

# Signed number systems



CSC 236

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Neither the Java compiler nor the JVM ever checks for overflow. It occurs.

**When doing integer arithmetic, you simply must ensure that the type you are using has sufficient range for the purpose you intend.**



New plan:



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**Don't put bugs  
in your Java  
Code.**

# Part of a C program

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**Explained in this  
lecture**

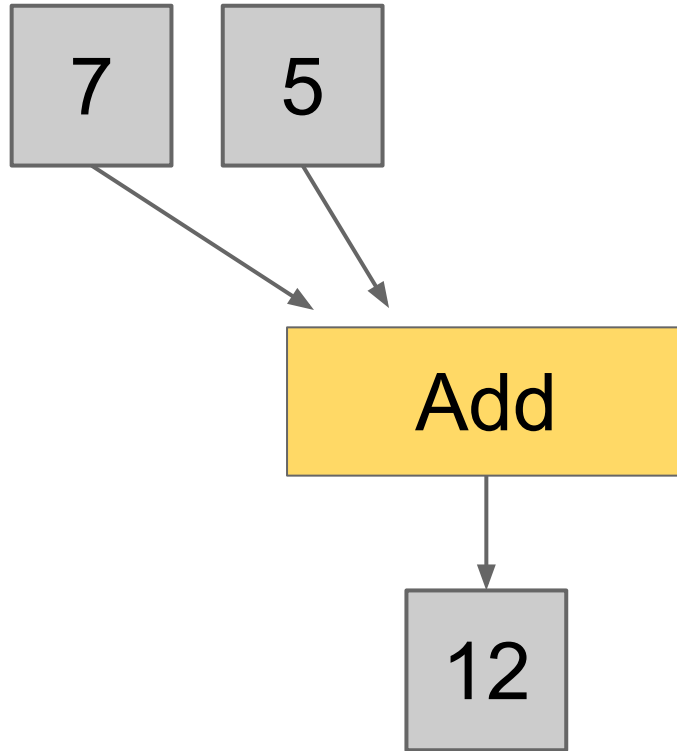
**Which message is printed?**

**C thinks  $10 < -1$**

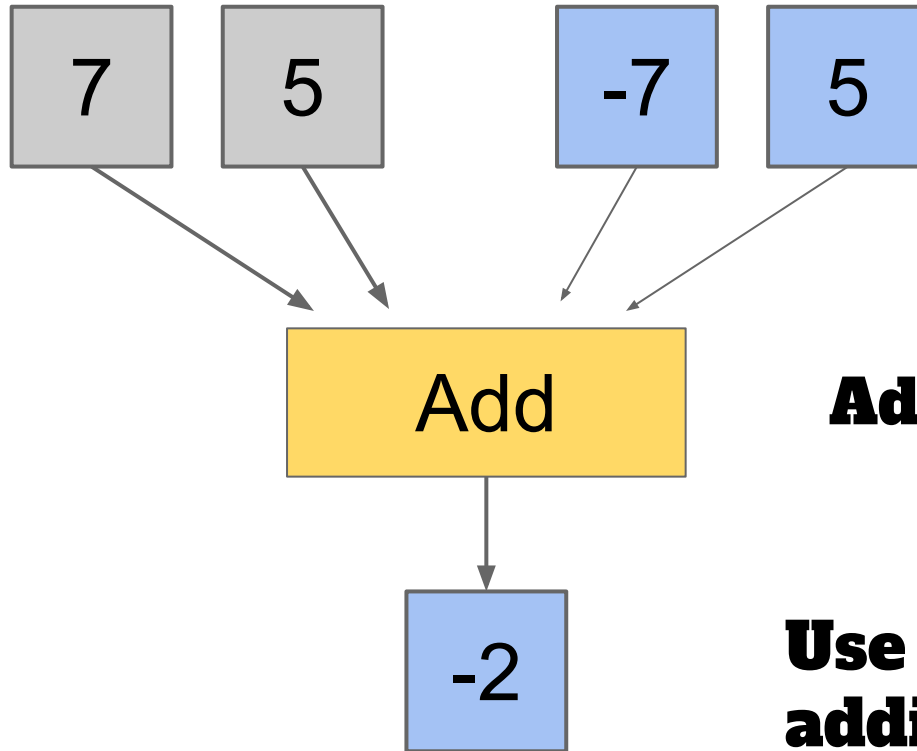


# Architectural design

- Previously: Showed unsigned positional number (UPN)
- Need to handle signed numbers as well
- Critical architectural question
  - Do signed number system use same addition rule as UPN?

