

Bits, Bytes, and Integers

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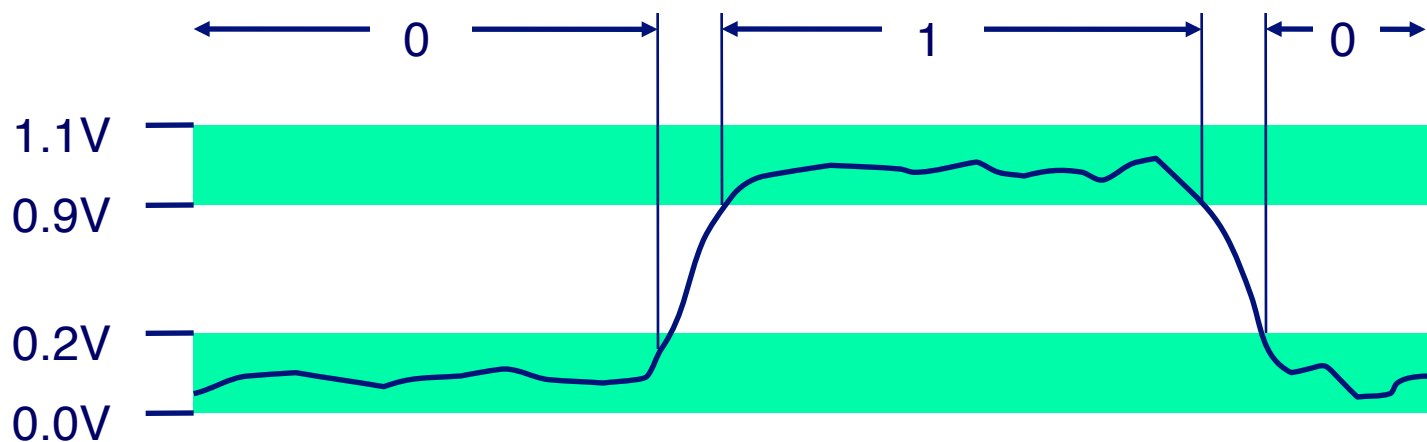
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- **Representing information as bits**
- **Bit-level manipulations**
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 - Representation: unsigned and signed
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Everything is bits

- Each bit is 0 or 1
- By encoding/interpreting sets of bits in various ways
 - Computers determine what to do (instructions)
 - ... and represent and manipulate numbers, sets, strings, etc...
- **Why bits? Electronic Implementation**
 - Easy to store with bistable elements
 - Reliably transmitted on noisy and inaccurate wires



For example, can count in binary

■ Base 2 Number Representation

- Represent 15213_{10} as 11101101101101_2
- Represent 1.20_{10} as $1.0011001100110011[0011]..._2$
- Represent 1.5213×10^4 as $1.1101101101101_2 \times 2^{13}$

Encoding Byte Values

■ Byte = 8 bits

- Binary 00000000_2 to 11111111_2
- Decimal: 0_{10} to 255_{10}
- Hexadecimal 00_{16} to FF_{16}
 - Base 16 number representation
 - Use characters '0' to '9' and 'A' to 'F'
 - Write $FA1D37B_{16}$ in C as
 - `0xFA1D37B`
 - `0xfa1d37b`

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

Example Data Representations

| C Data Type | Typical 32-bit | Typical 64-bit | x86-64 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| <code>char</code> | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| <code>short</code> | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| <code>int</code> | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| <code>long</code> | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| <code>float</code> | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| <code>double</code> | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| <code>long double</code> | – | – | 10/16 |
| <code>pointer</code> | 4 | 8 | 8 |

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Boolean Algebra

■ Developed by George Boole in 19th Century

- Algebraic representation of logic
 - Encode “True” as 1 and “False” as 0

And

- $A \& B = 1$ when both $A=1$ and $B=1$

| $\&$ | 0 | 1 |
|------|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |

Or

- $A | B = 1$ when either $A=1$ or $B=1$

| $ $ | 0 | 1 |
|-----|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

Not

- $\sim A = 1$ when $A=0$

| \sim | |
|--------|---|
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 |

Exclusive-Or (Xor)

- $A \wedge B = 1$ when either $A=1$ or $B=1$, but not both

| \wedge | 0 | 1 |
|----------|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

General Boolean Algebras

■ Operate on Bit Vectors

- Operations applied bitwise

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 01101001 | 01101001 | 01101001 | |
| <u>& 01010101</u> | <u> 01010101</u> | <u>^ 01010101</u> | <u>~ 01010101</u> |
| 01000001 | 01111101 | 00111100 | 10101010 |

■ All of the Properties of Boolean Algebra Apply

Example: Representing & Manipulating Sets

■ Representation

- Width w bit vector represents subsets of $\{0, \dots, w-1\}$
- $a_j = 1$ if $j \in A$

- 01101001 $\{0, 3, 5, 6\}$

- 76543210

- 01010101 $\{0, 2, 4, 6\}$

- 76543210

■ Operations

- | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| ■ & Intersection | 01000001 | $\{0, 6\}$ |
| ■ Union | 01111101 | $\{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ |
| ■ ^ Symmetric difference | 00111100 | $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ |
| ■ ~ Complement | 10101010 | $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ |

Bit-Level Operations in C

■ Operations $\&$, $|$, \sim , \wedge Available in C

- Apply to any “integral” data type
 - long, int, short, char, unsigned
- View arguments as bit vectors
- Arguments applied bit-wise

■ Examples (Char data type)

- $\sim 0x41 \rightarrow 0xBE$
 - $\sim 01000001_2 \rightarrow 10111110_2$
- $\sim 0x00 \rightarrow 0xFF$
 - $\sim 00000000_2 \rightarrow 11111111_2$
- $0x69 \& 0x55 \rightarrow 0x41$
 - $01101001_2 \& 01010101_2 \rightarrow 01000001_2$
- $0x69 | 0x55 \rightarrow 0x7D$
 - $01101001_2 | 01010101_2 \rightarrow 01111101_2$

Contrast: Logic Operations in C

■ Contrast to Logical Operators

- `&&`, `||`, `!`
 - View 0 as “False”
 - Anything nonzero as “True”
 - Always return 0 or 1
 - Early termination

■ Examples (char data type)

- `!0x41` → `0x00`
- `!0x00` → `0x01`
- `!!0x41` → `0x01`

- `0x69 && 0x55` → `0x01`
- `0x69 || 0x55` → `0x01`
- `p && *p` (avoids null pointer access)

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 - **Early evaluation**

■ Example

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- `!0x00`
- `!!0x41`

- `0x69 && 0x55 → 0x01`
- `0x69 || 0x55 → 0x01`
- `p && *p` (avoids null pointer access)

**Watch out for `&&` vs. `&` (and `||` vs. `|`)...
one of the more common oopsies in
C programming**

Shift Operations

■ Left Shift: $x \ll y$

- Shift bit-vector x left y positions
 - Throw away extra bits on left
 - Fill with 0's on right

■ Right Shift: $x \gg y$

- Shift bit-vector x right y positions
 - Throw away extra bits on right
- Logical shift
 - Fill with 0's on left
- Arithmetic shift
 - Replicate most significant bit on left

■ Undefined Behavior

- Shift amount < 0 or \geq word size

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Argument x | 01100010 |
| $\ll 3$ | 00010000 |
| Log. $\gg 2$ | 00011000 |
| Arith. $\gg 2$ | 00011000 |

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Argument x | 10100010 |
| $\ll 3$ | 00010000 |
| Log. $\gg 2$ | 00101000 |
| Arith. $\gg 2$ | 11101000 |

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Encoding Integers

Unsigned

$$B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

Two's Complement

$$B2T(X) = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

```
short int x = 15213;
short int y = -15213;
```

Sign
Bit



■ C short 2 bytes long

| | Decimal | Hex | Binary |
|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| x | 15213 | 3B 6D | 00111011 01101101 |
| y | -15213 | C4 93 | 11000100 10010011 |

■ Sign Bit

- For 2's complement, most significant bit indicates sign
 - 0 for nonnegative
 - 1 for negative

Two-complement Encoding Example (Cont.)

x = 15213: 00111011 01101101
y = -15213: 11000100 10010011

| Weight | 15213 | | -15213 | |
|------------|--------------|------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| 32 | 1 | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| 64 | 1 | 64 | 0 | 0 |
| 128 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 128 |
| 256 | 1 | 256 | 0 | 0 |
| 512 | 1 | 512 | 0 | 0 |
| 1024 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1024 |
| 2048 | 1 | 2048 | 0 | 0 |
| 4096 | 1 | 4096 | 0 | 0 |
| 8192 | 1 | 8192 | 0 | 0 |
| 16384 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16384 |
| -32768 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -32768 |
| Sum | 15213 | | -15213 | |

Numeric Ranges

■ Unsigned Values

- $UMin = 0$
000...0
- $UMax = 2^w - 1$
111...1

■ Two's Complement Values

- $TMin = -2^{w-1}$
100...0
- $TMax = 2^{w-1} - 1$
011...1

■ Other Values

- Minus 1
111...1

Values for $W = 16$

| | Decimal | Hex | Binary |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| UMax | 65535 | FF FF | 11111111 11111111 |
| TMax | 32767 | 7F FF | 01111111 11111111 |
| TMin | -32768 | 80 00 | 10000000 00000000 |
| -1 | -1 | FF FF | 11111111 11111111 |
| 0 | 0 | 00 00 | 00000000 00000000 |

Values for Different Word Sizes

| | W | | | |
|------|------|---------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | 8 | 16 | 32 | 64 |
| UMax | 255 | 65,535 | 4,294,967,295 | 18,446,744,073,709,551,615 |
| TMax | 127 | 32,767 | 2,147,483,647 | 9,223,372,036,854,775,807 |
| TMin | -128 | -32,768 | -2,147,483,648 | -9,223,372,036,854,775,808 |

■ Observations

- $|TMin| = TMax + 1$
 - Asymmetric range
- $UMax = 2 * TMax + 1$

■ C Programming

- `#include <limits.h>`
- Declares constants, e.g.,
 - `ULONG_MAX`
 - `LONG_MAX`
 - `LONG_MIN`
- Values platform specific

Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values

| X | $B2U(X)$ | $B2T(X)$ |
|------|----------|----------|
| 0000 | 0 | 0 |
| 0001 | 1 | 1 |
| 0010 | 2 | 2 |
| 0011 | 3 | 3 |
| 0100 | 4 | 4 |
| 0101 | 5 | 5 |
| 0110 | 6 | 6 |
| 0111 | 7 | 7 |
| 1000 | 8 | -8 |
| 1001 | 9 | -7 |
| 1010 | 10 | -6 |
| 1011 | 11 | -5 |
| 1100 | 12 | -4 |
| 1101 | 13 | -3 |
| 1110 | 14 | -2 |
| 1111 | 15 | -1 |

