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Binary and other Value Placed systems

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Objectives

- To understand binary and what it can represent
- To understand how value placed systems work
- To be able to convert between (non-negative) integers encoded in binary, octal, decimal and hexadecimal

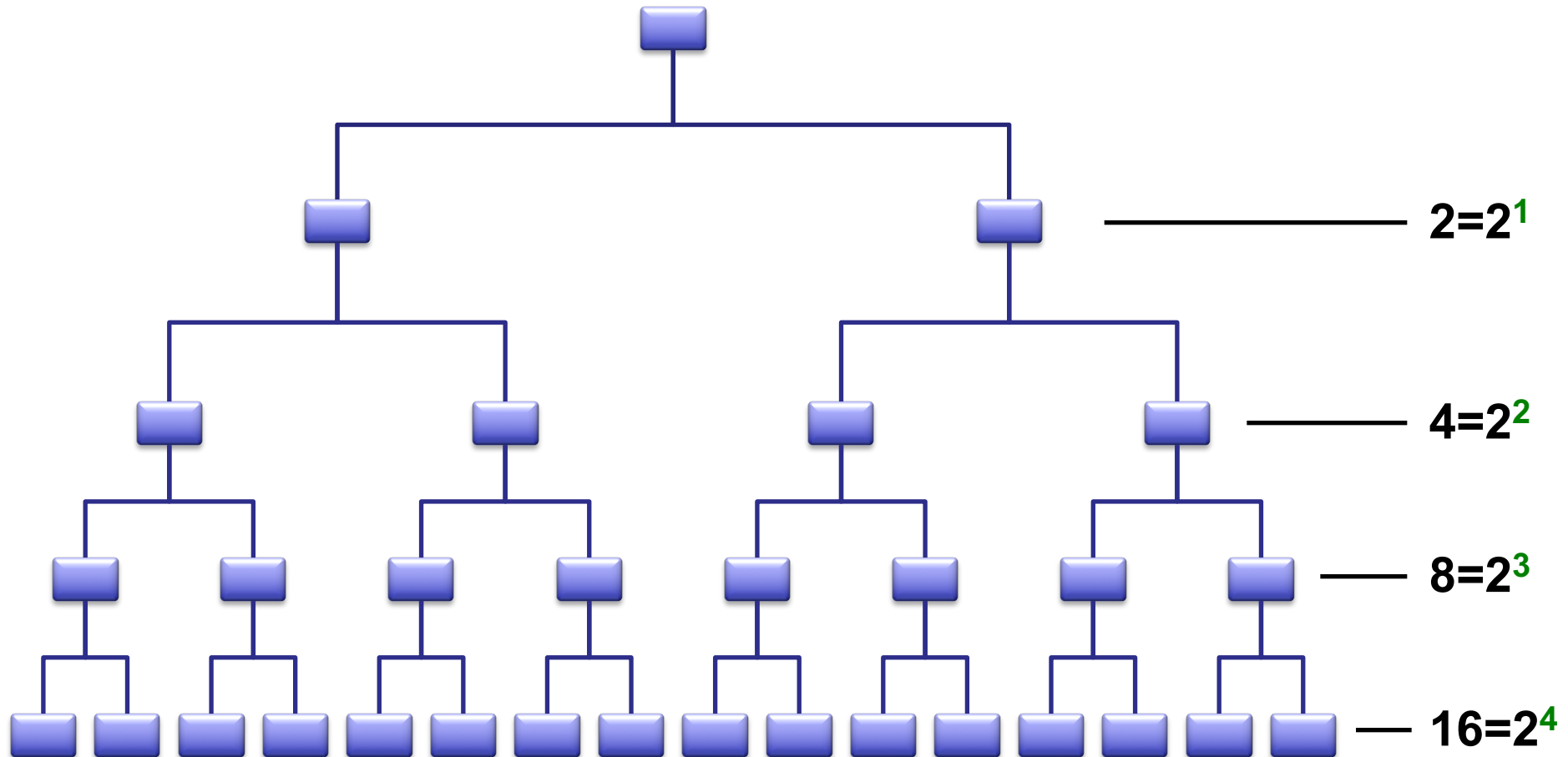
Place Value Systems

Bits, Bytes, Kilo-, Mega-, Giga-, ...