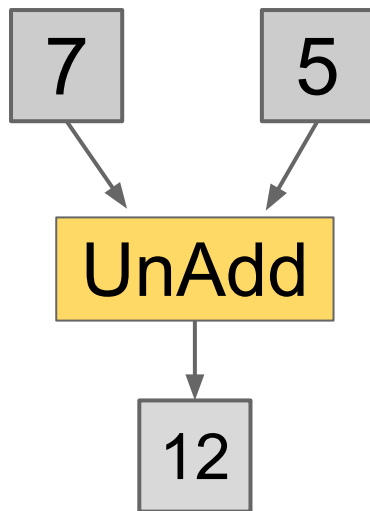
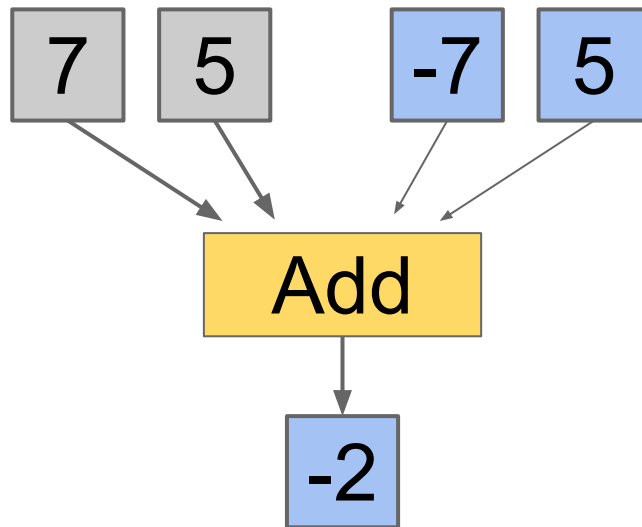


**Add hardware**

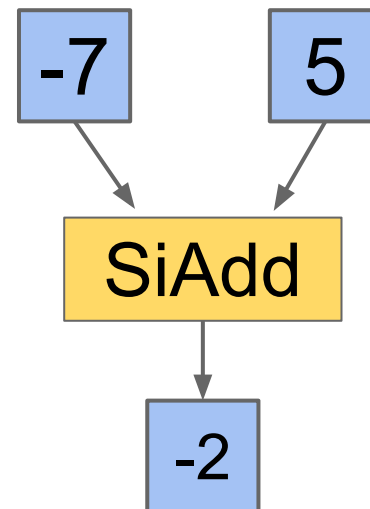


**Add hardware**

**Use the same rule for  
addition in signed  
number system as in  
UPN?**



**Different  
hardware**



**Use the same rule for addition in signed number system  
as in UPN?  
No right or wrong answer**

Yes

- 1 instruction
- Less hardware
- Less cost

No

- Can optimize performance of both signed and unsigned instructions

# Does our “everyday” signed magnitude follow the addition rule for UPN?

Unsigned

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 05 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$$

Signed Magnitude

$$\begin{array}{r} +10 \\ + \underline{-05} \end{array}$$

# Does our “everyday” signed magnitude follow the addition rule for UPN?

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$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 05 \\ \hline 15 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} +10 \\ + \underline{-05} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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**The rule does not  
handle this column**

**Can you do  
arithmetic  
on Signed  
Magnitude  
numbers?**



**Yes. You  
extend  
the UPN  
rule.**

# Extend the UPN rule to handle Signed Magnitude

+10	+10	-10	-10	+10
<u>+05</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>+05</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>-10</u>