■ Equivalence

- Same encodings for nonnegative values

■ Uniqueness

- Every bit pattern represents unique integer value
- Each representable integer has unique bit encoding

■ \Rightarrow Can Invert Mappings

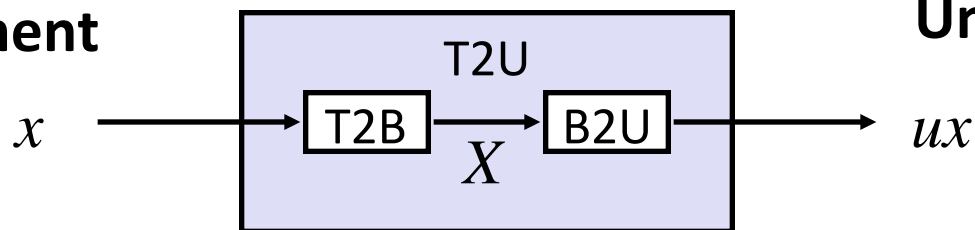
- $U2B(x) = B2U^{-1}(x)$
 - Bit pattern for unsigned integer
- $T2B(x) = B2T^{-1}(x)$
 - Bit pattern for two's comp integer

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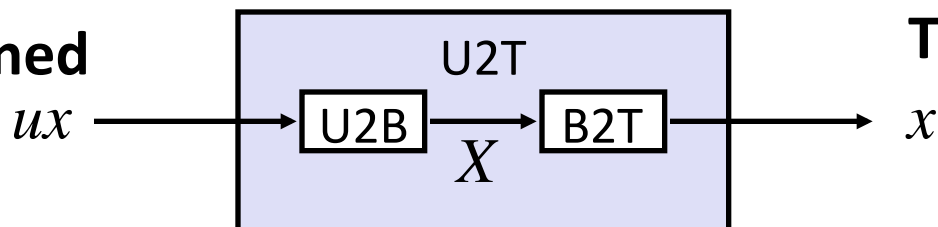
Mapping Between Signed & Unsigned

Two's Complement



Maintain Same Bit Pattern

Unsigned



Maintain Same Bit Pattern

- Mappings between unsigned and two's complement numbers:
Keep bit representations and reinterpret

Mapping Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned

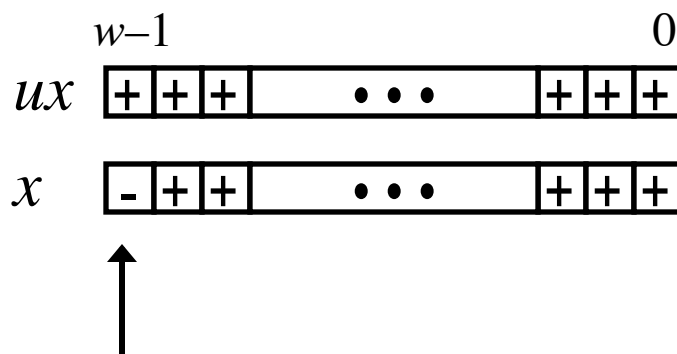
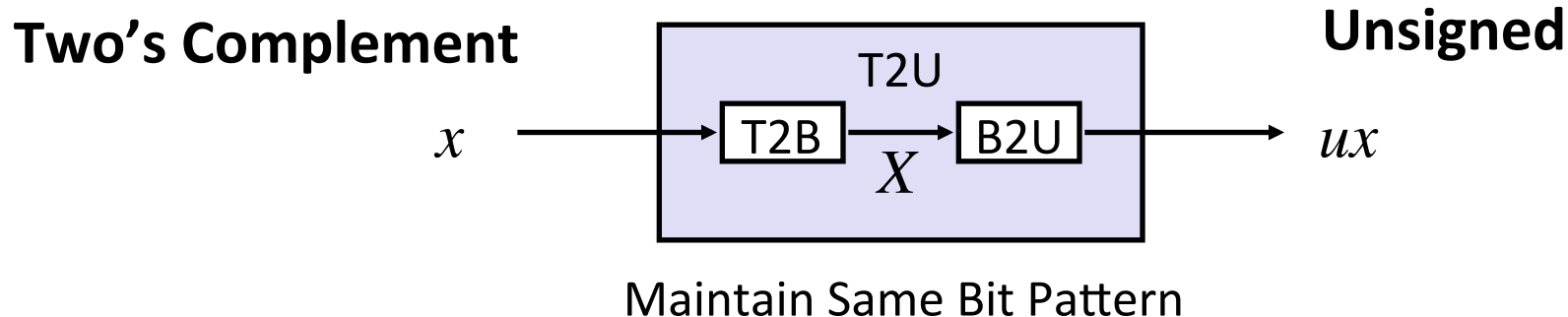
| Bits | Signed | | Unsigned |
|------|--------|--|----------|
| 0000 | 0 | | 0 |
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| 1111 | -1 | | 15 |

\rightarrow **T2U** \rightarrow
 \leftarrow **U2T** \leftarrow

Mapping Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned

| Bits | Signed | | Unsigned |
|------|--------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 0000 | 0 | \longleftrightarrow = | 0 |
| 0001 | 1 | | 1 |
| 0010 | 2 | | 2 |
| 0011 | 3 | | 3 |
| 0100 | 4 | | 4 |
| 0101 | 5 | | 5 |
| 0110 | 6 | | 6 |
| 0111 | 7 | | 7 |
| 1000 | -8 | \longleftrightarrow +/- 16 | 8 |
| 1001 | -7 | | 9 |
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Relation between Signed & Unsigned

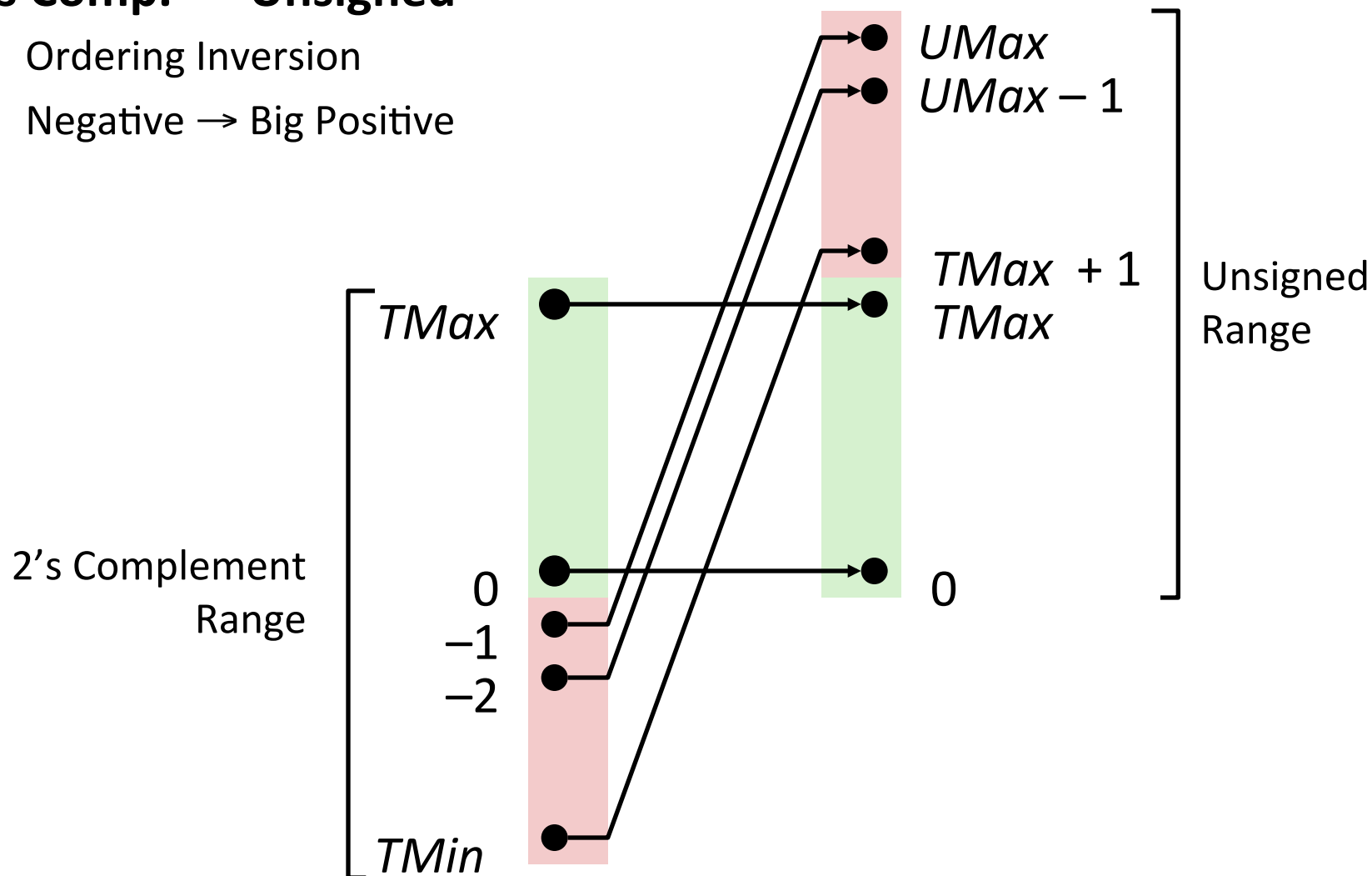


Large negative weight
becomes
Large positive weight

Conversion Visualized

■ 2's Comp. → Unsigned

- Ordering Inversion
- Negative → Big Positive



Signed vs. Unsigned in C

■ Constants

- By default are considered to be signed integers
- Unsigned if have “U” as suffix

`0U, 4294967259U`

■ Casting

- Explicit casting between signed & unsigned same as U2T and T2U

```
int tx, ty;  
unsigned ux, uy;  
tx = (int) ux;  
uy = (unsigned) ty;
```

- Implicit casting also occurs via assignments and procedure calls

```
tx = ux;  
uy = ty;
```

Casting Surprises

■ Expression Evaluation

- If there is a mix of unsigned and signed in single expression,
signed values implicitly cast to unsigned
- Including comparison operations $<$, $>$, $==$, $<=$, $>=$
- Examples for $W = 32$: **TMIN = -2,147,483,648**, **TMAX = 2,147,483,647**

| ■ Constant ₁ | Constant ₂ | Relation | Evaluation |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| 0 | 0U | == | unsigned |
| -1 | 0 | < | signed |
| -1 | 0U | > | unsigned |
| 2147483647 | -2147483647-1 | > | signed |
| 2147483647U | -2147483647-1 | < | unsigned |
| -1 | -2 | > | signed |
| (unsigned)-1 | -2 | > | unsigned |
| 2147483647 | 2147483648U | < | unsigned |
| 2147483647 | (int) 2147483648U | > | signed |

Summary

Casting Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned: Basic Rules

- Bit pattern is maintained
- But reinterpreted
- Can have unexpected effects: adding or subtracting 2^w
- Expression containing signed and unsigned int
 - `int` is cast to `unsigned`!!