- **Bit:** 0 or 1
- **Byte (B)** = 8 bits
- **Word:** chunk of bits (8, 16, 32 or 64) used as basic unit of data in a computer (to store, operate on, move, etc)
 - depends on the computer
 - not always fixed size
- **Kilobyte (KB)** = 1024 bytes = 2^{10} bytes $\approx 10^3$ bytes
- **Megabyte (MB)** = 1024 KB = 2^{20} bytes $\approx 10^6$ bytes
- **Gigabyte (GB)** = 1024 MB = 2^{30} bytes $\approx 10^9$ bytes
- **Terabyte (TB)** = 1024 GB = 2^{40} bytes $\approx 10^{12}$ bytes
- **Petabyte (PB)** = 1024 TB = 2^{50} bytes $\approx 10^{15}$ bytes

How many values in N bits?

2^n : think about it in tree form



Thinking binary

- Since we have 2^N values in N bits:

$2^{10} =$
about
1 000
("k")

$2^1 = 2$
 $2^2 = 4$
 $2^3 = 8$
 $2^4 = 16$
 $2^5 = 32$
 $2^6 = 64$
 $2^7 = 128$
 $2^8 = 256$
 $2^9 = 512$
 $2^{10} = 1024$
 $2^{11} = 2048$

$2^{12} = 4096$
 $2^{13} = 8192$
 $2^{14} = 16384$
 $2^{15} = 32768$
 $2^{16} = 65536$
 $2^{20} = 1\,048\,576$
 $2^{24} = 16\,777\,216$
 $2^{30} = 1\,073\,741\,824$
 $2^{31} = 2\,147\,483\,648$
 $2^{32} = 4\,294\,967\,296$

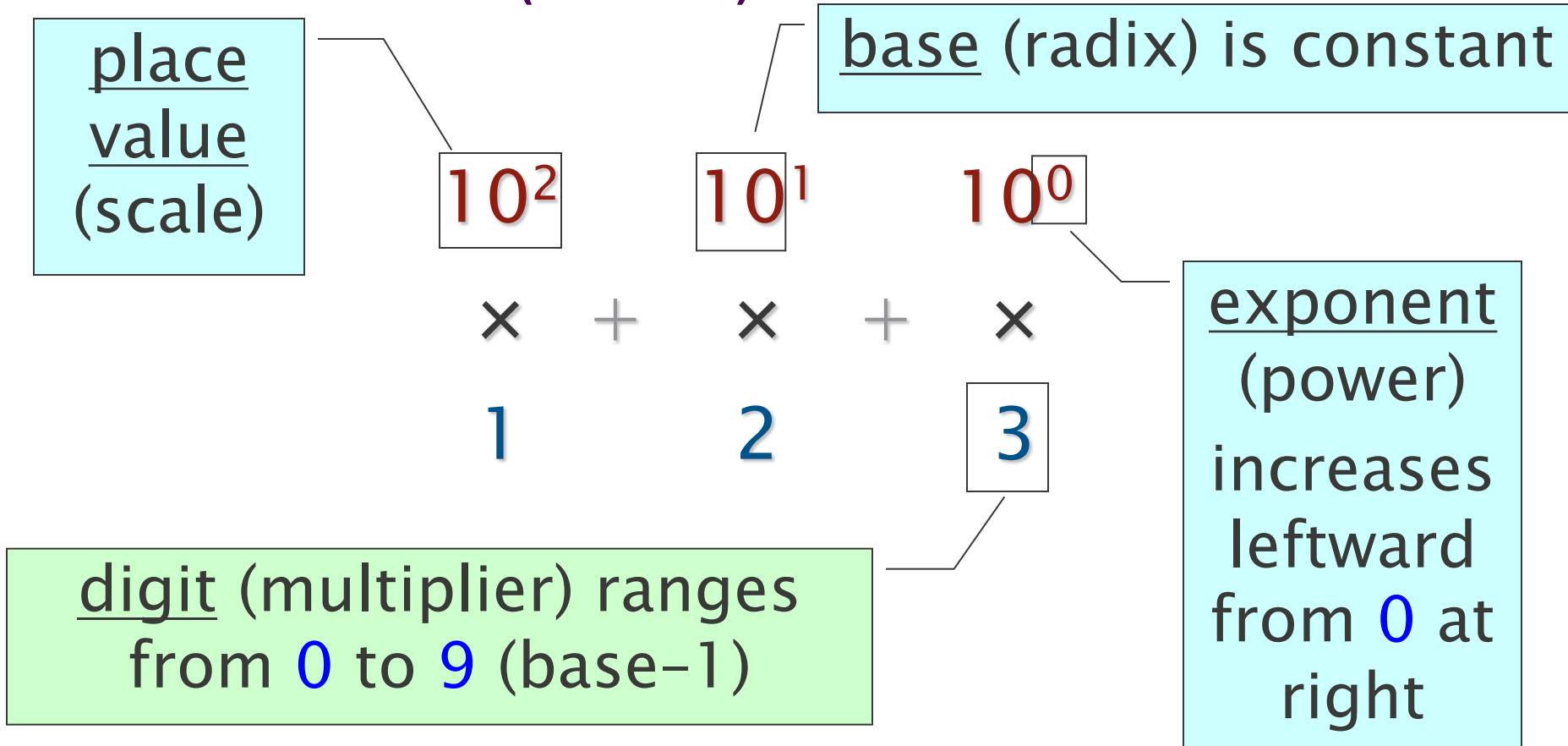
$2^{20} =$
about
1 000 000
("M")

