BITS

BACK

1 2 3

1	2	3
10^2	10^1	10^0

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 10^2 & 10^1 & 10^0 \end{array}$$

$$= 1 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 3 \times 10^0$$

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

$$= 123$$

4	1	2	3
?	10^2	10^1	10^0

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 10^3 & 10^2 & 10^1 & 10^0 \end{array}$$

$$= 4 \times 10^3 + 1 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 3 \times 10^0$$

$$4 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3$$

$$10^3 \quad 10^2 \quad 10^1 \quad 10^0$$

$$= 4 \times 10^3 + 1 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 3 \times 10^0$$

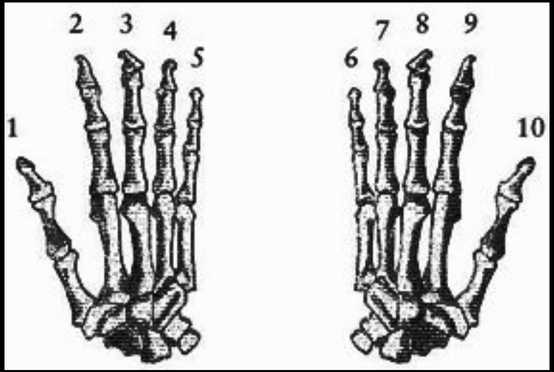
$$= 4 \times 1000 + 1 \times 100 + 2 \times 10 + 3 \times 1$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 10^3 & 10^2 & 10^1 & 10^0 \end{array}$$

$$= 4 \times 10^3 + 1 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 3 \times 10^0$$

$$= 4 \times 1000 + 1 \times 100 + 2 \times 10 + 3 \times 1$$

$$= 4123$$



human hand

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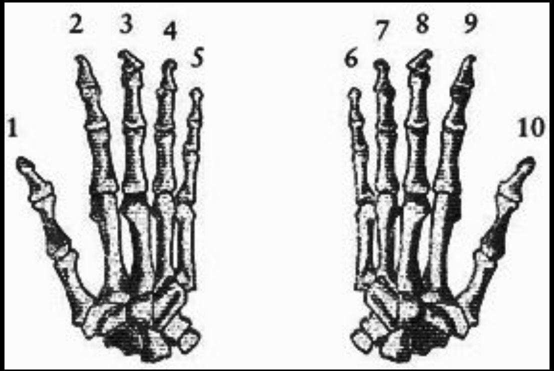

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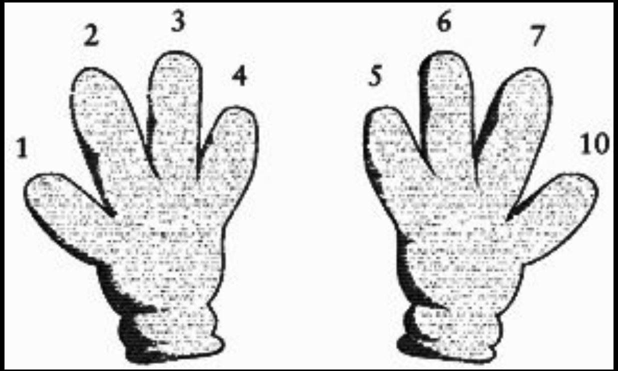

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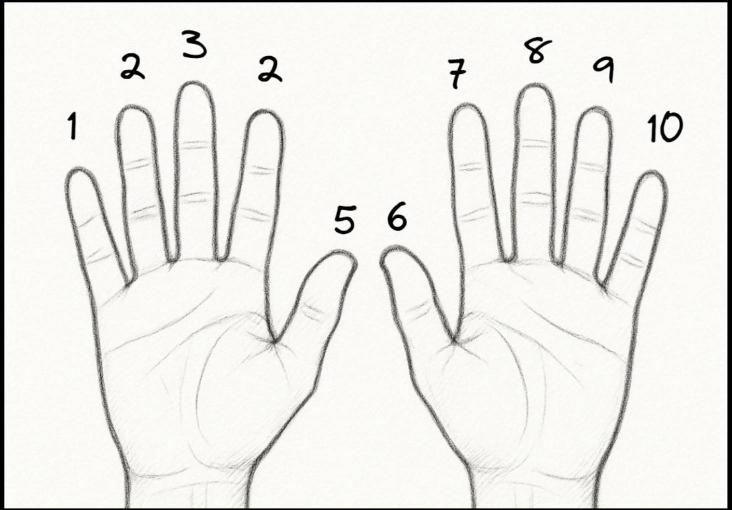

