

# Announcements

- Assignment I
  - *Cellular Automata* with strings in C
  - Due 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 26
- Test I
  - Friday, September 26
  - Covers up to Lecture 8



Lecture 8

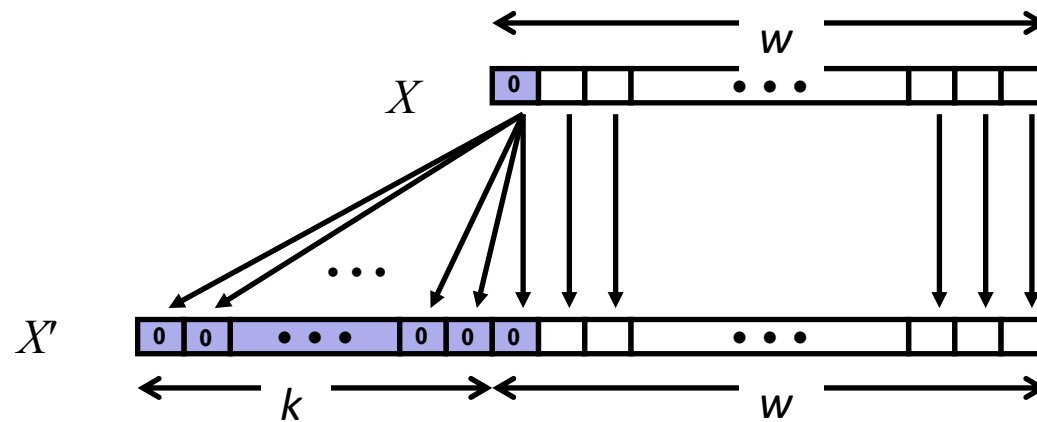
# Expansion and Trunction

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# Expanding Bit Representation

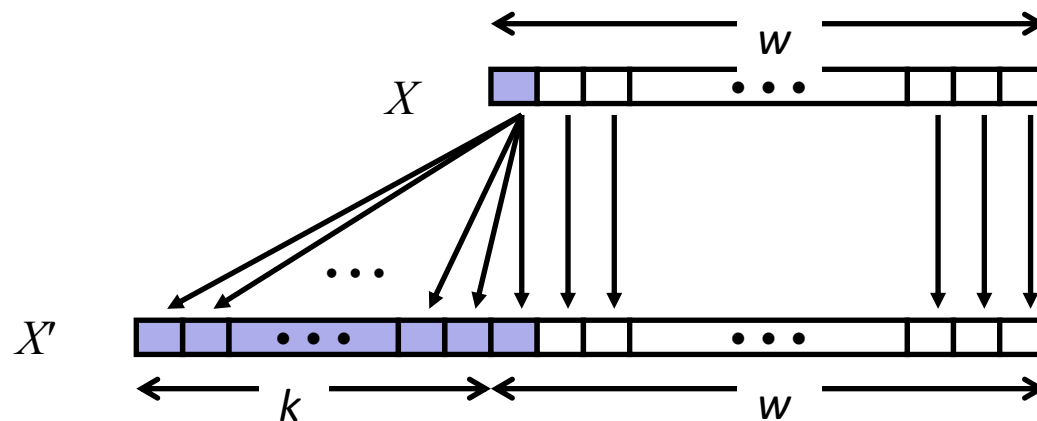
- Conversion between integers having different word sizes
  - Must retain the same numeric value
  - May not be possible when the destination data type is too small
  - Conversion from a smaller to a larger data type always be possible
- For unsigned integers, add leading zeros (*zero extension*):





# Sign Extension

- Conversion between integers having different word sizes
  - Must retain the same numeric value
  - May not be possible when the destination data type is too small
  - Conversion from a smaller to a larger data type always be possible
- For two's complement integers, add the sign bit (*sign extension*):





# Sign Extension Example

```
short int x = 15213;  
int ix = (int) x;  
short int y = -15213;  
int iy = (int) y;
```

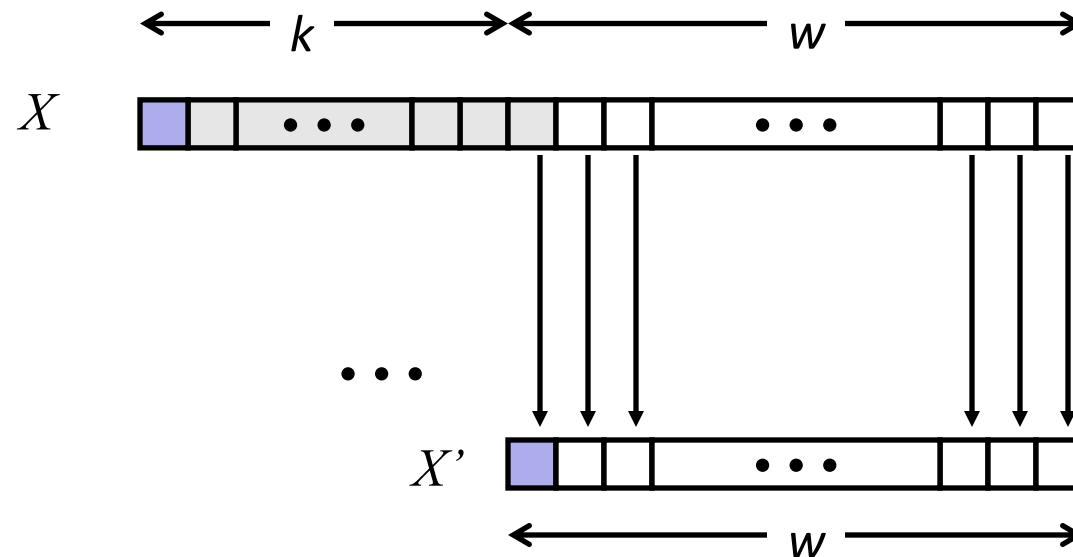
	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
ix	15213	00 00 3B 6D	00000000 00000000 00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
iy	-15213	FF FF C4 93	11111111 11111111 11000100 10010011

- Converting from smaller to larger integer data type
- C automatically performs sign extension



# Truncation

- Task:
  - Given  $k+w$ -bit signed or unsigned integer  $X$
  - Convert it to  $w$ -bit integer  $X'$  with same value for “small enough”  $X$
- Rule:
  - Drop top  $k$  bits:
  - $X' = x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \dots, x_0$





# Truncation Example

No sign change

	-16	8	4	2	1
2 =	0	0	0	1	0

	-8	4	2	1
2 =	0	0	1	0

	-16	8	4	2	1
-6 =	1	1	0	1	0

	-8	4	2	1
-6 =	1	0	1	0

Sign change

	-16	8	4	2	1
10 =	0	1	0	1	0

	-8	4	2	1
-6 =	1	0	1	0

	-16	8	4	2	1
-10 =	1	0	1	1	0

	-8	4	2	1
6 =	0	1	1	0



# Expanding, Truncating: Basic Rules

- Expanding (e.g., `short int` **to** `int`)
  - Unsigned: zeros added
  - Signed: sign extension
  - Both yield expected result
- Truncating (e.g., `unsigned` **to** `unsigned short`)
  - Unsigned/signed: bits are truncated
  - Result reinterpreted
  - For small (in magnitude) numbers yields expected behavior