Place value systems

- Each digit worth a value depending on its position in a number
 - $600 > 060 > 006$
- Ratio between adjacent columns' value is constant
 - 600 is ten times 060
 - 060 is ten times 006
- Ratio is called **base** of number system
 - Most human cultures now use base 10 (decimal)
 - Other base values are possible


Place value systems

- What does “123” (decimal) mean?



Place value systems

| | | |
|------|----|-------------|
| base | 2 | 10100111100 |
| | 3 | 1211122 |
| | 4 | 110330 |
| | 5 | 20330 |
| | 6 | 10112 |
| | 7 | 3623 |
| | 8 | 2474 |
| | 9 | 1748 |
| | 10 | 1340 |
| | 11 | 1009 |
| | 12 | 938 |
| | 13 | 7C1 |
| | 14 | 6BA |
| | 15 | 5E5 |
| | 16 | 53C |



Smaller bases: less compact, simpler range of digits

These are all representations of the number 1340 (decimal) in bases from 2 to 16

Higher bases: more compact, wider range of digits

Place value systems

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|------|----|-------------|
| base | 2 | 10100111100 |
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Digits with value greater than 9 use letters from the alphabet:

A = ten (10)

B = eleven (11)

C = twelve (12)

D = thirteen (13)

E = fourteen (14)

F = fifteen (15)

etc.

Place value systems

| | | | | |
|------|----|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| base | 2 | 10100111100 | binary | bases common in computing |
| | 3 | 1211122 | | |
| | 4 | 110330 | | |
| | 5 | 20330 | | |
| | 6 | 10112 | | |
| | 7 | 3623 | | |
| | 8 | 2474 | octal | |
| | 9 | 1748 | | |
| | 10 | 1340 | decimal | |
| | 11 | 1009 | | |
| | 12 | 938 | | |
| | 13 | 7C1 | | |
| | 14 | 6BA | | |
| | 15 | 5E5 | | |
| | 16 | 53C | hexadecimal (“hex”) | |

Represented Unsigned Integers

Representing Unsigned Integers

- Humans often represent unsigned integers using a base-10 positional notation
 - So the number 90210 means
$$(90210)_{10} = 9 \times 10^4 + 0 \times 10^3 + 2 \times 10^2 + 1 \times 10^1 + 0 \times 10^0$$
- Computers represent unsigned integers using a base-2 positional notation
 - So the number 101011 means
$$(101011)_2 = 1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$
$$= 1 \times 32 + 0 \times 16 + 1 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 =$$
$$(43)_{10}$$
- The range of unsigned integers we can represent in N bits is

$$0, 1, \dots, 2^N - 1$$

Representing Unsigned Integers

- The first few binary numbers (4-bit, unsigned) are:

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

Converting Decimal to/from Binary

Bit position

7

6

5

4

3

2

1

0

| | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

2^7

2^6

2^5

2^4

2^3

2^2

2^1

2^0

Place value

Converting Decimal to/from Binary

Bit position

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

| | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | |
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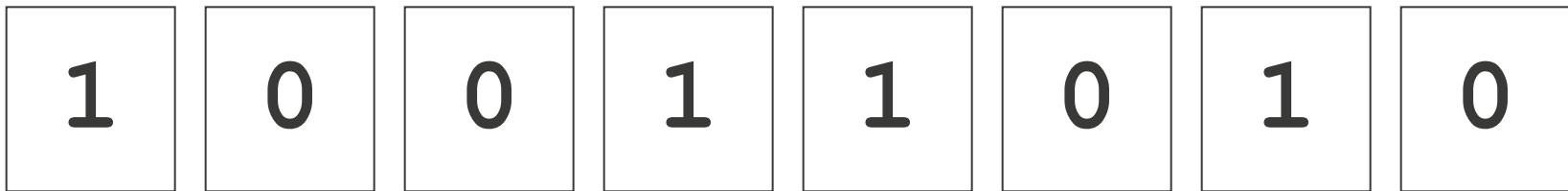
128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1

Place value

Converting Binary to Decimal

Example:

Convert the unsigned binary number **10011010** to decimal



Converting Binary to Decimal

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2^7 | 2^6 | 2^5 | 2^4 | 2^3 | 2^2 | 2^1 | 2^0 |

Converting Binary to Decimal

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

Converting Binary to Decimal

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

$$128 + 16 + 8 + 2 = 154$$

So, **10011010** in unsigned binary
is **154** in decimal

Converting Binary to Decimal

Example:

Convert the decimal number **105**
to unsigned binary

Converting Binary to Decimal

Q. Does 128 fit into 105?

A. No

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | | | | | | | |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

Next, consider what's left: still 105

Converting Binary to Decimal

Q. Does 64 fit into 105?

A. Yes

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

Next, consider what's left: $105 - 64 = 41$

Converting Binary to Decimal

Q. Does 32 fit into 41?

A. Yes

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

Next, consider what's left: $41 - 32 = 9$

Converting Binary to Decimal

Q. Does 16 fit into 9?

A. No

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

Next, consider what's left: still 9

Converting Binary to Decimal

Q. Does 8 fit into 9?

A. Yes

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

Next, consider what's left: $9 - 8 = 1$

Converting Binary to Decimal

Q. Does 4 fit into 1?

A. No

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

Next, consider what's left: still 1

Converting Binary to Decimal

Q. Does 2 fit into 1?

A. No

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

Next, consider what's left: still 1

Converting Binary to Decimal

Q. Does **1** fit into **1**?

A. Yes

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

For integer decimal-to-binary, we STOP here.

Thinking binary

binary
value

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

decimal
value

hexadecimal
digit

Hexadecimal

- **Base 16**
 - Digits 0 to 9, A to F
 - Often called “hex” for short
- **Convenient shorthand for writing binary values**
 - Easier for **humans** to read
 - Still shows underlying binary representation
 - $16 = 2^4$ (power of two)
- **Computers don't use hex internally**
 - All memory is bits (binary)