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+15	+05	-05	-15	±00

**If signs are the same**

- **Add digits using UPN rule**
- **Result has sign of input numbers**

## Extend the UPN rule to handle Signed Magnitude

+10

+05

+15

+10

-05

+05

-10

+05

-05

-10

-05

-15

+10

-10

±00

**Else if magnitudes are different**

- **Subtract smaller from larger**
- **Result has sign of larger**

## Extend the UPN rule to handle Signed Magnitude

+10	+10	-10	-10	+10
<u>+05</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>+05</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>-10</u>
+15	+05	-05	-15	±00

**Else**

- **Result is zero**
- **Sign is plus or minus**

## Extend the UPN rule to handle Signed Magnitude

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<u>+05</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>+05</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>-10</u>
+15	+05	-05	-15	±00

**Do you want to build such a complicated rule into hardware?**

# Signed numbers

**Use 4 bits**

**d d d d**



**leftmost bit is  
sign**

**0 = pos    1 = neg**

**other bits  
provide  
magnitude**

**We will see ...**

- **Positive numbers look the same but**
- **Negative numbers differ**



# Question

$$+\cancel{0} \stackrel{?}{=} -\cancel{0}$$

**+0 & -0 dollars in  
you wallet is the  
same.**



**Told that launch  
authorization code  
is: zero.**

**The program checks:**

```
if input == code
```



# There are multiple ways to represent signed numbers

We will look at three different ways:

- Signed magnitude
- One's complement
- Two's complement

# Characteristics of interest

1. Rule for addition
2. How many ways can you represent zero
3. Relative quantity of positive and negative values

# Signed magnitude

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0		
0001	+ 1		
0010	+ 2		
0011	+ 3		
0100	+ 4		

# Signed magnitude

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0	1000
0001	+ 1	- 1	1001
0010	+ 2	- 2	1010
0011	+ 3	- 3	1011
0100	+ 4	- 4	1100

**Negate obtained by inverting sign bit**

# Signed magnitude

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0	1000
0001	+ 1	- 1	1001
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0100	+ 4	- 4	1100

Add numbers

$$+ 1 = 0001$$

$$- \underline{1} = \underline{1001}$$

$$+/- 0$$



# Signed magnitude

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0000	+ 0	- 0	1000
0001	+ 1	- 1	1001
0010	+ 2	- 2	1010
0011	+ 3	- 3	1011
0100	+ 4	- 4	1100

Add numbers

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ + 1 = 0001 \\ - 1 = \underline{1001} \\ +/- 0 \quad 1010 \end{array}$$

To add binary signed magnitude numbers, must extend UPN rule (as for decimal)

# Characteristics of interest

	Signed magnitude		
<b>Same rule for addition</b>	No		
<b>How many ways can you represent zero</b>	2		
<b>Relative quantity of positive and negative values</b>	Same		

**Has computer been built using Signed  
Magnitude?**

# Has a computer been built using Signed Magnitude?

**IBM 7090 -- circa 1958**

**Intended for the scientific community  
and NASA's Mercury and Gemini space  
missions**



# One's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0		
0001	+ 1		
0010	+ 2		
0011	+ 3		
0100	+ 4		

# One's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0	1111
0001	+ 1	- 1	1110
0010	+ 2	- 2	1101
0011	+ 3	- 3	1100
0100	+ 4	- 4	1011

**Negate obtained by inverting all bits**

# One's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0	1111
0001	+ 1	- 1	1110
0010	+ 2	- 2	1101
0011	+ 3	- 3	1100
0100	+ 4	- 4	1011

Add numbers

$$+ 1 = 0001$$

$$- \underline{1} = \underline{1110}$$

$$+/- 0$$

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0010	+ 2	- 2	1101
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0100	+ 4	- 4	1011

Add numbers

$$+ 1 = 0001$$

$$- \underline{1} = \underline{1110}$$

$$+/- 0 \quad 1111$$

Equals -0, Looks okay



## Another example

$$\begin{array}{rcl} - & 1 & = \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \\ - & 1 & = \quad \underline{1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0} \\ - & 2 & \end{array}$$

## Another example

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} & & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ - & 1 & = & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ - & 1 & = & \underline{1} & \underline{1} & \underline{1} & \underline{0} \\ - & 2 & & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