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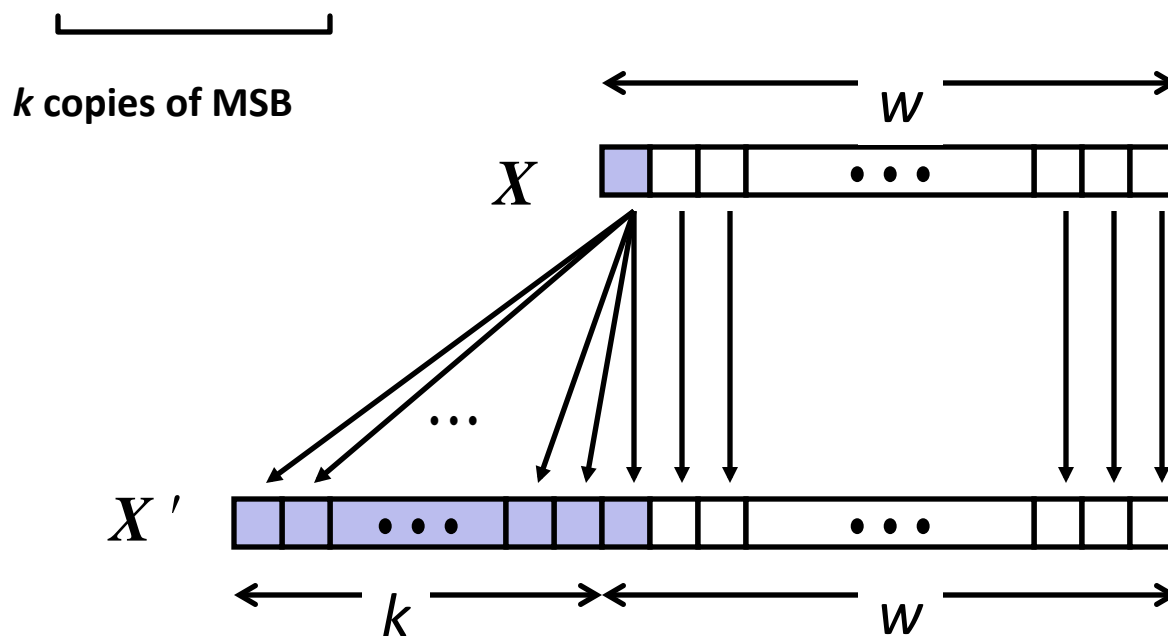
Sign Extension

■ Task:

- Given w -bit signed integer x
- Convert it to $w+k$ -bit integer with same value

■ Rule:

- Make k copies of sign bit:
- $X' = \underbrace{x_{w-1}, \dots, x_{w-1}}_{k \text{ copies of MSB}}, x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \dots, x_0$



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

Summary:

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
 - Unsigned: mod operation
 - Signed: similar to mod
 - For small numbers yields expected behavior

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Unsigned Addition

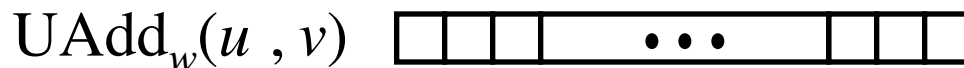
Operands: w bits



True Sum: $w+1$ bits



Discard Carry: w bits



■ Standard Addition Function

- Ignores carry output

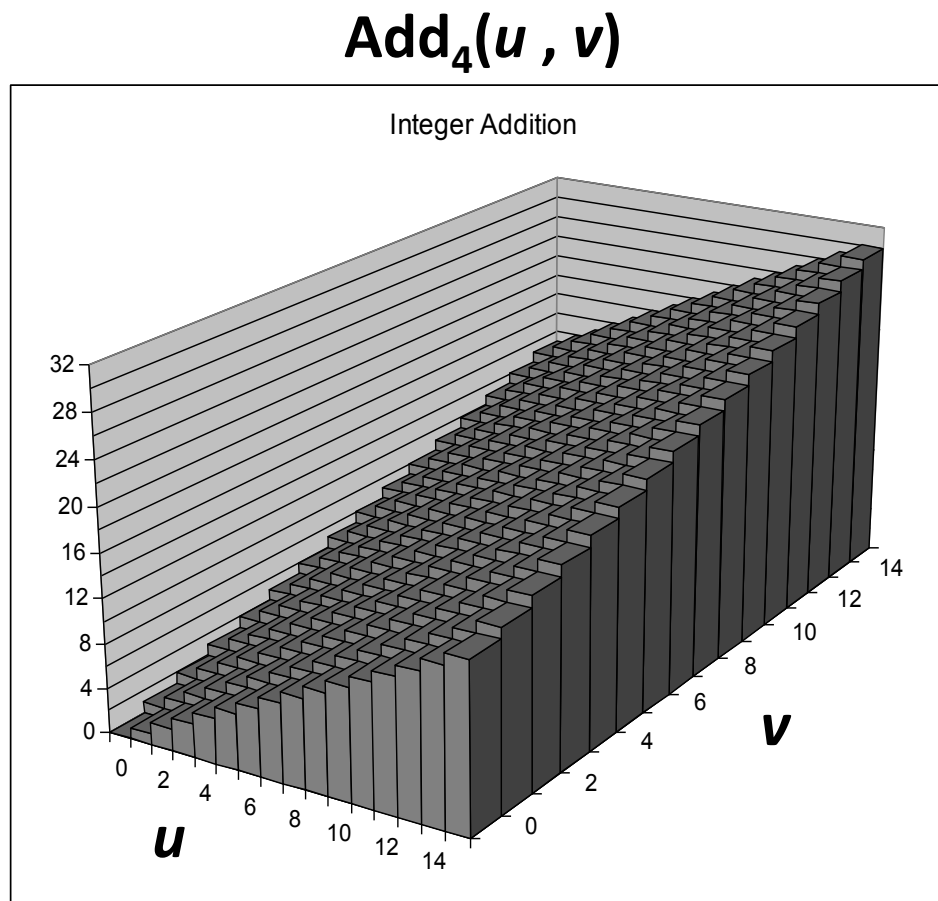
■ Implements Modular Arithmetic

$$s = \text{UAdd}_w(u, v) = u + v \bmod 2^w$$

Visualizing (Mathematical) Integer Addition

■ Integer Addition

- 4-bit integers u, v
- Compute true sum $\text{Add}_4(u, v)$
- Values increase linearly with u and v
- Forms planar surface

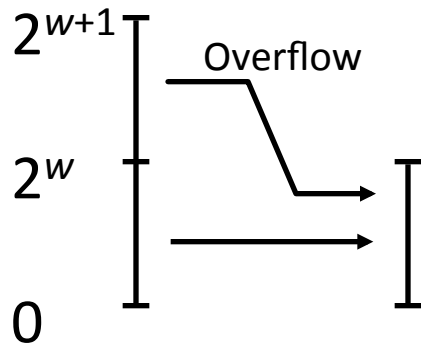


Visualizing Unsigned Addition

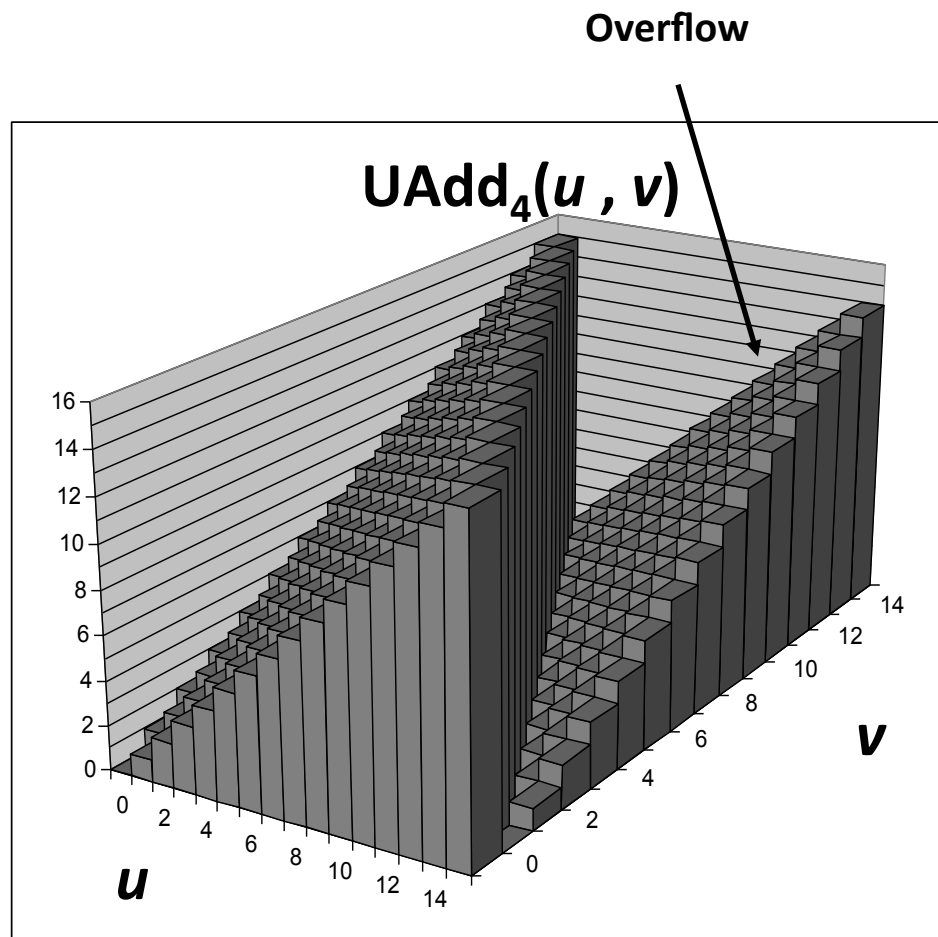
■ Wraps Around

- If true sum $\geq 2^w$
- At most once

True Sum



Modular Sum



Two's Complement Addition

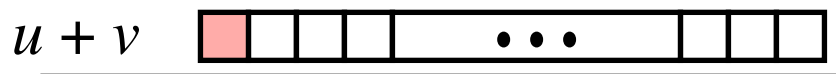
Operands: w bits



$+$



True Sum: $w+1$ bits



Discard Carry: w bits



■ TAdd and UAdd have Identical Bit-Level Behavior

- Signed vs. unsigned addition in C:

```
int s, t, u, v;
```

```
s = (int) ((unsigned) u + (unsigned) v);
```