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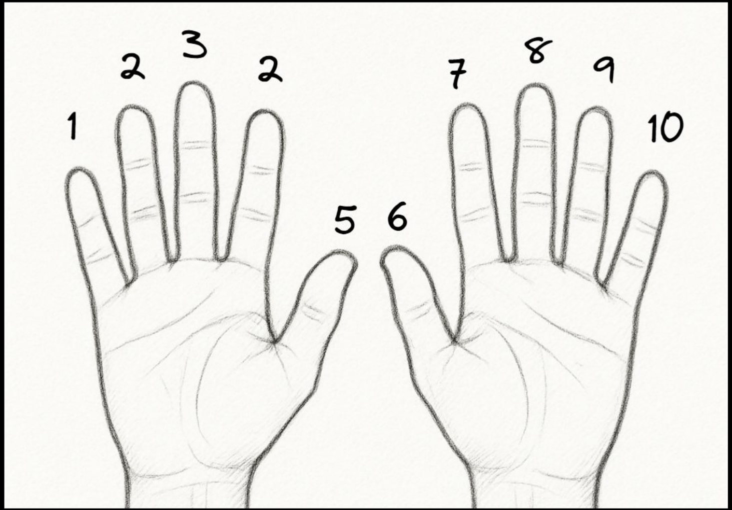

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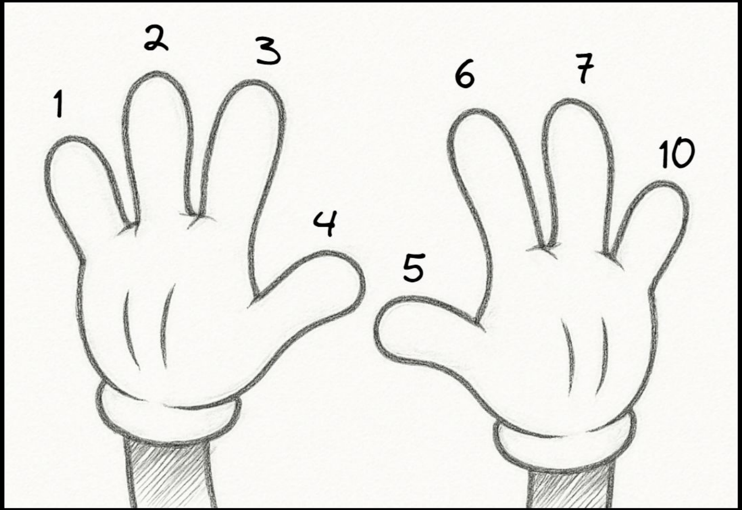

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1 2 3 (octal)