**Does this equal -2?**

## Another example

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & & 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \\ - & 1 & = \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \\ - & 1 & = \quad \underline{1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0} \\ - & 2 & \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow 0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 = +3$$

**Flip bits**

## Another example

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{-} \phantom{1} \phantom{=} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{-} \phantom{1} \phantom{=} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{0} \\ - \phantom{1} = \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{0} \\ - \phantom{1} = \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{0} \\ - \phantom{2} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \end{array}$$



-3

$$0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 = +3$$

# One's complement

Need to extend the UPN rule for one's complement

“End around carry”

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{-} 1 = 1110 \\ - 1 = 1110 \\ \hline - 2 \phantom{=} 1100 \\ \phantom{-} 1100 \\ \hline 1101 \end{array}$$

The diagram shows the addition of 1 and 1 to get 2, followed by adding 1100 (the one's complement of 2) to 1100. A carry of 1 is generated from the leftmost digit and is added to the rightmost digit.

**A carry out of the left most digit is added to the right most digit**

# Characteristics of interest

	Signed magnitude	One's complement	
<b>Same rule for addition</b>	No	No (simple rule)	
<b>How many ways can you represent zero</b>	2	2	
<b>Relative quantity of positive and negative values</b>	Same	Same	

**Has computer been built using One's complement?**

# Has a computer been built using One's complement?

**DEC PDP-1 -  
1960**

**First  
mini-computer**





# Has a computer been built using One's complement?

**Univac 1100 - 1962**

**Main frame**



# Two's complement

Definition

$$N + \text{TC}(N) = 2^d$$

$N$	(any number)
$\text{TC}(N)$	(negation of $N$ )
$d$	(number of digits used)

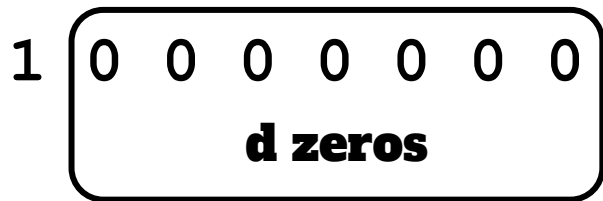
$$N + (-N) = 0$$



# Two's complement

$$N + \text{TC}(N) = 2^d$$

$$N + (-N) = 0$$



**carry + zero**

- $2^0 = 1$
- $2^1 = 10$
- $2^2 = 100$
- $2^3 = 1000$
- ...
- $2^d = 10\dots0$
- $2^d = 1$  followed by  $d$   $0$ s

# How to calculate two's complement

$$N + TC(N) = 2^d$$

Rewrite

$$TC(N) = 2^d - N$$

For  $d = 4$

$$TC(N) = 10000 - N$$

# Two's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0		
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0100	+ 4		

# Two's complement

$$\mathbf{TC(N) = 10000 - N}$$

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0100	+ 4	- 4	

# Two's complement

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0010	+ 2	- 2	
0011	+ 3	- 3	
0100	+ 4	- 4	

$$\begin{array}{r} 10000 \\ - \quad \underline{0001} \end{array}$$

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$$\text{TC}(N) = 10000 - N$$

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0
0001	+ 1	- 1
0010	+ 2	- 2
0011	+ 3	- 3
0100	+ 4	- 4

bin

**redistribute  
the data**

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 01111 \\ \cancel{10000} \\ - \quad \underline{0001} \end{array}$$



# Two's complement

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0001	+ 1	- 1
0010	+ 2	- 2
0011	+ 3	- 3
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bin

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 01111 \\ \text{---} 10000 \\ - \quad 0001 \\ \hline 1111 \end{array}$$

# Two's complement

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0100	+ 4	- 4	

$$\begin{array}{r} 10000 \\ - \quad \underline{0010} \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 0111 \\ \text{--} 10000 \\ \text{--} 0010 \\ \hline 1110 \end{array}$$