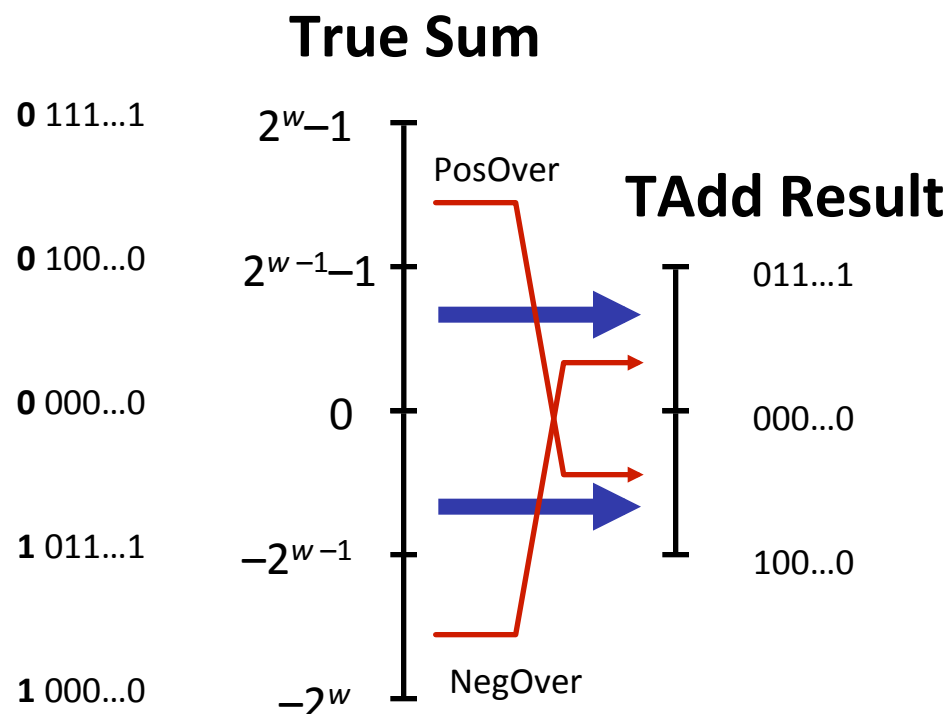
```
t = u + v
```

- Will give `s == t`

TAdd Overflow

■ Functionality

- True sum requires $w+1$ bits
- Drop off MSB
- Treat remaining bits as 2's comp. integer



Visualizing 2's Complement Addition

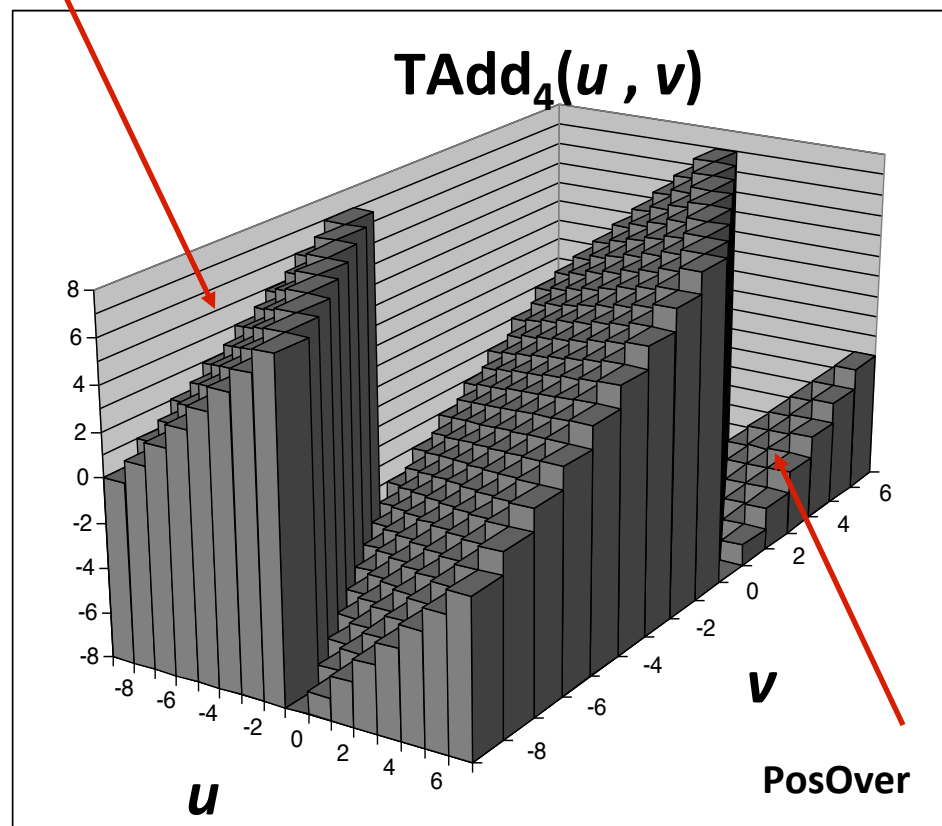
■ Values

- 4-bit two's comp.
- Range from -8 to +7

■ Wraps Around

- If $\text{sum} \geq 2^{w-1}$
 - Becomes negative
 - At most once
- If $\text{sum} < -2^{w-1}$
 - Becomes positive
 - At most once

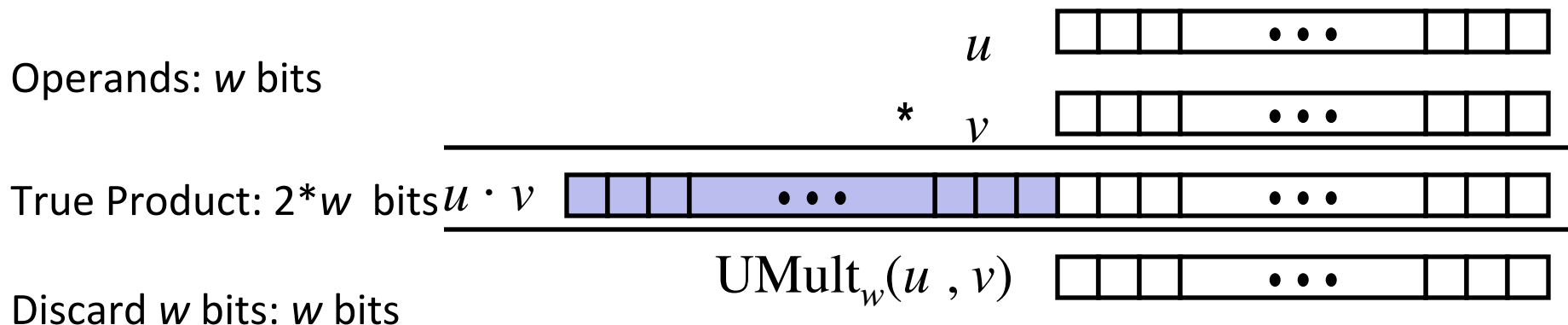
NegOver



Multiplication

- **Goal: Computing Product of w -bit numbers x, y**
 - Either signed or unsigned
- **But, exact results can be bigger than w bits**
 - Unsigned: up to $2w$ bits
 - Result range: $0 \leq x * y \leq (2^w - 1)^2 = 2^{2w} - 2^{w+1} + 1$
 - Two's complement min (negative): Up to $2w-1$ bits
 - Result range: $x * y \geq (-2^{w-1}) * (2^{w-1} - 1) = -2^{2w-2} + 2^{w-1}$
 - Two's complement max (positive): Up to $2w$ bits, but only for $(TMin_w)^2$
 - Result range: $x * y \leq (-2^{w-1})^2 = 2^{2w-2}$
- **So, maintaining exact results...**
 - would need to keep expanding word size with each product computed
 - is done in software, if needed
 - e.g., by “arbitrary precision” arithmetic packages

Unsigned Multiplication in C



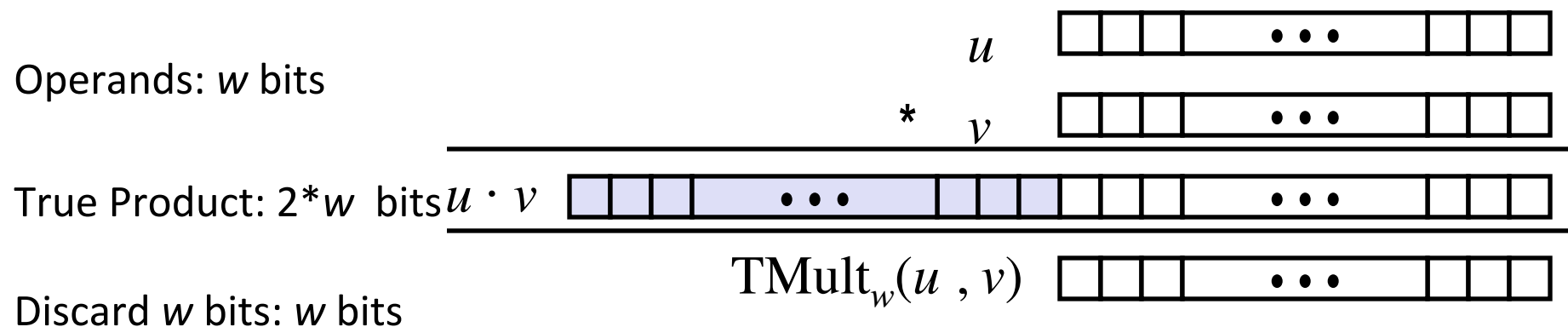
■ Standard Multiplication Function

- Ignores high order w bits

■ Implements Modular Arithmetic

$$\text{UMult}_w(u, v) = u \cdot v \bmod 2^w$$

Signed Multiplication in C



■ Standard Multiplication Function

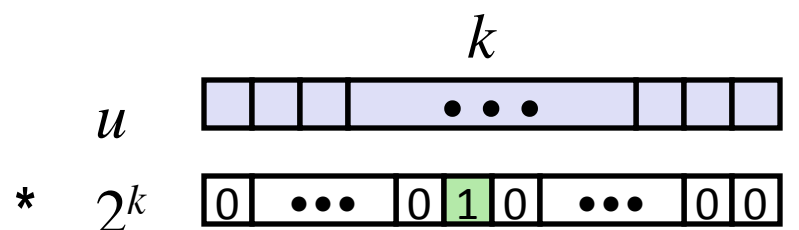
- Ignores high order w bits
- Some of which are different for signed vs. unsigned multiplication
- Lower bits are the same

