

# Chapter 1 Exercises: Number Systems

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**1.8** What is the largest 32-bit unsigned number?

$$2^{32} - 1 = 4,294,967,295$$

**1.10** What is the largest 32-bit binary number that can be represented with

(a) unsigned numbers?

$$2^{32} - 1 = 4,294,967,295$$

(b) two's complement numbers?

$$2^{31} - 1 = 2,147,483,647$$

(c) sign/magnitude numbers?

$$2^{31} - 1 = 2,147,483,647$$

**1.12** What is the smallest (most negative) 32-bit binary number that can be represented with

(a) unsigned numbers?

If you can't have a sign, either it's impossible to have a negative value, or you assume that all values are negative. A negative-int data type I suppose.

$$-2^{32} - 1 = -4,294,967,295$$

(b) two's complement numbers?

$$-2^{31} = -2,147,483,648$$

(c) sign/magnitude numbers?

$$-2^{31} - 1 = -2,147,483,647$$

**1.14** Convert the following unsigned binary numbers to decimal.

(a)  $1110_2$

$$2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 0 = 14$$

(b)  $100100_2$

$$2^5 + 2^2 = 36$$

(c)  $11010111_2$

$$2^7 + 2^6 + 2^4 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0 = 215$$

(d)  $011101010100100_2$

$$2^{13} + 2^{12} + 2^{11} + 2^9 + 2^7 + 2^5 + 2^2 = 15,012$$

**1.16** Repeat 1.14, but convert to hexadecimal.

Since they are split into 4 bit sections, just match each section with its hex digit.

(a)  $1110_2$

$0xE$

(b)  $10\ 0100_2$

$0x24$

(c)  $1101\ 0111_2$

$0xD7$

(d) 011 1010 1010 0100<sub>2</sub>  
0x3AA4

**1.18** Convert the following hexadecimal numbers to decimal.

(a) 0x4E

$$4 * 16^1 + 14 * 16^0 = 78$$

(b) 0x7C

$$7 * 16^1 + 12 * 16^0 = 124$$

(c) 0xED3A

$$14 * 16^3 + 13 * 16^2 + 3 * 16^1 + 10 * 16^0 = 60,730$$

(d) 0x403FB001

$$4 * 16^7 + 3 * 16^5 + 15 * 16^4 + 11 * 16^3 + 1 * 16^0 = 1,077,915,649$$

**1.20** Repeat 1.18, but convert to unsigned binary.

Simply take each digit, and match it to its binary equivalent. Then push the resulting sections together.

(a) 0x4E

0100 1110

(b) 0x7C

0111 1100

(c) 0xED3A

1110 1101 0011 1010

(d) 0x403FB001

0100 0000 0011 1111 1011 0000 0000 0001

**1.22** Convert the following two's complement binary numbers to decimal.

(a) 1110<sub>2</sub>

The left most bit is 1, flip the bits, 1110 = 0001 then add 1. 0001 + 0001 = 0010 = 2

Since the left most bit was 1, the result is negative. -2

(b) 100011<sub>2</sub>

$$011100 + 000001 = 011101$$

$$2^4 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^0 = -29$$

(c) 01001110<sub>2</sub>

The left most bit is 0, so this is a positive number. Continue as normal.

