

Write a program to add two numbers in base 14

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Below are the different ways to add base 14 numbers.

Method 1

Thanks to Raj for suggesting this method.

1. Convert both i/p base 14 numbers to base 10.
2. Add numbers.
3. Convert the result back to base 14.

Method 2

Just add the numbers in base 14 in same way we add in base 10. Add numerals of both numbers one by one from right to left. If there is a carry while adding two numerals, consider the carry for adding next numerals.

Let us consider the presentation of base 14 numbers same as hexadecimal numbers

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A --> 10
B --> 11
C --> 12
D --> 13
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Example:

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num1 =      1  2  A
num2 =      C  D  3
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1. Add A and 3, we get 13(D). Since 13 is smaller than 14, carry becomes 0 and resultant numeral becomes D

2. Add 2, D and carry(0). we get 15. Since 15 is greater than 13, carry becomes 1 and resultant numeral is $15 - 14 = 1$

3. Add 1, C and carry(1). we get 14. Since 14 is greater than 13, carry becomes 1 and resultant numeral is $14 - 14 = 0$

Finally, there is a carry, so 1 is added as leftmost numeral and the result becomes 101D

Implementation of Method 2

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# include <stdio.h>
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#include <stdlib.h>
#define bool int

int getNumeralValue(char );
char getNumeral(int );

/* Function to add two numbers in base 14 */
char *sumBase14(char *num1, char *num2)
{
    int l1 = strlen(num1);
    int l2 = strlen(num2);
    char *res;
    int i;
    int nml1, nml2, res_nml;
    bool carry = 0;

    if(l1 != l2)
    {
        printf("Function doesn't support numbers of different
            " lengths. If you want to add such numbers then
            " prefix smaller number with required no. of
            " zeros");
        getchar();
        assert(0);
    }

    /* Note the size of the allocated memory is one
        more than i/p lengths for the cases where we
        have carry at the last like adding D1 and A1 */
    res = (char *)malloc(sizeof(char)*(l1 + 1));

    /* Add all numerals from right to left */
    for(i = l1-1; i >= 0; i--)
    {
        /* Get decimal values of the numerals of
            i/p numbers*/
        nml1 = getNumeralValue(num1[i]);
        nml2 = getNumeralValue(num2[i]);

        /* Add decimal values of numerals and carry */
        res_nml = carry + nml1 + nml2;

        /* Check if we have carry for next addition
            of numerals */
        if(res_nml >= 14)
        {
            carry = 1;
            res_nml -= 14;
        }
        else
        {
            carry = 0;
        }
        res[i+1] = getNumeral(res_nml);
    }

    /* if there is no carry after last iteration
        then result should not include 0th character
        of the resultant string */
}

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    if(carry == 0)
        return (res + 1);

    /* if we have carry after last iteration then
       result should include 0th character */
    res[0] = '1';
    return res;
}

/* Function to get value of a numeral
   For example it returns 10 for input 'A'
   1 for '1', etc */
int getNumeralValue(char num)
{
    if( num >= '0' && num <= '9')
        return (num - '0');
    if( num >= 'A' && num <= 'D')
        return (num - 'A' + 10);

    /* If we reach this line caller is giving
       invalid character so we assert and fail*/
    assert(0);
}

/* Function to get numeral for a value.
   For example it returns 'A' for input 10
   '1' for 1, etc */
char getNumeral(int val)
{
    if( val >= 0 && val <= 9)
        return (val + '0');
    if( val >= 10 && val <= 14)
        return (val + 'A' - 10);

    /* If we reach this line caller is giving
       invalid no. so we assert and fail*/
    assert(0);
}

/*Driver program to test above functions*/
int main()
{
    char *num1 = "DC2";
    char *num2 = "0A3";

    printf("Result is %s", sumBase14(num1, num2));
    getchar();
    return 0;
}

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Notes:

Above approach can be used to add numbers in any base. We don't have to do string operations if base is smaller than 10.