Power-of-2 Multiply with Shift

■ Operation

- $u \ll k$ gives $u * 2^k$
- Both signed and unsigned

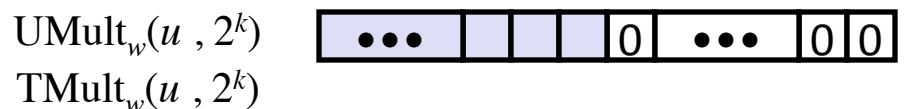
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True Product: $w+k$ bits $u \cdot 2^k$



Discard k bits: w bits



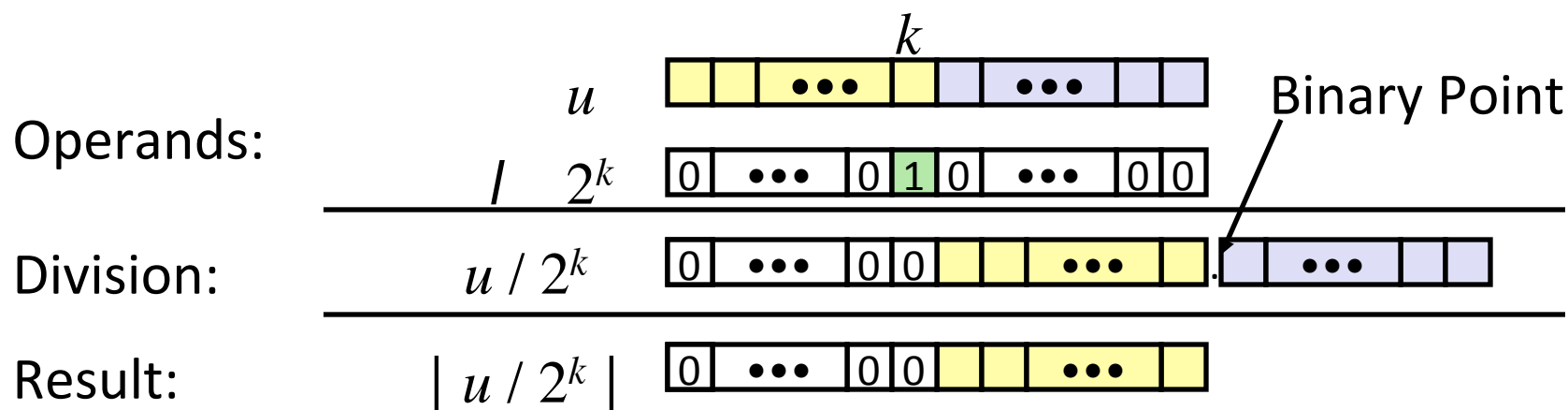
■ Examples

- $u \ll 3 \quad == \quad u * 8$
- $(u \ll 5) - (u \ll 3) == u * 24$
- Most machines shift and add faster than multiply
 - Compiler generates this code automatically

Unsigned Power-of-2 Divide with Shift

■ Quotient of Unsigned by Power of 2

- $u \gg k$ gives $\lfloor u / 2^k \rfloor$
- Uses logical shift



| | Division | Computed | Hex | Binary |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|-------------------|
| x | 15213 | 15213 | 3B 6D | 00111011 01101101 |
| x >> 1 | 7606.5 | 7606 | 1D B6 | 00011101 10110110 |
| x >> 4 | 950.8125 | 950 | 03 B6 | 00000011 10110110 |
| x >> 8 | 59.4257813 | 59 | 00 3B | 00000000 00111011 |

Today: Bits, Bytes, and Integers

- Representing information as bits
- Bit-level manipulations
- **Integers**
 - Representation: unsigned and signed
 - Conversion, casting
 - Expanding, truncating
 - Addition, negation, multiplication, shifting
 - **Summary**
- Representations in memory, pointers, strings

Arithmetic: Basic Rules

■ Addition:

- Unsigned/signed: Normal addition followed by truncate, same operation on bit level
- Unsigned: addition mod 2^w
 - Mathematical addition + possible subtraction of 2^w
- Signed: modified addition mod 2^w (result in proper range)
 - Mathematical addition + possible addition or subtraction of 2^w

■ Multiplication:

- Unsigned/signed: Normal multiplication followed by truncate, same operation on bit level
- Unsigned: multiplication mod 2^w
- Signed: modified multiplication mod 2^w (result in proper range)

Why Should I Use Unsigned?

■ *Don't* use without understanding implications

- Easy to make mistakes

```
unsigned i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i >= 0; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

- Can be very subtle

```
#define DELTA sizeof(int)  
int i;  
for (i = CNT; i-DELTA >= 0; i-= DELTA)  
    . . .
```


Counting Down with Unsigned

■ Proper way to use unsigned as loop index

```
unsigned i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i < cnt; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

■ See Robert Seacord, *Secure Coding in C and C++*

- C Standard guarantees that unsigned addition will behave like modular arithmetic
 - $0 - 1 \rightarrow UMax$

■ Even better

```
size_t i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i < cnt; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

- Data type `size_t` defined as unsigned value with length = word size
- Code will work even if `cnt = UMax`
- What if `cnt` is signed and `< 0`?

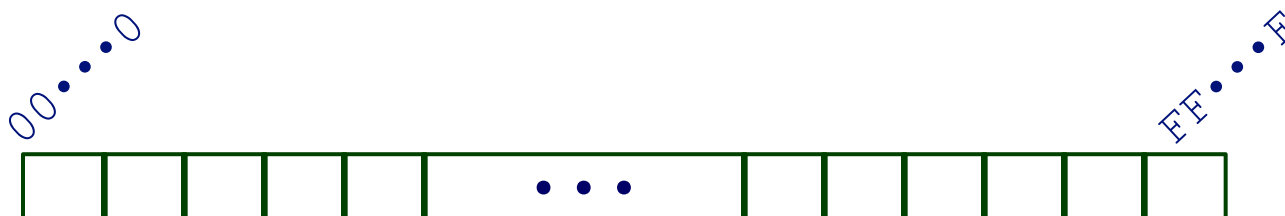
Why Should I Use Unsigned? (cont.)

- **Do Use When Performing Modular Arithmetic**
 - Multiprecision arithmetic
- **Do Use When Using Bits to Represent Sets**
 - Logical right shift, no sign extension

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Byte-Oriented Memory Organization



■ Programs refer to data by address

- Conceptually, envision it as a very large array of bytes
 - In reality, it's not, but can think of it that way
- An address is like an index into that array
 - and, a pointer variable stores an address

■ Note: system provides private address spaces to each “process”

- Think of a process as a program being executed
- So, a program can clobber its own data, but not that of others

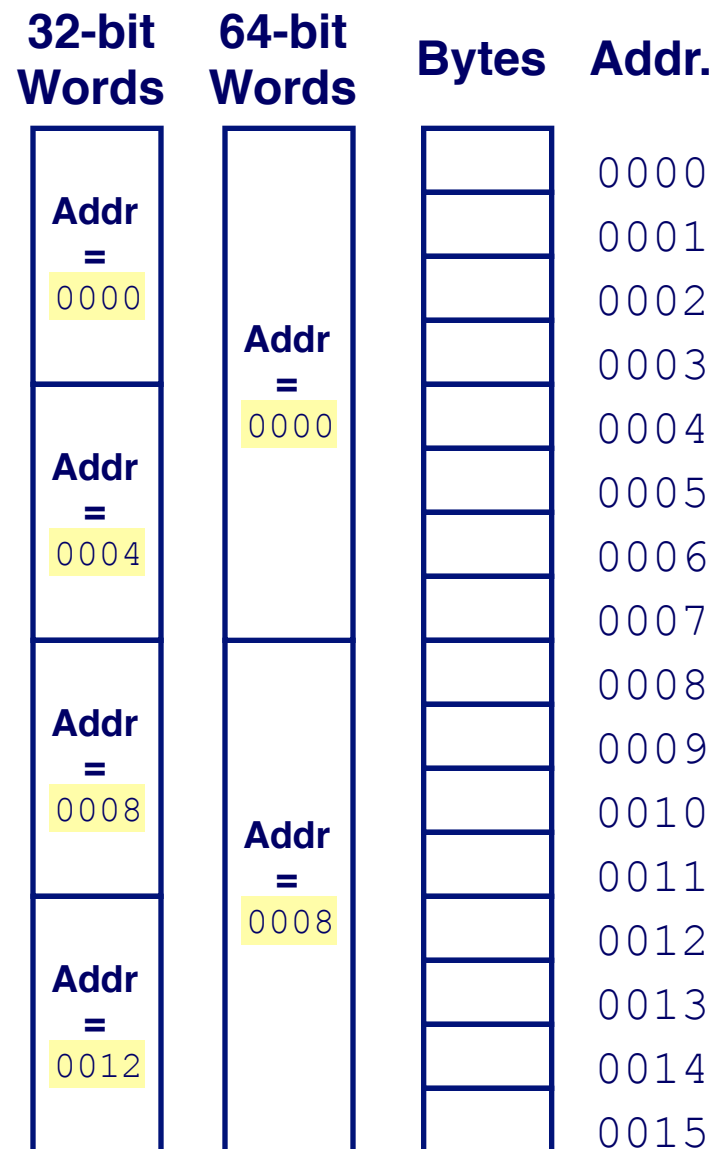
Machine Words

- **Any given computer has a “Word Size”**
 - Nominal size of integer-valued data
 - and of addresses
 - Until recently, most machines used 32 bits (4 bytes) as word size
 - Limits addresses to 4GB (2^{32} bytes)
 - Increasingly, machines have 64-bit word size
 - Potentially, could have 18 EB (exabytes) of addressable memory
 - That's 18.4×10^{18}
 - Machines still support multiple data formats
 - Fractions or multiples of word size
 - Always integral number of bytes

Word-Oriented Memory Organization

■ Addresses Specify Byte Locations

- Address of first byte in word
- Addresses of successive words differ by 4 (32-bit) or 8 (64-bit)



Example Data Representations

| C Data Type | Typical 32-bit | Typical 64-bit | x86-64 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| <code>char</code> | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| <code>short</code> | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| <code>int</code> | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| <code>long</code> | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| <code>float</code> | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| <code>double</code> | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| <code>long double</code> | – | – | 10/16 |
| <code>pointer</code> | 4 | 8 | 8 |

Byte Ordering

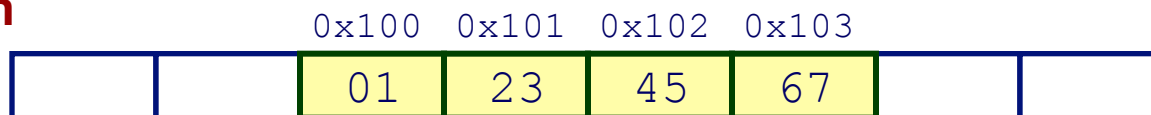
- So, how are the bytes within a multi-byte word ordered in memory?
- Conventions
 - Big Endian: Sun, PPC Mac, Internet
 - Least significant byte has highest address
 - Little Endian: x86, ARM processors running Android, iOS, and Windows
 - Least significant byte has lowest address

Byte Ordering Example

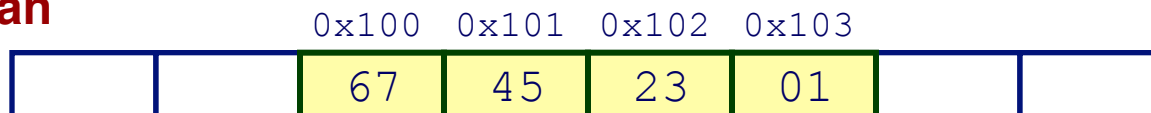
■ Example

- Variable x has 4-byte value of 0x01234567
- Address given by &x is 0x100

Big Endian



Little Endian



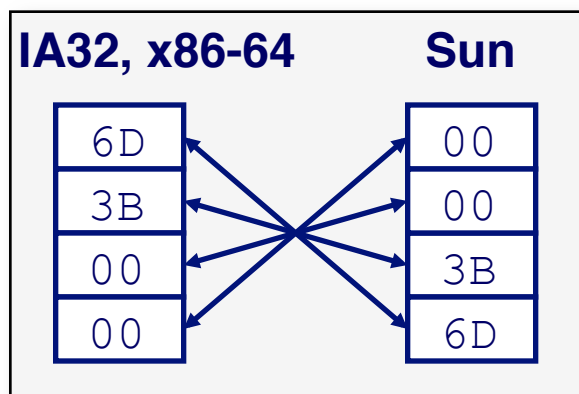
Representing Integers

Decimal: 15213

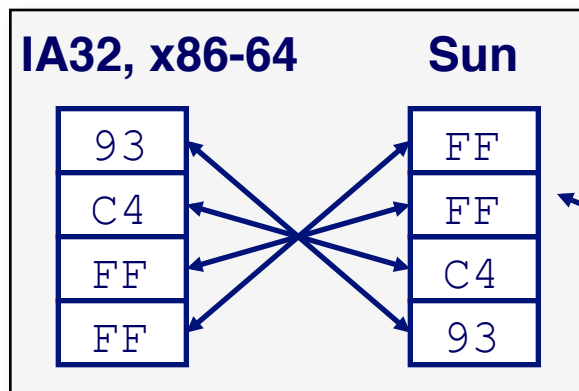
Binary: 0011 1011 0110 1101

Hex: 3 B 6 D

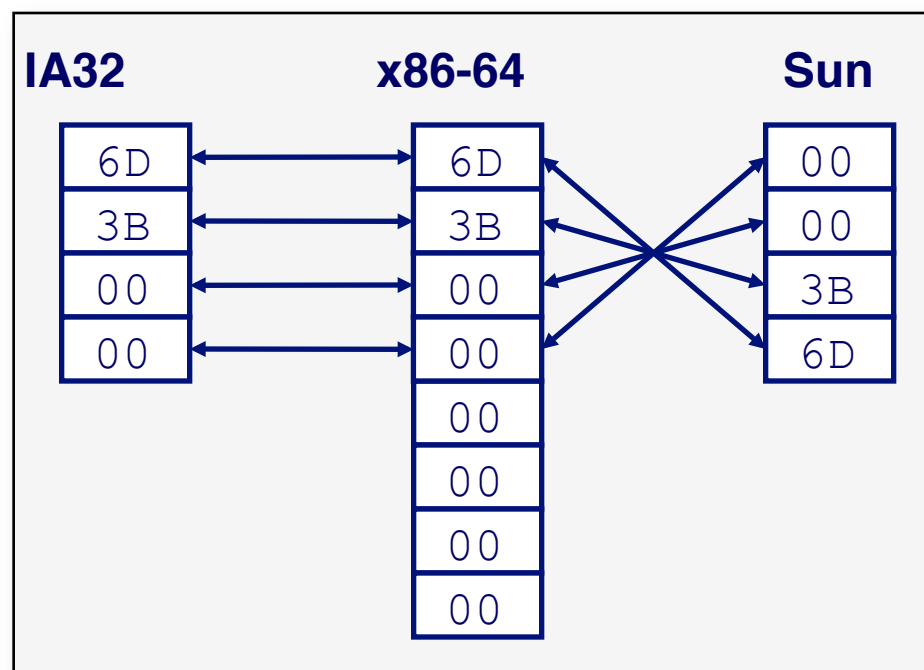
`int A = 15213;`



`int B = -15213;`



`long int C = 15213;`



Two's complement representation

Examining Data Representations

■ Code to Print Byte Representation of Data

- Casting pointer to unsigned char * allows treatment as a byte array

