



COMPSCI 210 S2 2024

Computer Organisation

2 Data Representation



Overview

- ▶ Binary digital systems
- ▶ Basic data types
- ▶ Operations
 - ▶ Logic
 - ▶ Arithmetic



Data Representation in 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”

- ▶ How Computers work?
 - ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6b4uvXBCI7w>



2.1 Binary Digital System

Binary Digital System

- ▶ 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

With **n** bits, can represent **2^n** different values.



2.2 Data Type

Data Types

- ▶ In a computer system, we need a **representation** of data and **operations** that can be performed on the data by the machine instructions or the computer language.
- ▶ This combination of *representation* + *operations* is known as a **data type**.

Type	Representation	Operations
Unsigned integers	binary	add, multiply, etc.
Signed integers	2's complement binary	add, multiply, etc.
Real numbers	IEEE floating-point	add, multiply, etc.
Text characters	ASCII	input, output, compare



► Non-positional notation (unary)

- Could represent a number (“5”) with a string of ones (“11111”).
- Problems?

► Weighted positional notation (binary)

- Like decimal numbers: “329.”
- “3” is worth 300, because of its position, while “9” is only worth 9.
- Since only 0 and 1 digits, use a binary (base-two) number system.

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

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

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

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



Unsigned Integers

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

2^2	2^1	2^0	value
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



Exercise 2.1 Q1.1.

What is the range of a 6-bit unsigned integer?

- ▶ 0 - 64
- ▶ 0 - 63
- ▶ 0 - 31
- ▶ 0 - 32
- ▶ None of the others



Exercise 2.1 Q1.1.

What is the range of a 6-bit unsigned integer?

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- ▶ 0 - 63 ✓
- ▶ 0 - 31
- ▶ 0 - 32
- ▶ None of the others



Exercise 2.1 Q1.2.

What is the range of an 8-bit unsigned integer?

- ▶ 0 - 512
- ▶ 0 - 511
- ▶ 0 - 256
- ▶ 0 - 255
- ▶ None of the others



Exercise 2.1 Q1.2.

What is the range of an 8-bit unsigned integer?

- ▶ 0 - 512
- ▶ 0 - 511
- ▶ 0 - 256
- ▶ 0 - 255 ✓
- ▶ None of the others



Signed Integers

- ▶ How to represent positive (+) and negative (—)?
- ▶ With n bits, we have 2^n distinct values
 - ▶ Assign about half to positive integers (1 through $(2^{n-1})-1$) and about half to negative ($-(2^{n-1})+1$ through -1)
 - ▶ That leaves two values: one for 0, and one extra
- ▶ Three different encoding schemes
 - ▶ Signed-magnitude.
 - ▶ 1's complement.
 - ▶ 2's complement.



Signed-Magnitude


- ▶ Leftmost bit represents the **sign** of the number.
 - ▶ 0 = positive
 - ▶ 1 = negative
- ▶ Remaining bits represent the **magnitude** of the number using the binary notation used for unsigned integers.
- ▶ Examples of 5-bit signed-magnitude integers:
 - ▶ 00101 = +5 (sign = 0, magnitude = 0101)
 - ▶ 10101 = -5 (sign = 1, magnitude = 0101)
 - ▶ 01101 = +13 (sign = 0, magnitude = 1101)
 - ▶ 10010 = -2 (sign = 1, magnitude = 0010)




2.2 Data Type

1's Complement

- ▶ To get a negative number, start with a positive number (with zero as the leftmost bit) and flip all the bits -- from 0 to 1, from 1 to 0.
- ▶ Leftmost bit indicates sign: 0=positive, 1=negative
- ▶ Examples: 5-bit 1's complement integers:

 **00101** (5)
11010 (-5)

 **01001** (9)
10110 (-9)



2's Complement

- ▶ Problems with sign-magnitude and 1's complement
 - ▶ Two representations of zero (+0 and -0)
 - ▶ Arithmetic logic circuits are complex
 - ▶ How to add two sign-magnitude numbers? e.g., try $2 + (-3)$
 - ▶ How to add two one's complement numbers? e.g., try $4 + (-3)$
- ▶ **Two's complement** representation developed to make logic 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**

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

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



2's Complement – Method 1

- ▶ If number is positive or zero
 - ▶ Normal (unsigned) 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

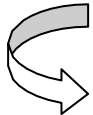
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{00101 (5)} \\ \text{11010 (1's comp)} \\ + \quad \quad \text{1} \\ \hline \text{11011 (-5)} \end{array}$$