**Is there an  
easier way to  
calculate  
two's  
complement?**



**Yes.  
There is  
a  
*shortcut***



# Two's complement shortcut

$$TC(N) = \text{flip-bits} + 1$$

# Two's complement

$$\text{TC}(N) = \text{flip=bits} + 1$$

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0	
0001	+ 1	- 1	1111
0010	+ 2	- 2	1110
0011	+ 3	- 3	
0100	+ 4	- 4	

$$+3 = 0011$$

$$-3 = 1100$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \quad 1 \\ \hline 1101 \end{array}$$

# Two's complement

$$\text{TC}(N) = \text{flip=bits} + 1$$

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0010	+ 2	- 2	1110
0011	+ 3	- 3	1101
0100	+ 4	- 4	1100

$$+4 = 0100$$

$$-4 = 1011$$

$$+\underline{\quad 1 \quad}$$
$$1100$$

# Two's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0	
0001	+ 1	- 1	1111
0010	+ 2	- 2	1110
0011	+ 3	- 3	1101
0100	+ 4	- 4	1100

$$+1 = 0001$$

$$-1 = \underline{\underline{1111}}$$

$$+0 =$$

**Can we add using the UPN rule?**

# Two's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
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**Can we add using the UPN rule?**

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & 1111 & \\ +1 & = & 0001 \\ \hline -1 & = & \underline{1111} \\ +0 & = & 0000 \end{array}$$

# Two's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0	
0001	+ 1	- 1	1111
0010	+ 2	- 2	1110
0011	+ 3	- 3	1101
0100	+ 4	- 4	1100

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & & 1111 \\ -1 & = & 1111 \\ \hline -1 & = & \underline{1111} \\ -2 & = & 1110 \end{array}$$

**Remember, -1 + (-1) didn't work for one's complement**

# Two's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
0000	+ 0	- 0	????
0001	+ 1	- 1	1111
0010	+ 2	- 2	1110
0011	+ 3	- 3	1101
0100	+ 4	- 4	1100

$$+0 = 0000$$

$$\text{TC}(0) = \begin{array}{r} 1111 \\ + \underline{1} \end{array}$$

**What about zero? How many representations?**



# Two's complement

<u>bin</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>dec</u>	<u>bin</u>
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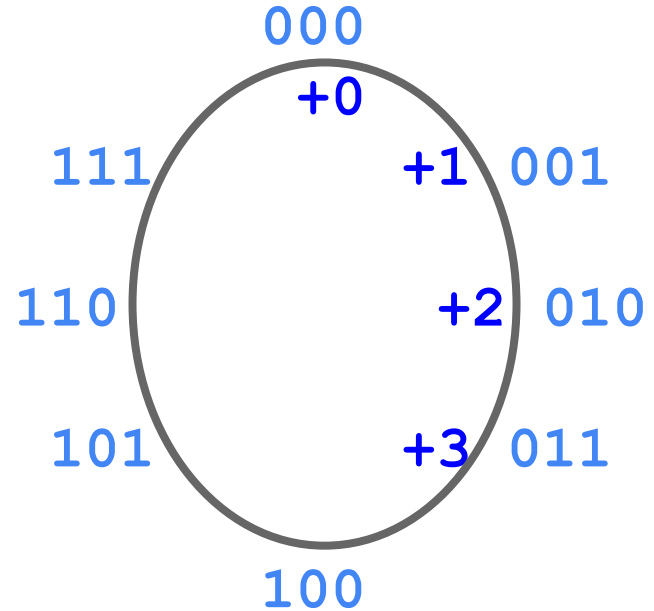
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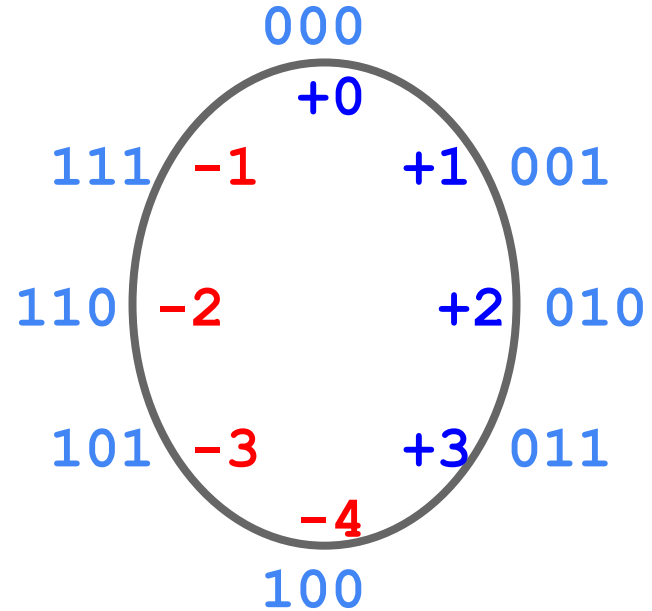
# Two's complement