1	**2**	**3**	(octal)
8^2	8^1	8^0	

1	2	3	(octal)
8^2	8^1	8^0	

$$= 1 \times 8^2 + 2 \times 8^1 + 3 \times 8^0$$

$$1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad \text{(octal)}$$

$$8^2 \quad 8^1 \quad 8^0$$

$$= 1 \times 8^2 + 2 \times 8^1 + 3 \times 8^0$$

$$= 1 \times 64 + 2 \times 8 + 3 \times 1$$

1	2	3	(octal)
8^2	8^1	8^0	

$$= 1 \times 8^2 + 2 \times 8^1 + 3 \times 8^0$$

$$= 1 \times 64 + 2 \times 8 + 3 \times 1$$

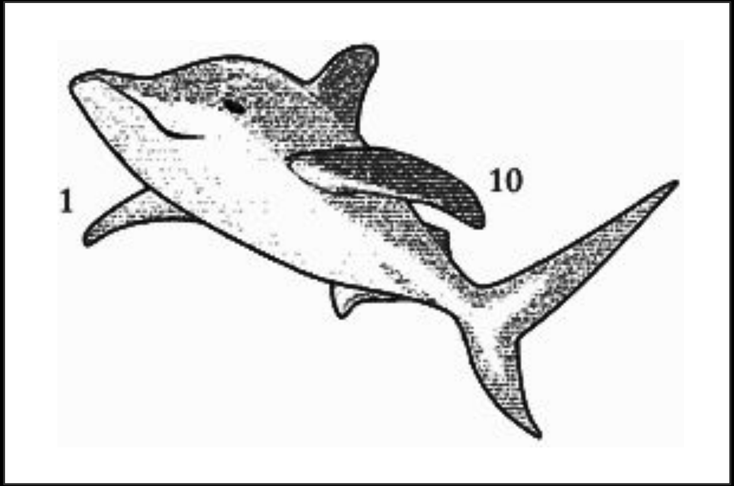
$= 83$ (decimal)

decimal		octal
8	→	?

decimal		octal
?	$\longleftarrow$	7

decimal		octal
16	$\longrightarrow$	?

decimal		octal
?	←	100



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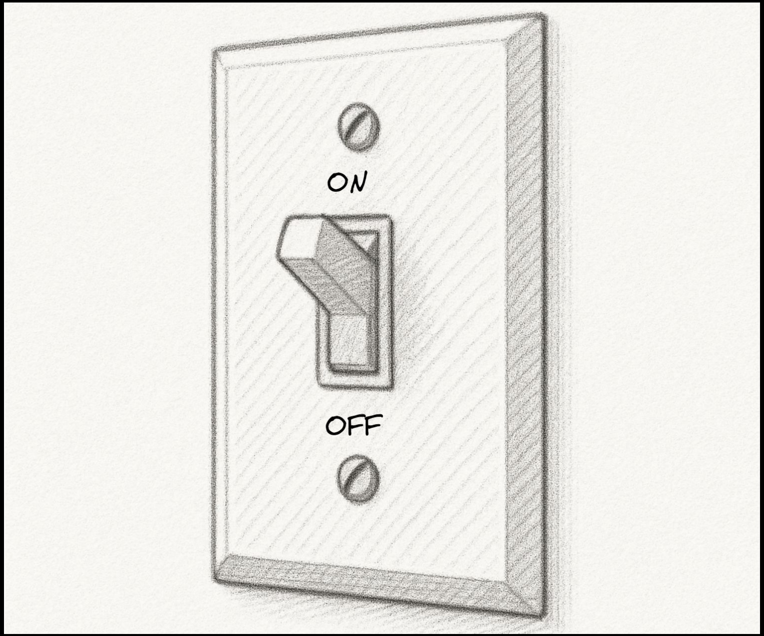

a binary number is like a switch

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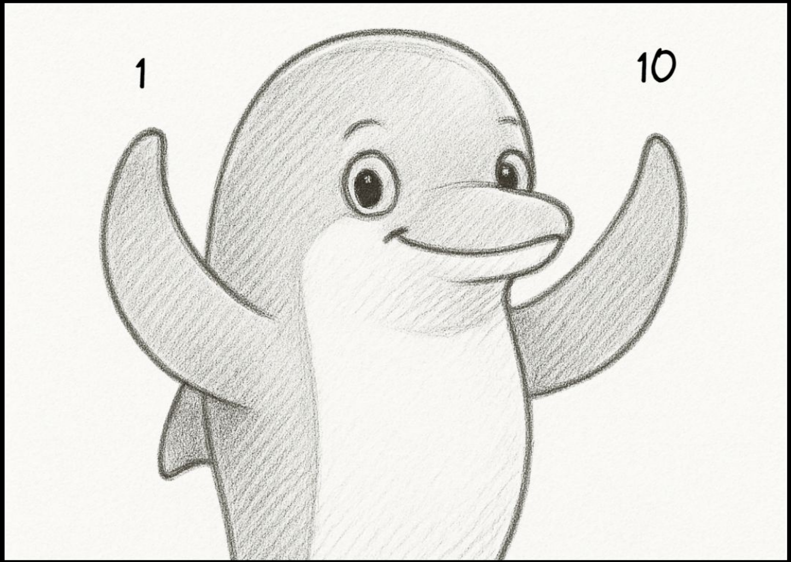

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0, 1, …

0, 1, 10, …

0, 1, 10, 11, …

0, 1, 10, 11, 100, …

0, 1, 10, 11, 100, 101, …

0, 1, 10, 11, 100, 101, 110

1 1 0 (binary)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \end{array}$$ (binary)