```
typedef unsigned char *pointer;

void show_bytes(pointer start, size_t len){
    size_t i;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        printf("%p\t0x%.2x\n", start+i, start[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
```

Printf directives:

%p: Print pointer

%x: Print Hexadecimal

show_bytes Execution Example

```
int a = 15213;  
printf("int a = 15213;\n");  
show_bytes((pointer) &a, sizeof(int));
```

Result (Linux x86-64):

```
int a = 15213;  
0x7fffb7f71dbc      6d  
0x7fffb7f71dbd      3b  
0x7fffb7f71dbe      00  
0x7fffb7f71dbf      00
```

Representing Pointers

```
int B = -15213;  
int *P = &B;
```

| Sun | IA32 | x86-64 |
|-----|------|--------|
| EF | AC | 3C |
| FF | 28 | 1B |
| FB | F5 | FE |
| 2C | FF | 82 |
| | | FD |
| | | 7F |
| | | 00 |
| | | 00 |

Different compilers & machines assign different locations to objects

Even get different results each time run program

Representing Strings

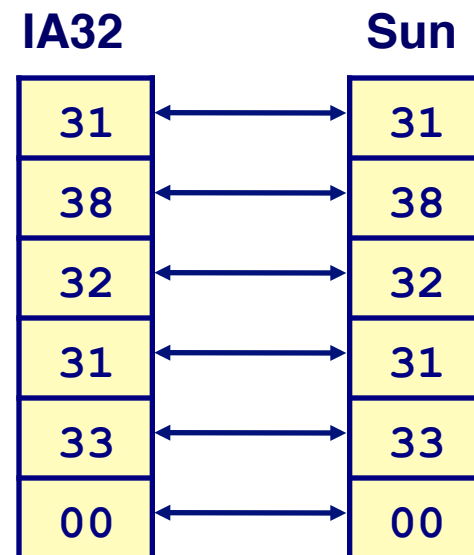
```
char S[6] = "18213";
```

■ Strings in C

- Represented by array of characters
- Each character encoded in ASCII format
 - Standard 7-bit encoding of character set
 - Character "0" has code 0x30
 - Digit i has code $0x30+i$
- String should be null-terminated
 - Final character = 0

■ Compatibility

- Byte ordering not an issue



Integer C Puzzles

Initialization

```
int x = foo();
int y = bar();
unsigned ux = x;
unsigned uy = y;
```

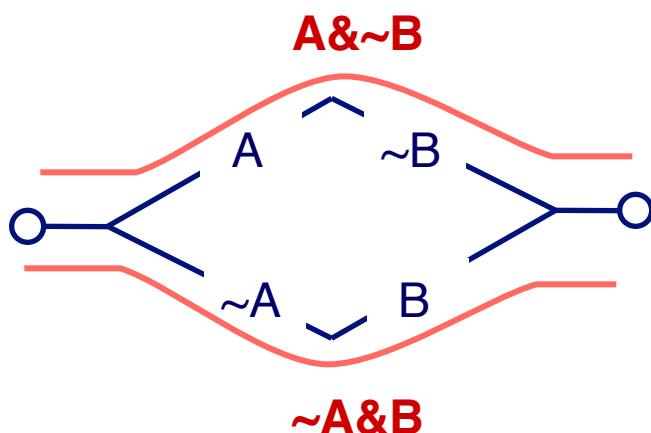
- $x < 0 \Rightarrow ((x*2) < 0)$
- $ux \geq 0$
- $x \& 7 == 7 \Rightarrow (x \ll 30) < 0$
- $ux > -1$
- $x > y \Rightarrow -x < -y$
- $x * x \geq 0$
- $x > 0 \ \&\& \ y > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > 0$
- $x \geq 0 \Rightarrow -x \leq 0$
- $x \leq 0 \Rightarrow -x \geq 0$
- $(x \mid -x) \gg 31 == -1$
- $ux \gg 3 == ux/8$
- $x \gg 3 == x/8$
- $x \& (x-1) != 0$

Bonus extras

Application of Boolean Algebra

■ Applied to Digital Systems by Claude Shannon

- 1937 MIT Master's Thesis
- Reason about networks of relay switches
 - Encode closed switch as 1, open switch as 0



Connection when

$$A \& \sim B \mid \sim A \& B$$

$$= A \wedge B$$

Binary Number Property

Claim


$$1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{w-1} = 2^w$$

$$1 + \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} 2^i = 2^w$$

■ **w = 0:**

- $1 = 2^0$

■ **Assume true for w-1:**

- $1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{w-1} + 2^w = 2^w + 2^w = 2^{w+1}$

 $= 2^w$

Code Security Example

```
/* Kernel memory region holding user-accessible data */
#define KSIZE 1024
char kbuf[KSIZE];

/* Copy at most maxlen bytes from kernel region to user buffer */
int copy_from_kernel(void *user_dest, int maxlen) {
    /* Byte count len is minimum of buffer size and maxlen */
    int len = KSIZE < maxlen ? KSIZE : maxlen;
    memcpy(user_dest, kbuf, len);
    return len;
}
```

- Similar to code found in FreeBSD's implementation of `getpeername`
- There are legions of smart people trying to find vulnerabilities in programs

Typical Usage

```
/* Kernel memory region holding user-accessible data */
#define KSIZE 1024
char kbuf[KSIZE];

/* Copy at most maxlen bytes from kernel region to user buffer */
int copy_from_kernel(void *user_dest, int maxlen) {
    /* Byte count len is minimum of buffer size and maxlen */
    int len = KSIZE < maxlen ? KSIZE : maxlen;
    memcpy(user_dest, kbuf, len);
    return len;
}
```

```
#define MSIZE 528

void getstuff() {
    char mybuf[MSIZE];
    copy_from_kernel(mybuf, MSIZE);
    printf("%s\n", mybuf);
}
```

Malicious Usage

```
/* Declaration of library function memcpy */
void *memcpy(void *dest, void *src, size_t n);
```

```
/* Kernel memory region holding user-accessible data */
#define KSIZE 1024
char kbuf[KSIZE];