Only one zero leads to quirk.



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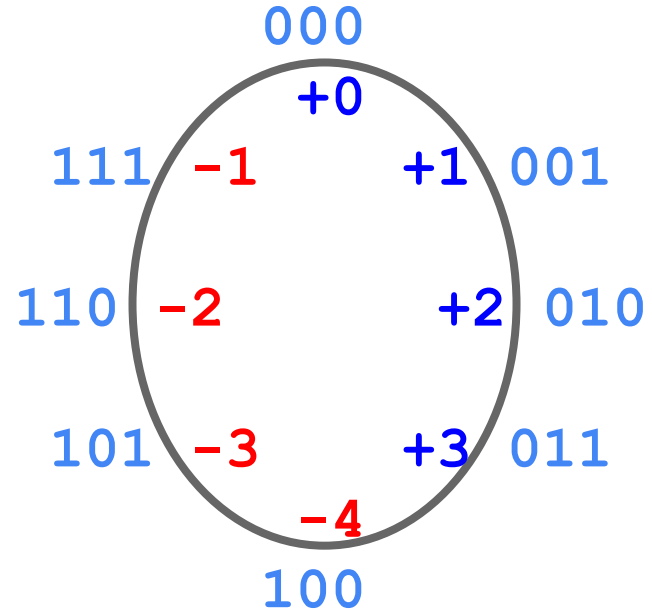
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# Two's complement

Only one zero leads to quirk.

Quantity of positive and negative values differ



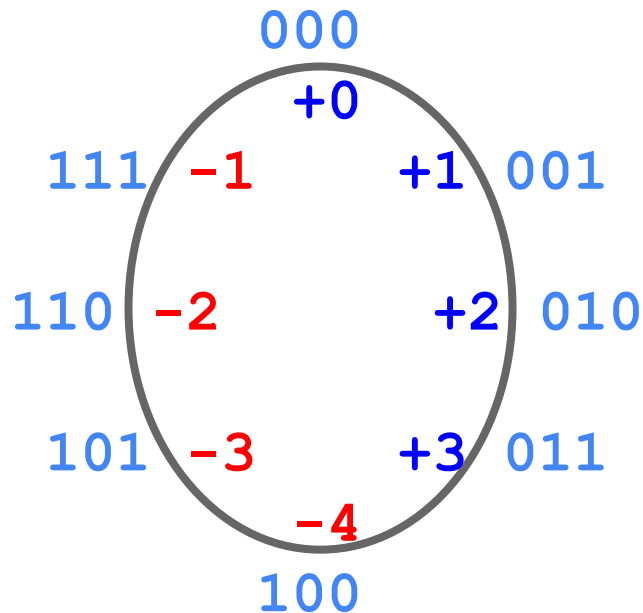
# Two's complement

Can we verify the number wheel?