1 1 0 (binary)

2^2 2^1 2^0

$$= 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$$

$$1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad \text{(binary)}$$

$$2^2 \quad 2^1 \quad 2^0$$

$$= 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$$

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \end{array} \quad \text{(binary)}$$

$$= 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$$

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

$$= 6 \text{ (decimal)}$$

2 3 4 5 6

0, 1, 10, 11, 100, 101, 110

place value systems

$$N = d_n * R^{n-1} + \ldots + d_2 * R^1 + d_1 * R^0$$

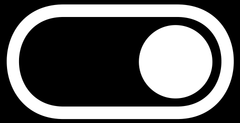
$d \in \{ 0, 1, \ldots R-1 \}$

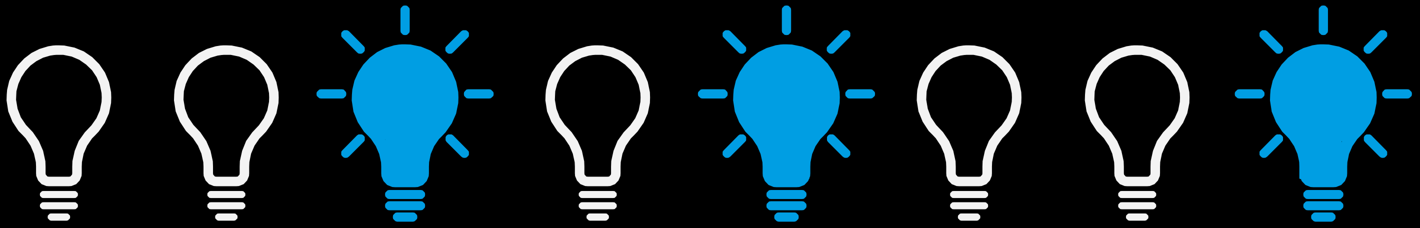
n = number of digits
R = base

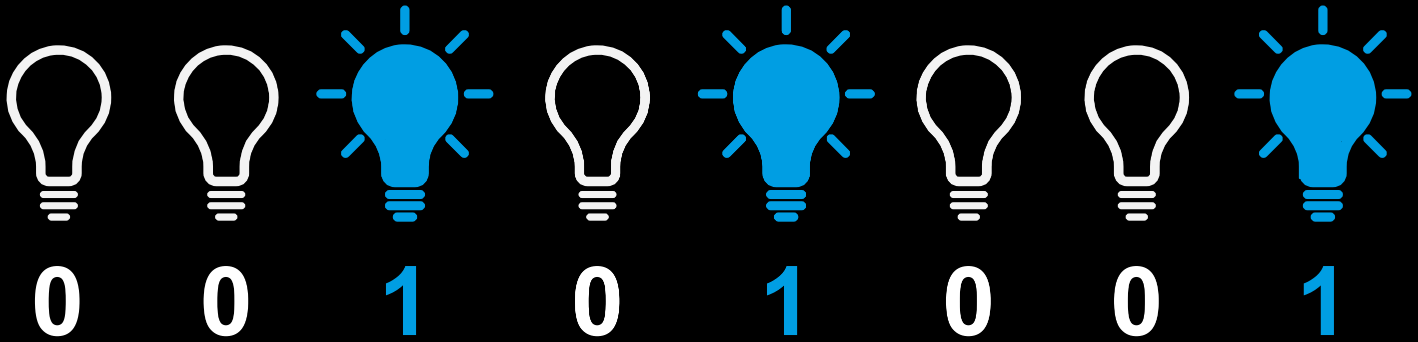
$$R \geq 2$$

bits

why do computers think binary?