$$2^6 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 = 78$$

(d) 10110101<sub>2</sub>

$$01001010 + 00000001 = 01001011$$

$$2^6 + 2^3 + 2^1 + 2^0 = -75$$

**1.26** Convert the following decimal numbers to unsigned binary numbers.

(a) 14

$$14/2 = 7r0$$

$$7/2 = 3r1$$

$$3/2 = 1r1$$

$$1/2 = 0r1$$

$$14 = 1110$$

(b) 52

$$52/2 = 26r0$$

$$26/2 = 13r0$$

$$13/2 = 6r1$$

$$6/2 = 3r0$$

$$3/2 = 1r1$$

$$1/2 = 0r1$$

$$52 = 110100$$

(c) 339

$$339/2 = 169r1$$

$$169/2 = 84r1$$

$$84/2 = 42r0$$

$$42/2 = 21r0$$

$$21/2 = 10r1$$

$$10/2 = 5r0$$

$$5/2 = 2r1$$

$$2/2 = 1r0$$

$$1/2 = 0r1$$

$$339 = 101010011$$

(d) 711

$$711/2 = 355r1$$

$$355/2 = 177r1$$

$$177/2 = 88r1$$

$$88/2 = 44r0$$

$$44/2 = 22r0$$

$$22/2 = 11r0$$

$$11/2 = 5r1$$

$$5/2 = 2r1$$

$$2/2 = 1r0$$

$$1/2 = 0r1$$

$$711 = 1011000111$$

**1.28** Repeat Exercise 1.26, but convert to hexadecimal.

Since it's converted to binary already, you can start with that, then go to hex.

(a) 14

$$14 = 1110 = 0xE$$

(b) 52

$$52 = 0011\ 0100 = 0x34$$

(c) 339

$$339 = 0001\ 0101\ 0011 = 0x153$$

(d) 711

$$711 = 0010\ 1100\ 0111 = 0x2C7$$

**1.30** Convert the following decimal numbers to 8-bit two's complement numbers or indicate that the decimal number would overflow the range.

(a) 24

$$24/16 = 1r8$$

$$24 = 0x18 = 0001\ 1000$$

Since it's positive, the leading bit should be 0.

(b) -59

$$59/16 = 3r11$$

$$59 = 0x3B = 0011\ 1011$$

Invert bits and add 1

$$1100\ 0100 + 0001 = 1100\ 0101$$

(c) 128

$$128/16 = 8r0$$

$$128 = 0x80 = 1000\ 0000$$

But, we have a problem. Since 128 on its own takes up 8 bits, this would read as  $-128$  in two's complement. With only 8bits, there is no way to represent  $+128$ . *Overflow*

(d) -150

$$150/16 = 9r6$$

$$150 = 0x96 = 1001\ 0110$$

$$\text{Invert and add 1, } 0110\ 1001 + 0001 = 0110\ 1010$$

Again, since we only have 8 bits, this causes an *overflow*.

(e) 127

$$127/16 = 7r15$$

$$127 = 0x7F = 0111\ 1111$$

Luckily, this does not overflow, but it is at the end of an 8bit two's complement numbers range.

**1.34** Convert the following 4-bit two's complement numbers to 8-bit two's complement numbers.

(a) 0111

Since this is a positive number nothing needs to be changed.

0000 0111

(b) 1001

Just add 1's to the bits in front, since this is a negative number.

1111 1001

**1.36** Repeat Exercise 1.34 if the numbers are unsigned rather than two's complement.

I'm not completely sure I understand this question. Are we converting two's complement numbers to 8bit unsigned? Or 4bit unsigned to 8bit two's complement? Or just unsigned to unsigned?

Either way, the answer should just be the original plus 0000 at the front. This is since, if they are unsigned to start with, they are positive, and therefore the two's will be positive. If they are two's moving to unsigned,  $b$  just doesn't really make sense. Anyway, here's the answer assuming they are unsigned, moving to two's complement.

(a) 0111

0000 0111

(b) 1001

0000 1001

**1.38** Base 8 is referred to as octal. Convert each of the numbers from 1.26 to octal.

(a) 14

$$14/8 = 1r6$$

$$1/8 = 0r1$$

$$14 = 016$$

(b) 52

$$52/8 = 6r4$$

$$6/8 = 0r6 \ 52 = 064$$

(c) 339

$$339/8 = 42r3$$

$$42/8 = 5r2$$

$$5/8 = 0r5$$

$$339 = 0523$$

(d) 711

$$711/8 = 88r7$$

$$88/8 = 11r0$$

$$11/8 = 1r3$$

$$1/8 = 0r1$$

$$711 = 01307$$

**1.40** Convert each of the following octal numbers to binary, hexadecimal, and decimal.

In the following questions, converting to binary, then binary to hex is easiest.