$0 - 1$  should be  $-1$

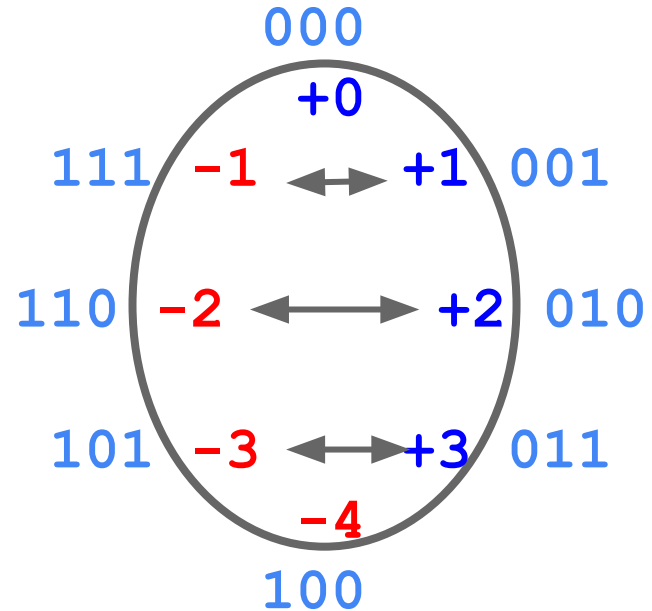
Logically

$$\begin{array}{r} 000 \\ - \underline{001} \\ 111 \end{array}$$



# Two's complement

For 1, 2, 3 we can complement the value to show its negative

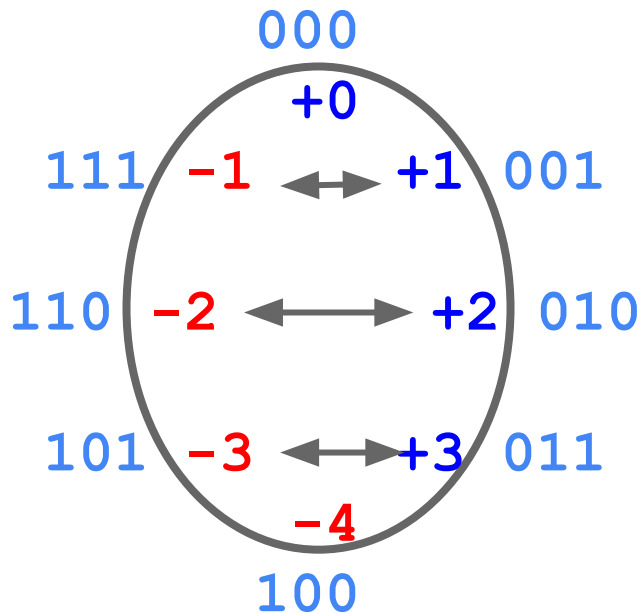


# Two's complement

For -4, we need a different strategy

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 = 110 \\ + \underline{-2} = +\underline{110} \\ -4 \quad 100 \end{array}$$

**Recall a byte Java ranges  
from  
-128 to +127**



# Characteristics of interest

	Signed magnitude	One's complement	Two's complement
<b>Same rule for addition</b>	No	No (simple rule)	Yes
<b>How many ways can you represent zero</b>	2	2	1
<b>Relative quantity of positive and negative values</b>	Same	Same	One extra negative value



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# Has a computer been built using two's complement?

Most modern computers use two's complement

# Overflow

Two's complement is

finite precision arithmetic

Therefore it can overflow



# Two ways to detect

1. Intuitive
2. Mathematical

# Overflow

1. Two numbers with like signs and a different sign results

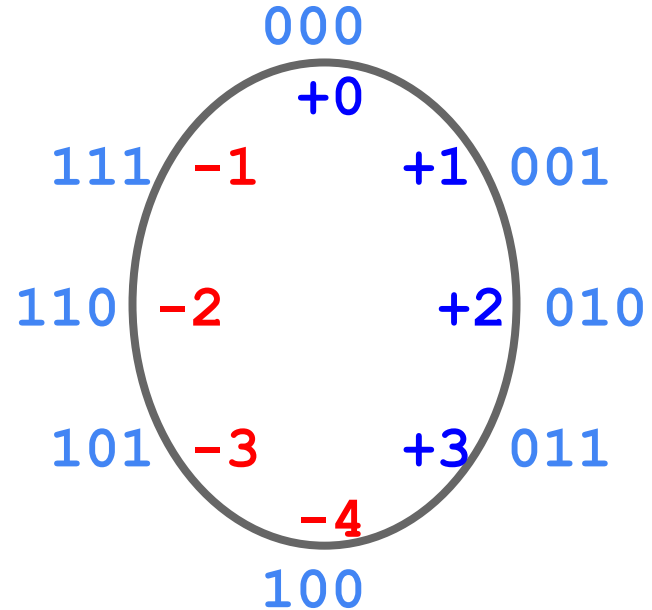
The sum of 2 positive numbers should be positive.