/* Copy at most maxlen bytes from kernel region to user buffer */
int copy_from_kernel(void *user_dest, int maxlen) {
    /* Byte count len is minimum of buffer size and maxlen */
    int len = KSIZE < maxlen ? KSIZE : maxlen;
    memcpy(user_dest, kbuf, len);
    return len;
}
```

```
#define MSIZE 528

void getstuff() {
    char mybuf[MSIZE];
    copy_from_kernel(mybuf, -MSIZE);
    . . .
}
```

Mathematical Properties

■ Modular Addition Forms an *Abelian Group*

- **Closed** under addition

$$0 \leq \text{UAdd}_w(u, v) \leq 2^w - 1$$

- **Commutative**

$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, v) = \text{UAdd}_w(v, u)$$

- **Associative**

$$\text{UAdd}_w(t, \text{UAdd}_w(u, v)) = \text{UAdd}_w(\text{UAdd}_w(t, u), v)$$

- **0** is additive identity

$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, 0) = u$$

- Every element has additive **inverse**

- Let $\text{UComp}_w(u) = 2^w - u$
 $\text{UAdd}_w(u, \text{UComp}_w(u)) = 0$

Mathematical Properties of TAdd

■ Isomorphic Group to unsigneds with UAdd

- $TAdd_w(u, v) = U2T(UAdd_w(T2U(u), T2U(v)))$
 - Since both have identical bit patterns

■ Two's Complement Under TAdd Forms a Group

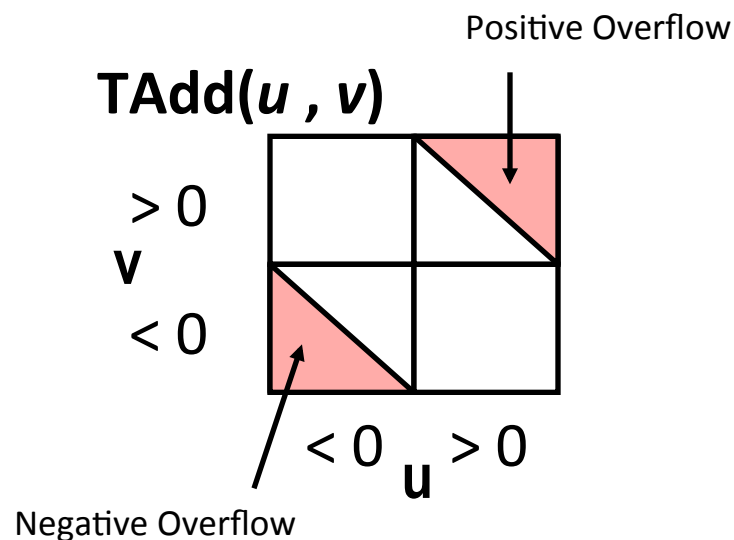
- Closed, Commutative, Associative, 0 is additive identity
- Every element has additive inverse

$$TComp_w(u) = \begin{cases} -u & u \neq TMin_w \\ TMin_w & u = TMin_w \end{cases}$$

Characterizing TAdd

■ Functionality

- True sum requires $w+1$ bits
- Drop off MSB
- Treat remaining bits as 2's comp. integer



$$TAdd_w(u, v) = \begin{cases} u + v + 2^w & u + v < TMin_w \text{ (NegOver)} \\ u + v & TMin_w \leq u + v \leq TMax_w \\ u + v - 2^w & TMax_w < u + v \text{ (PosOver)} \end{cases}$$

Negation: Complement & Increment

■ Claim: Following Holds for 2's Complement

$$\sim x + 1 == -x$$

■ Complement

- Observation: $\sim x + x == 1111\dots111 == -1$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x \quad 10011101 \\
 + \quad \sim x \quad 01100010 \\
 \hline
 -1 \quad 11111111
 \end{array}$$

■ Complete Proof?

Complement & Increment Examples

x = 15213

| | Decimal | Hex | Binary |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| x | 15213 | 3B 6D | 00111011 01101101 |
| ~x | -15214 | C4 92 | 11000100 10010010 |
| ~x+1 | -15213 | C4 93 | 11000100 10010011 |
| y | -15213 | C4 93 | 11000100 10010011 |

x = 0

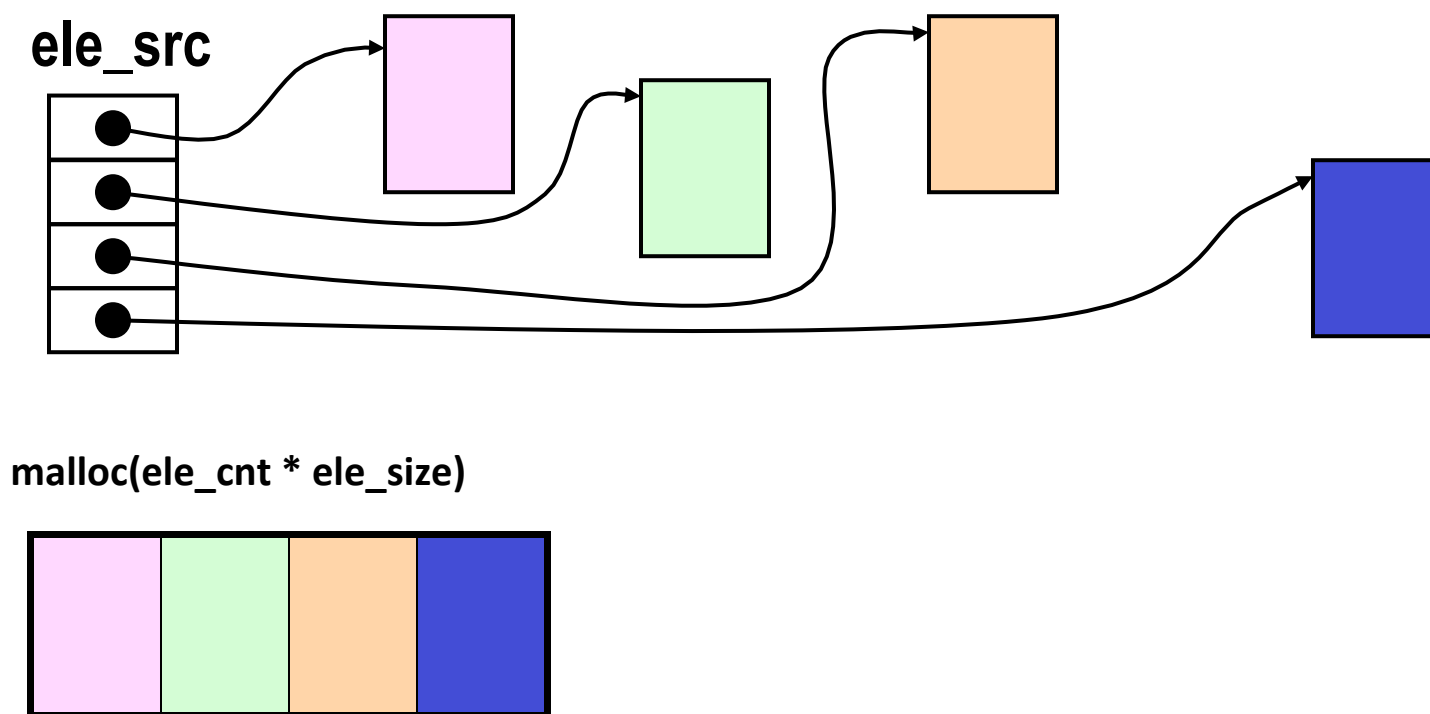
| | Decimal | Hex | Binary |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 00 00 | 00000000 00000000 |
| ~0 | -1 | FF FF | 11111111 11111111 |
| ~0+1 | 0 | 00 00 | 00000000 00000000 |

Code Security Example #2

■ SUN XDR library

- Widely used library for transferring data between machines

```
void* copy_elements(void *ele_src[], int ele_cnt, size_t ele_size);
```



XDR Code

```
void* copy_elements(void *ele_src[], int ele_cnt, size_t ele_size) {
    /*
     * Allocate buffer for ele_cnt objects, each of ele_size bytes
     * and copy from locations designated by ele_src
     */
    void *result = malloc(ele_cnt * ele_size);
    if (result == NULL)
        /* malloc failed */
        return NULL;
    void *next = result;
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < ele_cnt; i++) {
        /* Copy object i to destination */
        memcpy(next, ele_src[i], ele_size);
        /* Move pointer to next memory region */
        next += ele_size;
    }
    return result;
}
```

XDR Vulnerability

```
malloc(ele_cnt * ele_size)
```

■ What if:

- `ele_cnt` = $2^{20} + 1$
- `ele_size` = 4096 = 2^{12}
- Allocation = ??

■ How can I make this function secure?

Compiled Multiplication Code

C Function

```
long mul12(long x)
{
    return x*12;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
leaq (%rax,%rax,2), %rax
salq $2, %rax
```

Explanation

```
t <- x+x*2
return t << 2;
```

- C compiler automatically generates shift/add code when multiplying by constant

Compiled Unsigned Division Code

C Function