(a) 023

binary: 010 011

hex: 0x13

decimal:  $2 * 8^1 + 3 * 8^0 = 19$

(b) 045

binary: 100 101

hex: 0x25

decimal:  $4 * 8^1 + 5 * 8^0 = 37$

(c) 0371

binary: 011 111 001

hex: 0 1111 1001 = 0xF9

decimal:  $3 * 8^2 + 7 * 8^1 + 1 * 8^0 = 249$

(d) 02560

binary: 010 101 110 000

hex: 0101 0111 0000 = 0x570

decimal:  $2 * 8^3 + 5 * 8^2 + 6 * 8^1 + 0 * 8^0 = 1392$

**1.42** How many 7-bit two's complement numbers are greater than 0? How

many numbers are less than 0

The range of a 7-bit two's complement number is  $-(2^6)$  to  $2^6 - 1$ , which is  $-64$  to  $63$

So the number **greater** than 0, is 63, and the number **less** is 64.

**1.44** How many bytes are in a 64-bit word?

8-bits to one byte. Therefore,  $64/8 = 8$  bytes

**1.50** Draw a line number analogous to Figure 1.11 for 3-bit unsigned, two's complement, and sign/magnitude numbers.

	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
Unsigned					000	001	010	011	100
Two's	100	101	110	111	000	001	010	011	
Sign/Magnitude		111	110	101	000	001	010	011	
					100				

**1.52** Perform the following additions of unsigned binary numbers. Indicate whether or not the sum overflows a 4-bit result.

(a)  $1011 + 0100$

1111

(b)  $1101 + 1011$

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  1 1 1
  1 1 0 1
+ 1 0 1 1
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1 1 0 0 0

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This does *overflow* the 4-bit result. The 4-bit version would simply be 1000

**1.54** Repeat exercise 1.52, assuming that the binary numbers are in two's complement form.

(a)  $1011 + 0100$

$1011 = -5$

$0100 = 4$

$1011 + 0100 = 1111 = -1$

(b)  $1101 + 1011$



$$1101 = -3$$

$$1011 = -5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \\ 1101 \\ +1011 \\ \hline 11000 \end{array}$$

While it does overflow, in this instance,  $1000 = -8$ , so the answer is still correct.

**1.56** Convert the following decimal numbers to 6-bit two's complement binary numbers and add them. Indicate whether or not the sum overflows a 6-bit result.

(a)  $16 + 9$

$$16 = 010000$$

$$9 = 001001$$

$$010000 + 001001 = 011001$$

Does not overflow

(b)  $27 + 31$

$$27/2 = 13r1$$

$$13/2 = 6r1$$

$$6/2 = 3r0$$

$$3/2 = 1r1$$

$$1/2 = 0r1$$

$$27 = 011011$$

$$31/2 = 15r1$$

$$15/2 = 7r1$$

$$7/2 = 3r1$$

$$3/2 = 1r1$$

$$1/2 = 0r1$$

$$31 = 011111$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11111 \\ 011011 \\ +011111 \\ \hline 111010 \end{array}$$

$$111010 = -6$$

Overflows. Even though there are no lost bits, since the msb is set to 1, with not enough bits for a leading 0. This is represented as a -6, which is incorrect.