Binary to hex

fill with zeroes at front to make digit count a multiple of four

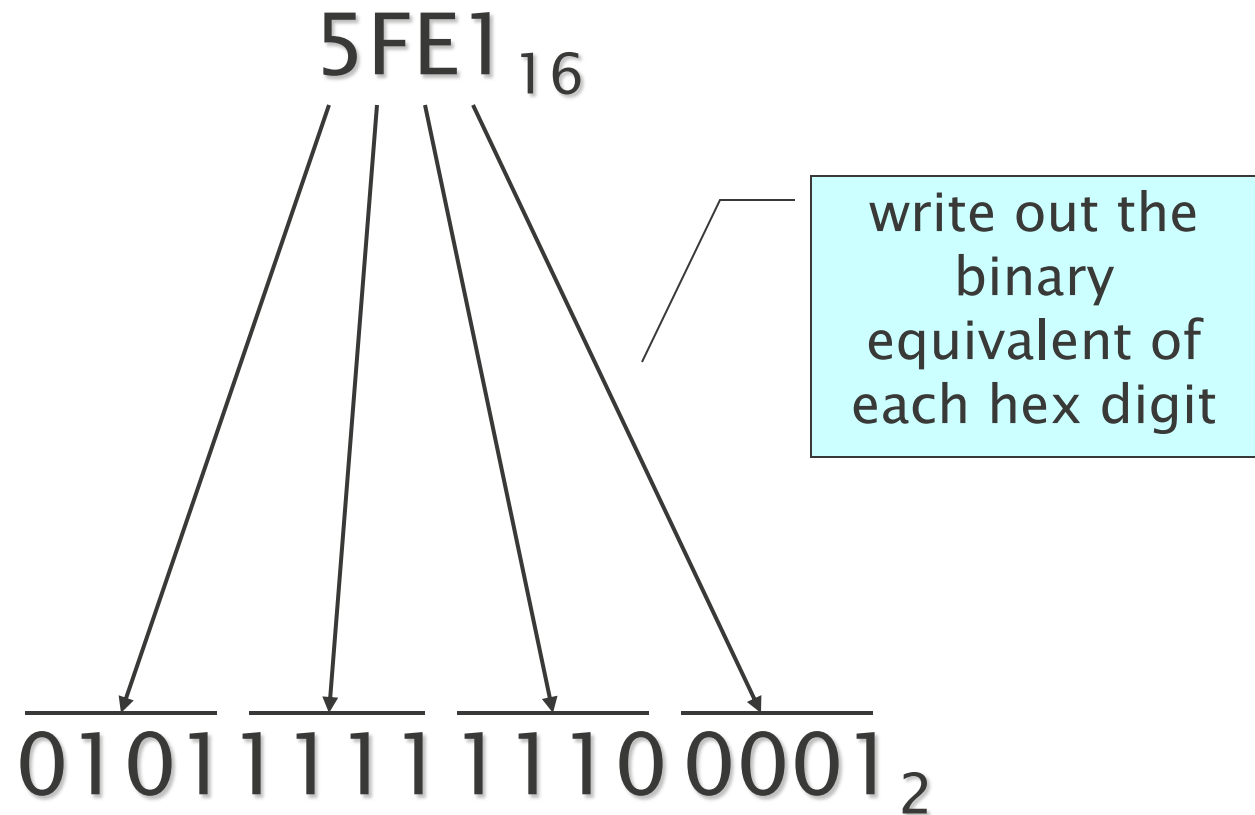
010100111100₂

collect binary digits in groups of four digits ("quartets")

write hex equivalent of each binary quartet

53C₁₆

Hex to binary



Representing Signed Integers

Representing Signed Integers

- To handle negative integers, we need to use one of the bits to store the sign
- The largest signed integer we can represent in N bits is roughly half the largest unsigned integer
- Three representation methods:
 - Signed magnitude
 - Two's complement
 - Excess-k

Used for exponents for float representation, not studied in FIT1008/FIT2085

Signed Magnitude Representation

- The most significant bit (MSB) stores the sign
 - MSB: the one with the highest place value (leftmost)
- The rest store the absolute value of the number
 - i.e., its magnitude
- That is why it is known as "signed magnitude"
- The range of signed integers we can represent in N bits is
 - $-(2^{N-1}-1), \dots, 2^{N-1}-1$
- Why? Recall, for unsigned the range with N bits
 - $0, \dots, 2^N-1$
- We need one bit for the sign (so $2^{N-1}-1$) and can be negative so... let's see an example

Signed Magnitude -- Example with 4 bits

▪ Representable numbers:

| | | |
|------|-------|----|
| 0000 | ..... | +0 |
| 0001 | ..... | +1 |
| 0010 | ..... | +2 |
| 0011 | ..... | +3 |
| 0100 | ..... | +4 |
| 0101 | ..... | +5 |
| 0110 | ..... | +6 |
| 0111 | ..... | +7 |
| 1000 | ..... | -0 |
| 1001 | ..... | -1 |
| 1010 | ..... | -2 |
| 1011 | ..... | -3 |
| 1100 | ..... | -4 |
| 1101 | ..... | -5 |
| 1110 | ..... | -6 |
| 1111 | ..... | -7 |

**We have +0
and -0**

-7, ..., 7

$-(2^3-1), \dots, 2^3-1$

$-(2^{4-1}-1), \dots, 2^{4-1}-1$

$-(2^{N-1}-1), \dots, 2^{N-1}-1$

Adding in Signed Magnitude

■ Rule1

- If the signs are the same, **add** the magnitudes and use same sign for result

■ Rule2

- If the signs differ, determine which integer has the largest magnitude
- Sign of result: same as sign of integer with the largest magnitude
- Magnitude: **subtract** smaller magnitude from larger one

■ Note: might get **overflow**, if the sum is too large

- That is, if the resulting number is outside the range $-(2^{N-1}-1), \dots, 2^{N-1}-1$
- Try to encode $-7 + (-3)$ with 4 bits...