```
unsigned long udiv8
(unsigned long x)
{
    return x/8;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
shrq $3, %rax
```

Explanation

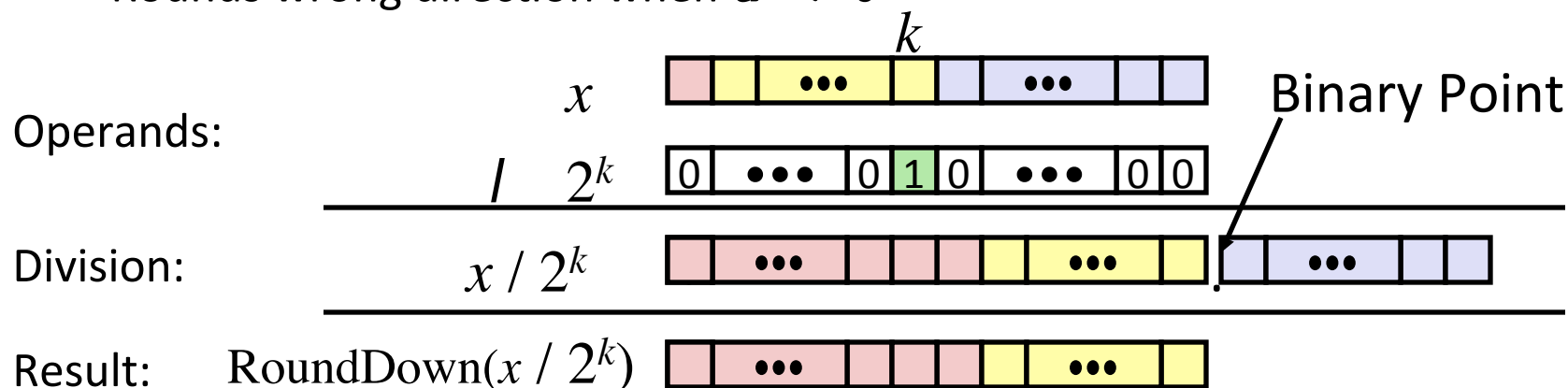
```
# Logical shift
return x >> 3;
```

- Uses logical shift for unsigned
- For Java Users
 - Logical shift written as >>>

Signed Power-of-2 Divide with Shift

■ Quotient of Signed by Power of 2

- $x \gg k$ gives $\lfloor x / 2^k \rfloor$
- Uses arithmetic shift
- Rounds wrong direction when $u < 0$



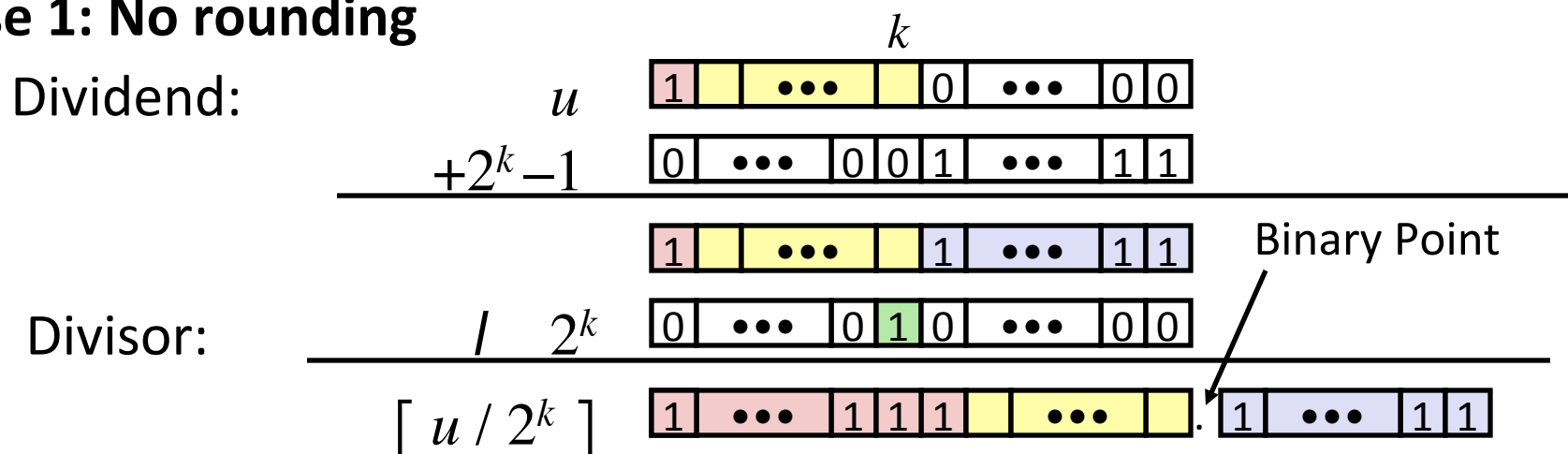
| | Division | Computed | Hex | Binary |
|-----------|-------------|----------|-------|-------------------|
| y | -15213 | -15213 | C4 93 | 11000100 10010011 |
| $y \gg 1$ | -7606.5 | -7607 | E2 49 | 11100010 01001001 |
| $y \gg 4$ | -950.8125 | -951 | FC 49 | 11111100 01001001 |
| $y \gg 8$ | -59.4257813 | -60 | FF C4 | 11111111 11000100 |

Correct Power-of-2 Divide

■ Quotient of Negative Number by Power of 2

- Want $\lceil x / 2^k \rceil$ (Round Toward 0)
- Compute as $\lfloor (x+2^k-1) / 2^k \rfloor$
 - In C: $(x + (1 \ll k) - 1) \gg k$
 - Biases dividend toward 0

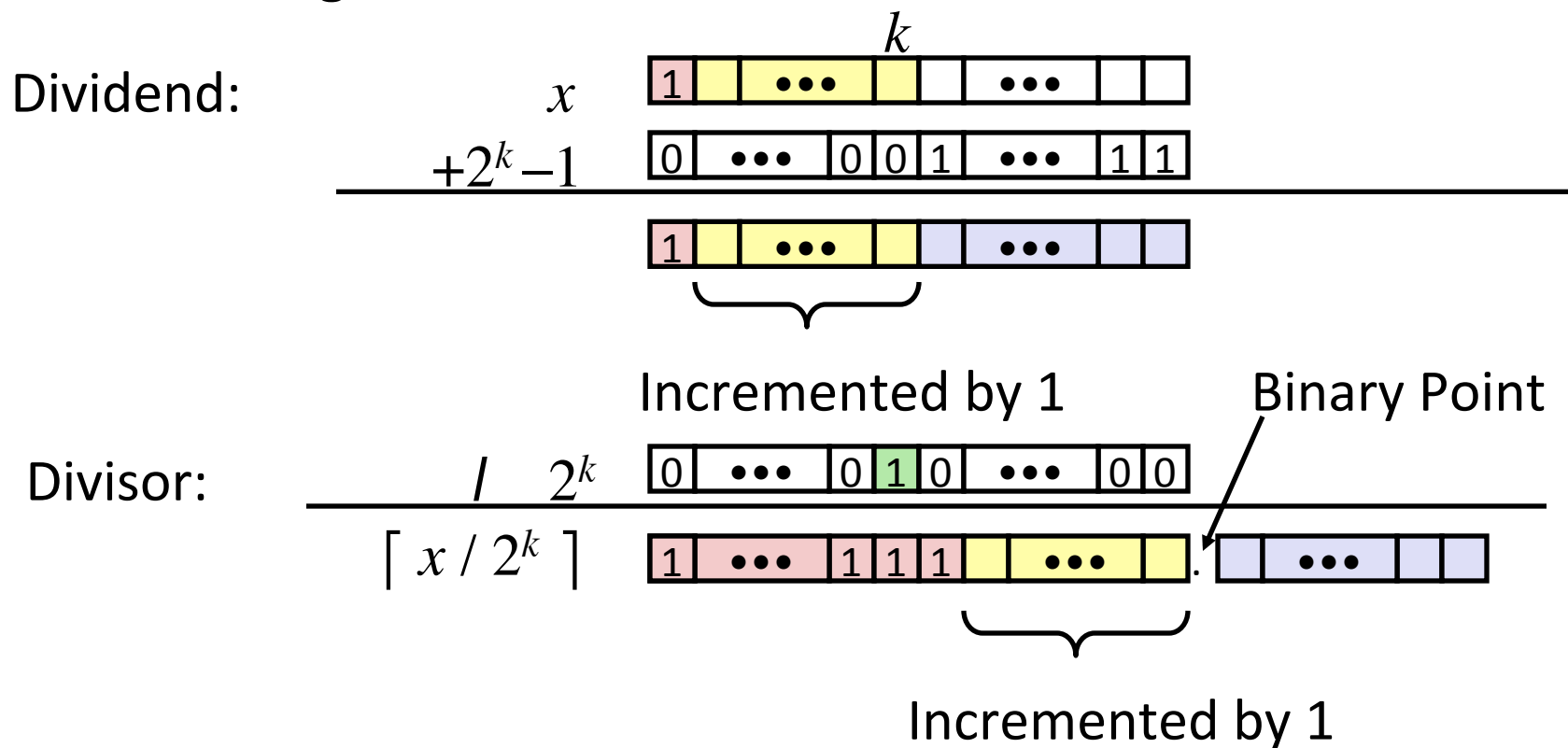
Case 1: No rounding



Biasing has no effect

Correct Power-of-2 Divide (Cont.)

Case 2: Rounding



Biasing adds 1 to final result

Compiled Signed Division Code

C Function

```
long idiv8(long x)
{
    return x/8;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
    testq %rax, %rax
    js    L4
L3:
    sarq $3, %rax
    ret
L4:
    addq $7, %rax
    jmp  L3
```

Explanation

```
if x < 0
    x += 7;
# Arithmetic shift
return x >> 3;
```

- Uses arithmetic shift for int
- For Java Users
 - Arith. shift written as >>

Arithmetic: Basic Rules

- **Unsigned ints, 2's complement ints are isomorphic rings:
isomorphism = casting**

- **Left shift**
 - Unsigned/signed: multiplication by 2^k
 - Always logical shift

- **Right shift**
 - Unsigned: logical shift, div (division + round to zero) by 2^k
 - Signed: arithmetic shift
 - Positive numbers: div (division + round to zero) by 2^k
 - Negative numbers: div (division + round away from zero) by 2^k
Use biasing to fix

Properties of Unsigned Arithmetic

■ Unsigned Multiplication with Addition Forms Commutative Ring

- Addition is commutative group

- Closed under multiplication

$$0 \leq \text{UMult}_w(u, v) \leq 2^w - 1$$

- Multiplication Commutative

$$\text{UMult}_w(u, v) = \text{UMult}_w(v, u)$$

- Multiplication is Associative

$$\text{UMult}_w(t, \text{UMult}_w(u, v)) = \text{UMult}_w(\text{UMult}_w(t, u), v)$$

- 1 is multiplicative identity

$$\text{UMult}_w(u, 1) = u$$

- Multiplication distributes over addition

$$\text{UMult}_w(t, \text{UAdd}_w(u, v)) = \text{UAdd}_w(\text{UMult}_w(t, u), \text{UMult}_w(t, v))$$

Properties of Two's Comp. Arithmetic

■ Isomorphic Algebras

- Unsigned multiplication and addition
 - Truncating to w bits
- Two's complement multiplication and addition
 - Truncating to w bits

■ Both Form Rings

- Isomorphic to ring of integers mod 2^w

■ Comparison to (Mathematical) Integer Arithmetic

- Both are rings
- Integers obey ordering properties, e.g.,

$$u > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u + v > v$$

$$u > 0, v > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u \cdot v > 0$$

- These properties are not obeyed by two's comp. arithmetic

$$TMax + 1 == TMin$$

$$15213 * 30426 == -10030$$

(16-bit words)

Reading Byte-Reversed Listings

■ Disassembly

- Text representation of binary machine code
- Generated by program that reads the machine code

■ Example Fragment

| Address | Instruction Code | Assembly Rendition |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 8048365: | 5b | pop %ebx |
| 8048366: | 81 c3 ab 12 00 00 | add \$0x12ab,%ebx |
| 804836c: | 83 bb 28 00 00 00 00 | cmpl \$0x0,0x28(%ebx) |

■ Deciphering Numbers

- Value:
- Pad to 32 bits:
- Split into bytes:
- Reverse:

0x12ab

0x000012ab

00 00 12 ab

ab 12 00 00