(c)  $-4 + 19$

$$-4 = 000100 = 111011 + 0001 = 111100$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
19/2 = 9r1 \\
9/2 = 4r1 \\
4/2 = 2r0 \\
2/2 = 1r0 \\
1/2 = 0r1 \\
19 = 010011 \\
\begin{array}{r}
1\ 1 \\
1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0 \\
+ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1 \\
\hline
1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1
\end{array}
\end{array}$$

No overflow, since  $-4 + 19$  is a positive number, the msb should be 0.  
 $001111 = 15$

(d)  $3 + -32$   
 $3 = 000011$   
 $-32 = 100000$   
 $000011 + 100000 = 100011 = -29$   
Does not overflow

(e)  $-16 + -9$   
 $-16 = 010000 = 101111 + 0001 = 110000$   
 $-9 = 001001 = 110110 + 0001 = 110111$   
 $110000 + 110111 = 1\ 100111$   
 $100111 = -25$ , one extra bit is tossed out, but it isn't needed.  
Does not overflow

(f)  $-27 + -31$   
 $27 = 011011 = 100101 = -27$   
 $31 = 011111 = 100001 = -31$   
 $100101 + 100001 = 000110 = 6$   
This overflows, it would need 7-bits to properly represent -58.

**1.58** Perform the following additions of unsigned hexadecimal numbers. Indicate whether or not the sum overflows an 8bit (two hex digit) result.

(a)  $0x7 + 0x9$

$$\begin{array}{r}
1 \\
7 \\
+ 9 \\
\hline
10
\end{array}$$

$0x10$   
Does not overflow.

(b)  $0x13 + 0x28$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ + 28 \\ \hline 3B \end{array}$$

0x3B

Does not overflow

(c)  $0xAB + 0x3E$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ AB \\ + 3E \\ \hline E9 \end{array}$$

0xE9

Does not overflow

(d)  $0x8F + 0xAD$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ AD \\ + 8F \\ \hline 13C \end{array}$$

0x13C

Overflows

**1.60** Convert the following decimal numbers to 5-bit two's complement binary numbers and subtract them. Indicate whether or not the difference overflows a 5-bit result.

(a)  $9 - 7$

$9 = 01001$

$7 = 00111$

$-7 = 11000 + 00001 = 11001$

$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \\ 01001 \\ + 11001 \\ \hline 100010 \end{array}$$

Does not overflow

$100010 = 2$

(b)  $12 - 15$

$12 = 01100$

$$15 = 01111$$

$$-15 = 10001$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 01100 \\ +10001 \\ \hline 11101 \end{array}$$

Does not overflow

$$11101 = -3$$

(c) -6 - 11

$$6 = 00110$$

$$-6 = 11010$$

$$11 = 01011$$

$$-11 = 10101$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 11010 \\ +10101 \\ \hline 101111 \end{array}$$

This overflows, it also gives an incorrect result. Since -6 - 11 requires more than 5 bits.

$$01111 = 15$$

(d) 4 - 8

$$4 = 00100$$

$$8 = 01000$$

$$-8 = 11000$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 00100 \\ +01000 \\ \hline 01100 \end{array}$$

Does not overflow

$$01100 = 12$$

**1.65** Answer the following questions related to *Binary Coded Decimal* systems.

(a) Write 371 in BCD

$$3 = 0011$$

$$7 = 0111$$

$$1 = 0001$$

$$001101110001$$

(b) Convert  $000110000111_{BCD}$  to decimal.

$$0001 = 1$$

$$1000 = 8$$

$$0111 = 7$$

$$000110000111 = 187$$

(c) Convert  $10010101_{BCD}$  to binary

$$1001 = 9$$

$$0101 = 5$$

$$95/2 = 47r1$$

$$47/2 = 23r1$$

$$23/2 = 11r1$$

$$11/2 = 5r1$$

$$5/2 = 2r1$$

$$2/2 = 1r0$$

$$1/2 = 0r1$$

$$95 = 1011111$$

(d) Explain the disadvantage of BCD when compared to binary representation of numbers.

It takes more bits to store the same number.

Take the example above. 95 in binary requires 7 bits, where the BCD version requires 8.

8 bits in BCD only get you up to 99. But 8 bits with binary can get you all the way to 255.