1

$$\begin{array}{r} 11000101 \\ \text{OR } \underline{00001111} \\ 11001111 \end{array}$$

NOT

- unary operation -- one argument
- flips every bit

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{NOT } \underline{11000101} \\ 00111010 \end{array}$$

Hexadecimal Notation

It is often convenient to write binary (base-2) numbers as hexadecimal (base-16) numbers instead.

- **fewer digits -- four bits per hex digit**
- **less error prone -- easy to corrupt long string of 1's and 0's**

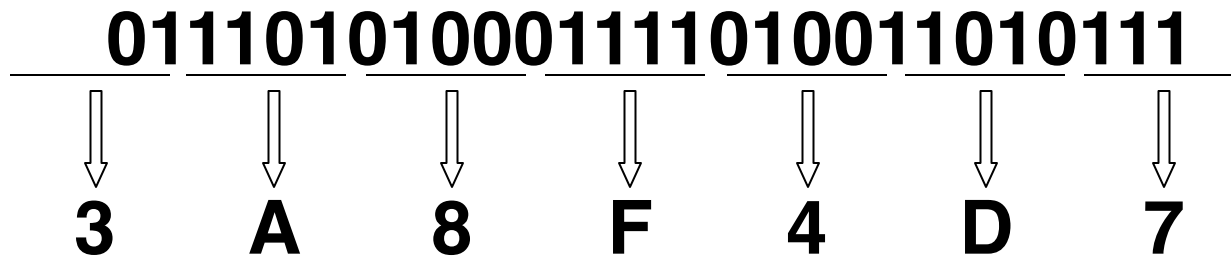
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0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7

Binary	Hex	Decimal
1000	8	8
1001	9	9
1010	A	10
1011	B	11
1100	C	12
1101	D	13
1110	E	14
1111	F	15

Converting from Binary to Hexadecimal

Every four bits is a hex digit.

- start grouping from right-hand side

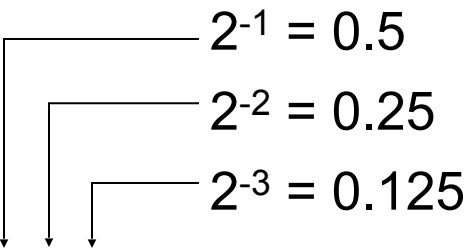


*This is not a new machine representation,
just a convenient way to write the number.*

Fractions: Fixed-Point

How can we represent fractions?

- Use a “binary point” to separate positive from negative powers of two -- just like “decimal point.”
- 2’s comp addition and subtraction still work.
 - if binary points are aligned



$2^{-1} = 0.5$
 $2^{-2} = 0.25$
 $2^{-3} = 0.125$

$$\begin{array}{r} 00101000.101 \quad (40.625) \\ + \underline{11111110.110} \quad (-1.25) \\ \hline 00100111.011 \quad (39.375) \end{array}$$

No new operations -- same as integer arithmetic.

Very Large and Very Small: Floating-Point

Large values: 6.023×10^{23} -- requires 79 bits

Small values: 6.626×10^{-34} -- requires >110 bits

Use equivalent of “scientific notation”: $F \times 2^E$

Need to represent F (*fraction*), E (*exponent*), and sign.

IEEE 754 Floating-Point Standard (32-bits):



$$N = (-1)^S \times 1.\text{fraction} \times 2^{\text{exponent}-127}, \quad 1 \leq \text{exponent} \leq 254$$

$$N = (-1)^S \times 0.\text{fraction} \times 2^{-126}, \quad \text{exponent} = 0$$



Floating Point Example

Single-precision IEEE floating point number:

10111111010000000000000000000000



- Sign is 1 – number is negative.
- Exponent field is 01111110 = 126 (decimal).
- Fraction is 0.100000000000... = 0.5 (decimal).

$$\text{Value} = -1.5 \times 2^{(126-127)} = -1.5 \times 2^{-1} = \mathbf{-0.75}.$$

Floating-Point Operations

Will regular 2's complement arithmetic work for Floating Point numbers?

(Hint: In decimal, how do we compute $3.07 \times 10^{12} + 9.11 \times 10^8$?)

Text: ASCII Characters



ASCII: Maps 128 characters to 7-bit code.

- both printable and non-printable (ESC, DEL, ...) characters

00	nul	10	dle	20	sp	30	0	40	@	50	P	60	`	70	p
01	so	11	dc	21	!	31	1	41	A	51	Q	61	a	71	q
02	h	12	dc	22	"	32	2	42	B	52	R	62	b	72	r
03	stx	13	dc	23	#	33	3	43	C	53	S	63	c	73	s
04	etx	14	dc	24	\$	34	4	44	D	54	T	64	d	74	t
05	eot	15	na	25	%	35	5	45	E	55	U	65	e	75	u
06	en	16	k	26	&	36	6	46	F	56	V	66	f	76	v
07	q	17	sy	27	'	37	7	47	G	57	W	67	g	77	w
08	ac	18	n	28	(38	8	48	H	58	X	68	h	78	x
09	k	19	ca	29)	39	9	49	I	59	Y	69	i	79	y
0a	bel	2a	su		*	3a	:	4a	J	5a	Z	6a	j	7a	z
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Interesting Properties of ASCII Code

What is relationship between a decimal digit ('0', '1', ...) and its ASCII code?

What is the difference between an upper-case letter ('A', 'B', ...) and its lower-case equivalent ('a', 'b', ...)?

Given two ASCII characters, how do we tell which comes first in alphabetical order?

Are 128 characters enough?

(<http://www.unicode.org/>) 16bits representation

(한글 U+AC00~U+D7A3 가나다순으로 11,172자)

No new operations -- integer arithmetic and logic.

Other Data Types

Text strings

- **sequence of characters, terminated with NULL (0)**
- **typically, no hardware support**

Image

- **array of pixels**
 - **monochrome: one bit (1/0 = black/white)**
 - **color: red, green, blue (RGB) components (e.g., 8 bits each)**
 - **other properties: transparency**
- **hardware support:**
 - **typically none, in general-purpose processors**
 - **MMX -- multiple 8-bit operations on 32-bit word**

Sound

- **sequence of fixed-point numbers**



LC-3 Data Types

Some data types are supported directly by the instruction set architecture.

For LC-3, there is only one hardware-supported data type:

- 16-bit 2's complement signed integer
- Operations: ADD, AND, NOT

Other data types are supported by interpreting 16-bit values as logical, text, fixed-point, etc., in the software that we write.