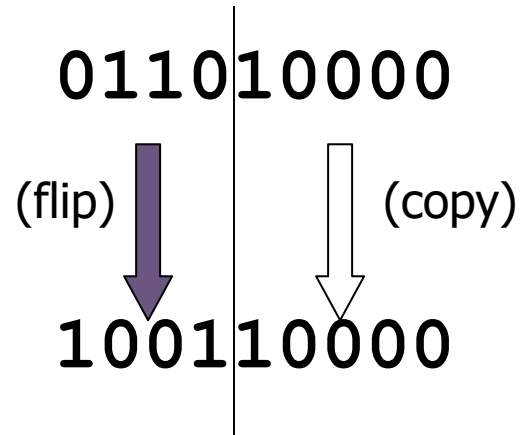
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{10111 (-9)} \\ \text{01000 (1's comp)} \\ + \quad \quad \text{1} \\ \hline \text{01001 (9)} \end{array}$$



2's Complement – Method 2

- ▶ 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


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





2's Complement

- With n bits, represent values from -2^{n-1} to $+2^{n-1} - 1$

4-bit 2's complement	value	4-bit 2's complement	value
0000	0		
0001	1	1111	-1
0010	2	1110	-2
0011	3	1101	-3
0100	4	1100	-4
0101	5	1011	-5
0110	6	1010	-6
0111	7	1001	-7
		1000	-8

- NOTE: All positive numbers start with 0, all negative numbers start with 1.



2.2 Data Type

Types of representations of integers

Representation	Value Represented			
	Unsigned	Signed Magnitude	1's Complement	2's Complement
00000	0	0	0	0
00001	1	1	1	1
00010	2	2	2	2
00011	3	3	3	3
00100	4	4	4	4
00101	5	5	5	5
00110	6	6	6	6
00111	7	7	7	7
01000	8	8	8	8
01001	9	9	9	9
01010	10	10	10	10
01011	11	11	11	11
01100	12	12	12	12
01101	13	13	13	13
01110	14	14	14	14
01111	15	15	15	15
10000	16	-0	-15	-16
10001	17	-1	-14	-15
10010	18	-2	-13	-14
10011	19	-3	-12	-13
10100	20	-4	-11	-12
10101	21	-5	-10	-11
10110	22	-6	-9	-10
10111	23	-7	-8	-9
11000	24	-8	-7	-8
11001	25	-9	-6	-7
11010	26	-10	-5	-6
11011	27	-11	-4	-5
11100	28	-12	-3	-4
11101	29	-13	-2	-3
11110	30	-14	-1	-2
11111	31	-15	-0	-1



Exercise 2.2 Q2.1.

What is the 5-bit two's complement representation of -9?

- ▶ 11001
- ▶ 10110
- ▶ 01001
- ▶ 10111



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What is the 5-bit two's complement representation of -9?

- ▶ 11001
- ▶ 10110
- ▶ 01001
- ▶ 10111 ✓



Exercise 2.2 Q2.2.

What is the 8-bit signed-magnitude representation of -26?

What is the 8-bit one's complement representation of -26?

What is the 8-bit two's complement representation of -26?



Exercise 2.2 Q2.2.

What is the 8-bit signed-magnitude representation of -26?

► 1001 1010

What is the 8-bit one's complement representation of -26?

► 1110 0101

What is the 8-bit two's complement representation of -26?

► 1110 0110



2.3 Hexadecimal Notation

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

Binary (base 2)	Hex (base 16)	Decimal (base 10)	Binary (base 2)	Hex (base 16)	Decimal (base 10)
0000	0	0	1000	8	8
0001	1	1	1001	9	9
0010	2	2	1010	A	10
0011	3	3	1011	B	11
0100	4	4	1100	C	12
0101	5	5	1101	D	13
0110	6	6	1110	E	14
0111	7	7	1111	F	15