Two's Complement Representation

- **Aim:** makes arithmetic operations easy, regardless of the signs of the operands
- For N bits, $-M$ is represented as $2^N - M$
- For example, for $N=4$:
 - 1 is represented as $2^4 - 1 = 16 - 1 = 15$ which in binary is 1111
 - 8 is represented as $2^4 - 8 = 16 - 8 = 8$ which in binary is 1000
- **But careful, M must be within range:**
 - Half of the range is positive, half negative. For example, for 4 bits: the numbers from 0000 to 0111 are positive and the numbers from 1000 to 1111 are negative
- In general, the **range** of signed integers we can represent in N bits is $-2^{N-1}, \dots, 2^{N-1}-1$

It was $-(2^{N-1}-1), \dots, 2^{N-1}-1$ for signed magnitude. Why?

Two's Complement -- Example with 4 bits

- Representable numbers:

| | |
|-----------|----|
| 0000..... | +0 |
| 0001..... | +1 |
| 0010..... | +2 |
| 0011..... | +3 |
| 0100..... | +4 |
| 0101..... | +5 |
| 0110..... | +6 |
| 0111..... | +7 |
| 1000..... | -8 |
| 1001..... | -7 |
| 1010..... | -6 |
| 1011..... | -5 |
| 1100..... | -4 |
| 1101..... | -3 |
| 1110..... | -2 |
| 1111..... | -1 |

We have only +0

-8, ..., 7

$-2^3, \dots, 2^3-1$

$-2^{4-1}, \dots, 2^{4-1}-1$

$-2^{N-1}, \dots, 2^{N-1}-1$

Two's Complement to Decimal

- **For N bits, you can:**

- Give the MSB a negative weight
 - E.g., if using 8 bits, then the MSB has positional value -2^7 , instead of $+2^7$

- **OR:**

- Convert to decimal as usual
- If result is $\geq 2^{N-1}$ (means the MSB was 1):
 - Subtract the decimal value from 2^N and negate

Two's Complement – Example

What integer does **101011** represent in a 6-bit computer?

- Negative weight for MSB

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \times (-2^5) + 0 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 \\ &= 1 \times (-32) + 0 \times 16 + 1 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \\ &= (-21)_{10} \end{aligned}$$

- Usual conversion and subtracting 2^N

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 \\ &= 1 \times 32 + 0 \times 16 + 1 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \\ &= (43)_{10} \end{aligned}$$

Since $43 \geq 32 = 2^{6-1}$, it represents a negative number.

So compute $2^N - M$ and negate:

$$-(2^6 - 43) = -(64 - 43) = -21$$

Negating Two's Complement is easy!

| | | |
|------|-------|----|
| 0000 | ..... | +0 |
| 0001 | ..... | +1 |
| 0010 | ..... | +2 |
| 0011 | ..... | +3 |
| 0100 | ..... | +4 |
| 0101 | ..... | +5 |
| 0110 | ..... | +6 |
| 0111 | ..... | +7 |
| 1000 | ..... | -8 |
| 1001 | ..... | -7 |
| 1010 | ..... | -6 |
| 1011 | ..... | -5 |
| 1100 | ..... | -4 |
| 1101 | ..... | -3 |
| 1110 | ..... | -2 |
| 1111 | ..... | -1 |

Flip 0011 into 1100 and
add 1 to get 1101

Flip 1101 into 0010 and
add 1 to get 0011

Negation with Two's Complement

- To negate a two's complement number:
Flip *all* its bits and then add 1

– Example (positive number)

| | | |
|----------|----------------------|-----|
| 00101010 | (-0+0+32+0+8+0+2+0) | +42 |
| 11010101 | (-128+64+0+16+0+4+1) | -43 |
| 11010110 | (-43 + 1) | -42 |

– Example (negative number)

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|-----|
| 11010110 | (-128+64+ 0+16+0+4+2+0) | -42 |
| 00101001 | (-0 +0+32 +0+8+0+0+1) | +41 |
| 00101010 | (+41 +1) | +42 |

Two's Complement to Decimal Alternative

- If MSB = 0, as usual for unsigned
- Otherwise, we know it is a negative number, so:
 - Negate the binary:
 - Flip 1s by 0s and viceversa,
 - Add 1,
 - Convert as usual for unsigned
 - Negate the resulting decimal

Summary (of the lesson)

- **Value Places Systems**
- **Unsigned integers in binary, octal, decimal and hexadecimal**
- **Signed integers in**
 - Signed Magnitude
 - Two's complement