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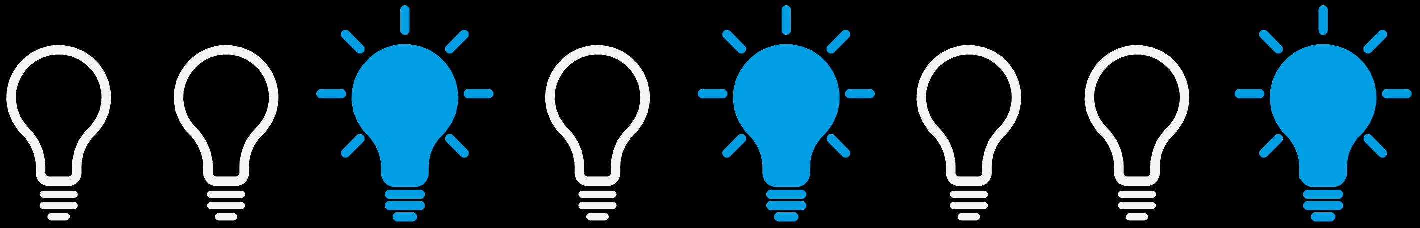
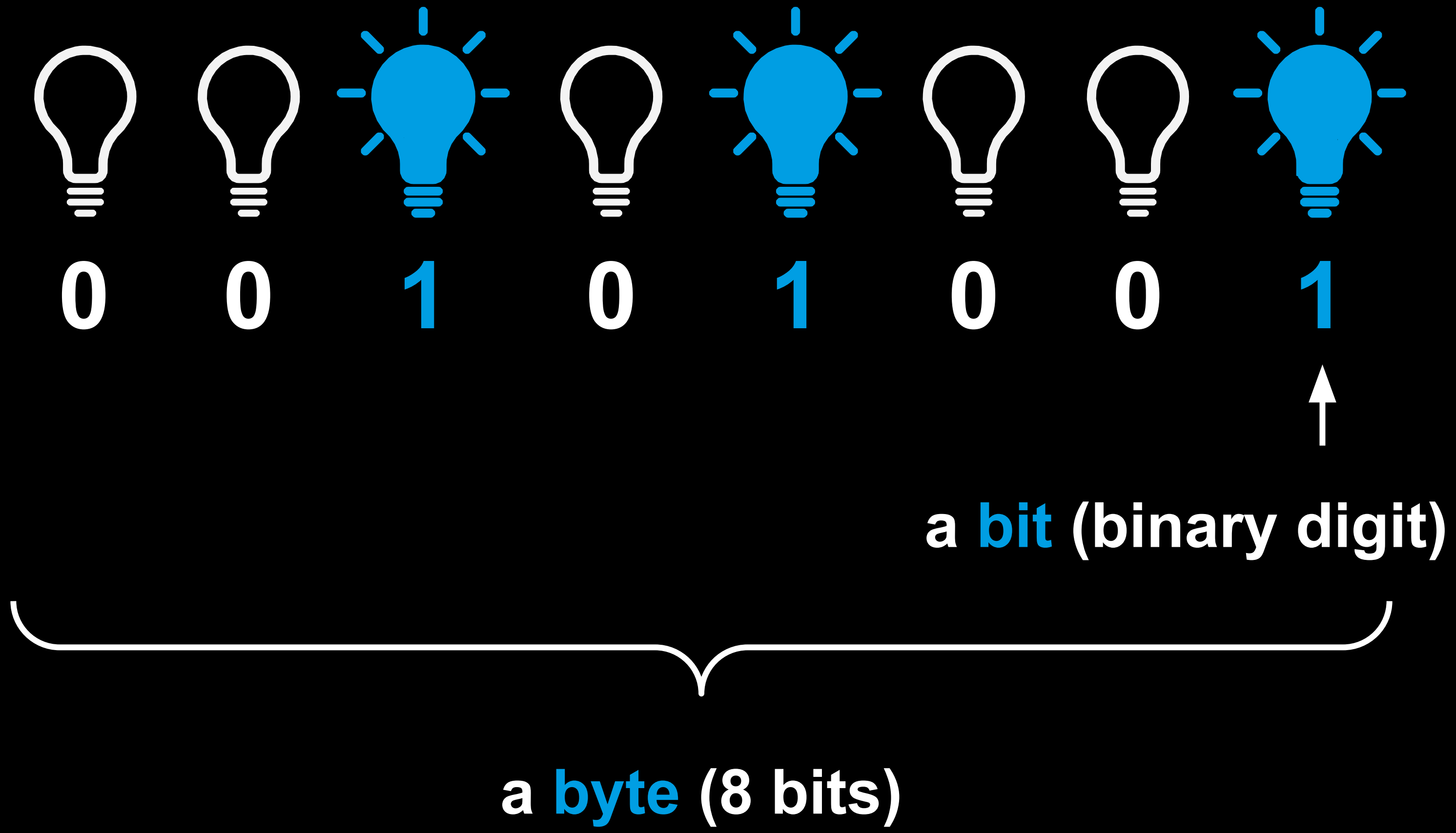
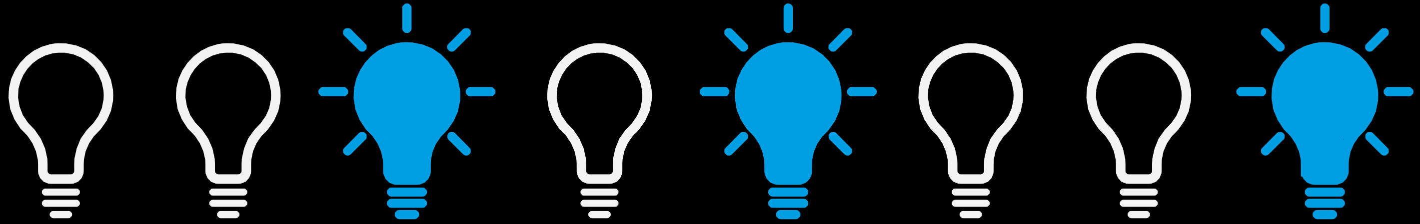