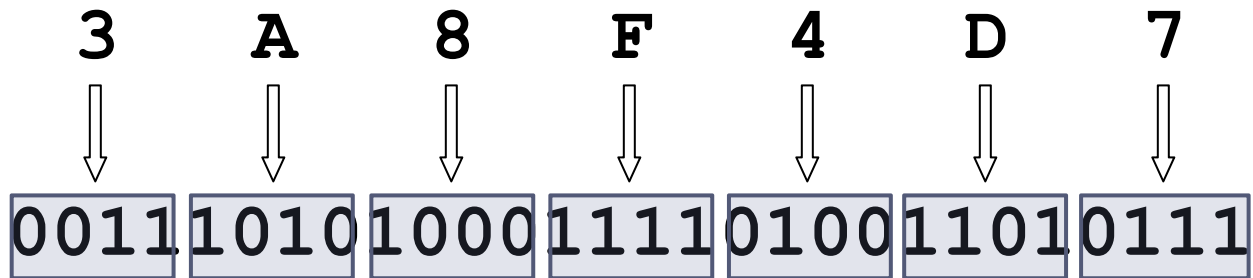


2.3 Hexadecimal Notation

Conversion of Hexadecimal Notation

► Converting from Hexadecimal to Binary

- Every hex digit can be converted to four binary bits



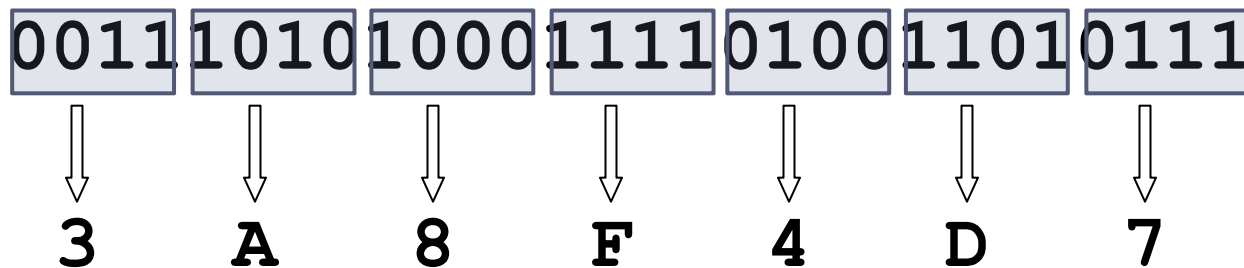


2.3 Hexadecimal Notation

Conversion of Hexadecimal Notation

► Converting from Binary to Hexadecimal

- Every four bits is a hex digit
 - Start grouping from **right-hand** side
 - Sign-extend if needed





2.3 Hexadecimal Notation

Conversion of Hexadecimal Notation

► Converting from Hexadecimal to Decimal

- Add powers of 16 that have non-zero digit in the corresponding digit positions

$$\begin{aligned} X &= A043_{16} \\ &= 10 \cdot 16^3 + 4 \cdot 16^1 + 3 \cdot 16^0 = 40960 + 64 + 3 \\ &= 41027_{10} \end{aligned}$$



Exercise 2.3 Q3.1.

Convert $A2_{16}$ to a decimal value.

- ▶ 162
- ▶ 12
- ▶ 20
- ▶ 102



Exercise 2.3 Q3.1.

Convert $A2_{16}$ to a decimal value.

- ▶ 162 ✓
- ▶ 12
- ▶ 20
- ▶ 102



Exercise 2.3 Q3.2.

Convert AC_{16} to a binary value.

- ▶ 1010 1100
- ▶ 172
- ▶ 1001 1100
- ▶ 1001 1001



Exercise 2.3 Q3.2.

Convert AC_{16} to a binary value.

- ▶ 1010 1100 ✓
- ▶ 172
- ▶ 1001 1100
- ▶ 1001 1001



Representation of non-Integers

- ▶ Text, strings, image, sound
- ▶ Fractions
- ▶ Scientific notation/Floating point representation



ASCII Representation

- ▶ **American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)**
 - ▶ Developed from telegraph codes, alternative to IBM's Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code (EBCDIC) in 1960s
 - ▶ Printable and non-printable (ESC, DEL, ...) characters (0-127)
 - ▶ Limited set of characters – many characters missing, especially language-specific
 - ▶ Extended ASCII characters
 - ▶ Many national “standards” developed



ASCII Representation

► ASCII Characters

- Maps characters to an 8-bit code (with 7 bits used for encoding)
- Both printable and non-printable (ESC, DEL, ...) characters

00 nul	10 dle	20 sp	30 0	40 @	50 P	60 `	70 p
01 soh	11 dc1	21 !	31 1	41 A	51 Q	61 a	71 q
02 stx	12 dc2	22 "	32 2	42 B	52 R	62 b	72 r
03 etx	13 dc3	23 #	33 3	43 C	53 S	63 c	73 s
04 eot	14 dc4	24 \$	34 4	44 D	54 T	64 d	74 t
05 eng	15 nak	25 %	35 5	45 E	55 U	65 e	75 u
06 ack	16 syn	26 &	36 6	46 F	56 V	66 f	76 v
07 bel	17 etb	27 '	37 7	47 G	57 W	67 g	77 w
08 bs	18 can	28 (38 8	48 H	58 X	68 h	78 x
09 ht	19 em	29)	39 9	49 I	59 Y	69 i	79 y
0a nl	1a sub	2a *	3a :	4a J	5a Z	6a j	7a z
0b vt	1b esc	2b +	3b ;	4b K	5b [6b k	7b {
0c np	1c fs	2c ,	3c <	4c L	5c \	6c l	7c
0d cr	1d gs	2d -	3d =	4d M	5d]	6d m	7d }
0e so	1e rs	2e .	3e >	4e N	5e ^	6e n	7e ~
0f si	1f us	2f /	3f ?	4f O	5f _	6f o	7f del



Exercise 2.4

- ▶ Q4.1. What is the ASCII character with the value $0x37$ (37_{16}) while $0x30$ is '0'?