The sum of 2 negative numbers should be negative.

# Overflow

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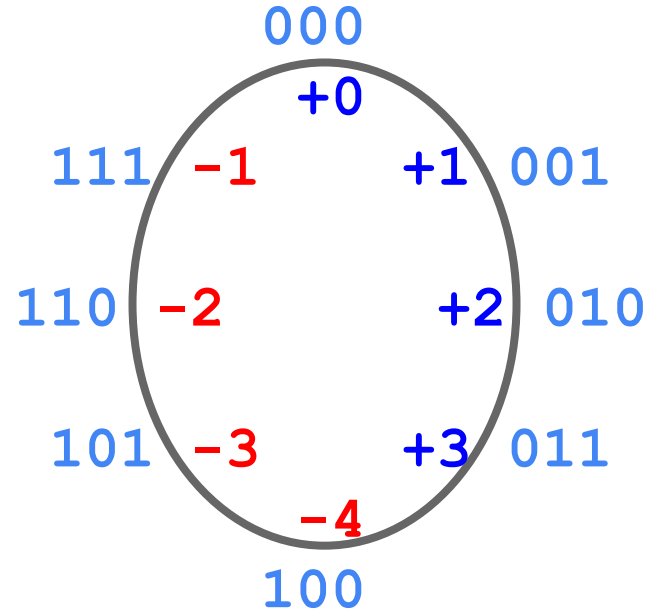
$$\begin{array}{rcl} +2 & = & 010 \\ +2 & = & \underline{010} \end{array}$$



# Overflow

1. Two numbers with like signs and a different sign results

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ +2 = 010 \\ +2 = \underline{010} \\ \phantom{+2 = } 100 \\ \phantom{+2 = } \uparrow \\ \text{sign change} \end{array}$$



# Overflow

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So, overflow can never happen here.

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Can be expressed mathematically. Look at sign bit column

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# Overflow

We can check this both ways.

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$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{+2 = } \phantom{+2 = } \phantom{+2 = } 0 \phantom{0} 1 \\ +2 = \phantom{0} 0 \phantom{0} 1 \phantom{0} 0 \\ +2 = \phantom{0} 0 \phantom{0} 1 \phantom{0} 0 \\ \hline \phantom{+2 = } \phantom{+2 = } \phantom{+2 = } 1 \phantom{0} 0 \phantom{0} 0 \end{array}$$

# Two's complement in Hex

05  
+FF

# Two's complement in Hex

11

**Is this correct?**

05

+FF

04

# Two's complement in Hex

11

05

+FF

04

hex

0-7

8-F

binary

0000-0111

1000-1111

sign

pos

neg

High-order digit of hex tells us the sign.

If the number of bits is a multiple of 4.

Which it usually is.

# Two's complement in Hex

11

05 = +5

+FF = -1

04 +4

hex

0-7

8-F

binary

~~0~~000-~~0~~111

~~1~~000-~~1~~111

sign

pos

neg

This is 1111 1111  
That's an 8-bit  
value for -1.

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Two's Complement does not need separate hardware for subtraction!

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Say  $A == 4$  and  
 $B == 5$

A subtract gives you a  
two's complement -1

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$$A - B = A + B + 1$$

0100  
-0101  
-----  
1111



0100  
+1010  
-----  
1  
1111

Adding a two's  
complement  $-B$  gives  
the same result.

**With Two's  
Complement  
the same hardware add  
instruction works for**

- **unsigned** or
- **signed** numbers

# Part of a C program

```
unsigned U = 10;
```

**C chooses to treat the test as unsigned.**

```
if (U > -1) printf ("U greater than -1");
```

```
if (U < -1) printf ("U less than -1 ");
```

U less than -1

$10_{10} = 000A_{16}$  **and**  $-1_{10} = FFFF_{16}$

**Program compared an unsigned number (10) to a signed number.  
No hardware support for that ... so it converted -1 to unsigned.**