- ▶ Q4.2. What is the ASCII character with the value 'a' + 5?



Logic Operations

- ▶ The three basic logical (or Boolean) operations are:
 - ▶ AND
 - ▶ OR
 - ▶ NOT



Logic Operations

- ▶ Bit-wise logical operations
 - ▶ Operations on logical TRUE or FALSE
 - ▶ Two states -- takes one bit to represent: TRUE=1, FALSE=0
 - ▶ View n-bit number as a collection of n logical values
 - ▶ Operation applied to each bit independently

A	B	A AND B	A	B	A OR B	A	NOT A
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	1		
1	1	1	1	1	1		



Logic Operations

► Bit-wise logical operations

► AND

► Useful for clearing bits

- AND with zero = 0
- AND with one = no change

► OR

► Useful for setting bits

- OR with zero = no change
- OR with one = 1

► NOT

► Unary operation -- one argument

- Flips every bit

```
      11000101
AND  00001111
-----
      00000101
```

```
      11000101
OR   00001111
-----
      11001111
```

```
NOT  11000101
-----
      00111010
```



Operations

- ▶ Recall : a data type includes representation and operations
- ▶ We now have a good representation for signed integers (especially 2's complement) so, let's look at some arithmetic operations:
 - ▶ Addition
 - ▶ Subtraction
 - ▶ Sign Extension
- ▶ We'll also look at **overflow conditions** for addition



Addition

- ▶ 2's complement addition is just binary addition.
 - ▶ Assume all integers have the same number of bits
 - ▶ Sign bit is treated the same as other bits
 - ▶ For now, assume that sum fits in n-bit 2's comp. representation
 - ▶ **Ignore carry out**

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 00001000 \text{ (8)} \\ + 11111100 \text{ (-4)} \\ \hline 00000100 \text{ (4)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11110110 \text{ (-10)} \\ + 11110111 \text{ (-9)} \\ \hline 11101101 \text{ (-19)} \end{array}$$



Subtraction

- ▶ Assume all integers have the same number of bits
- ▶ $X - Y = X + (-Y)$
 - ▶ “ $-Y$ ” is obtained by calculating Y ’s 2’s complement
- ▶ For now, assume that the result fits in n -bit 2’s comp. representation
- ▶ **Ignore carry out**

Assuming 8-bit 2’s complement numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 00001000 \text{ (8)} \\ - 00000100 \text{ (4)} \\ \hline 00001000 \text{ (8)} \\ + 11111100 \text{ (-4)} \\ \hline 00000100 \text{ (4)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11110110 \text{ (-10)} \\ - 11110111 \text{ (-9)} \\ \hline 11110110 \text{ (-10)} \\ + 00001001 \text{ (9)} \\ \hline 11111111 \text{ (-1)} \end{array}$$



Sign Extension

- ▶ To add/subtract two numbers, we must represent them with the same number of bits
- ▶ If we just pad with zeroes on the left:

4-bit

0100 (4)

1100 (-4)

8-bit

00000100 (still 4)

00001100 (12, not -4)

- ▶ Instead, replicate the most significant (MS) bit -- the sign bit:

4-bit

0100 (4)

1100 (-4)

8-bit

00000100 (still 4)

11111100 (still -4)



2.7 Operations: Arithmetic

Overflow

- ▶ If operands are too big, then sum cannot be represented as an n-bit 2's comp. number
- ▶ For 2's complement, this can only happen if both numbers are positive or both numbers are negative.

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

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

- ▶ We have overflow if:
 - ▶ Signs of both operands are the same, and
 - ▶ Sign of sum is different



Summary

- ▶ On completion of this class, you are able to
 - ▶ Familiar with the binary representation
 - ▶ Familiar with the hexadecimal representation
 - ▶ Familiar with the ASCII representation
 - ▶ Carry out simple logical operations for binary values
 - ▶ Convert the number representation in computer
 - ▶ Calculate simple binary arithmetical and logical operations
- ▶ Reading:
 - ▶ Chapter 2 of textbook