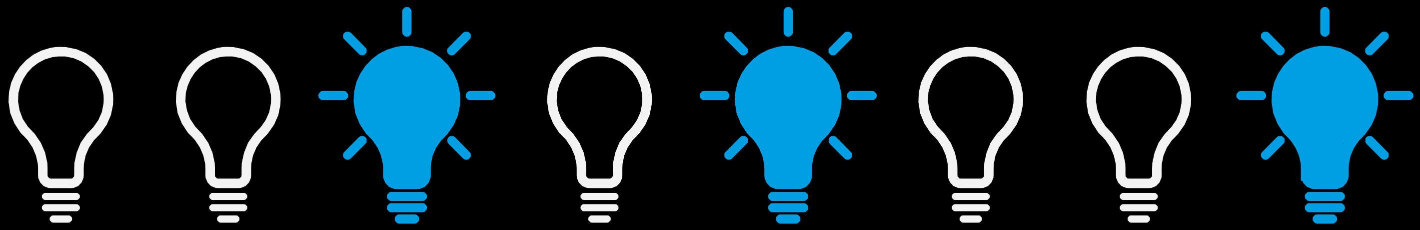
0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1

a **bit** (binary digit)

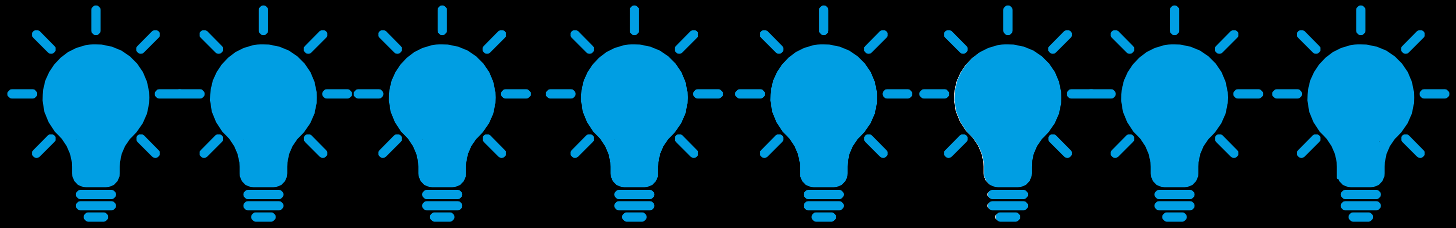

0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1
a bit (binary digit)
a byte (8 bits)



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



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



what can we store in one byte?

what comes after the byte?

2^{10} bytes = 1.024 bytes = 1 Kibibyte (KiB)

2^{20} bytes = 1.048.576 bytes = 1 Mebibyte (MiB)

2^{30} bytes = 1.073.741.824 bytes = 1 Gibibyte (GiB)

10^3 bytes = 1.000 bytes = 1 Kilobyte (KB)

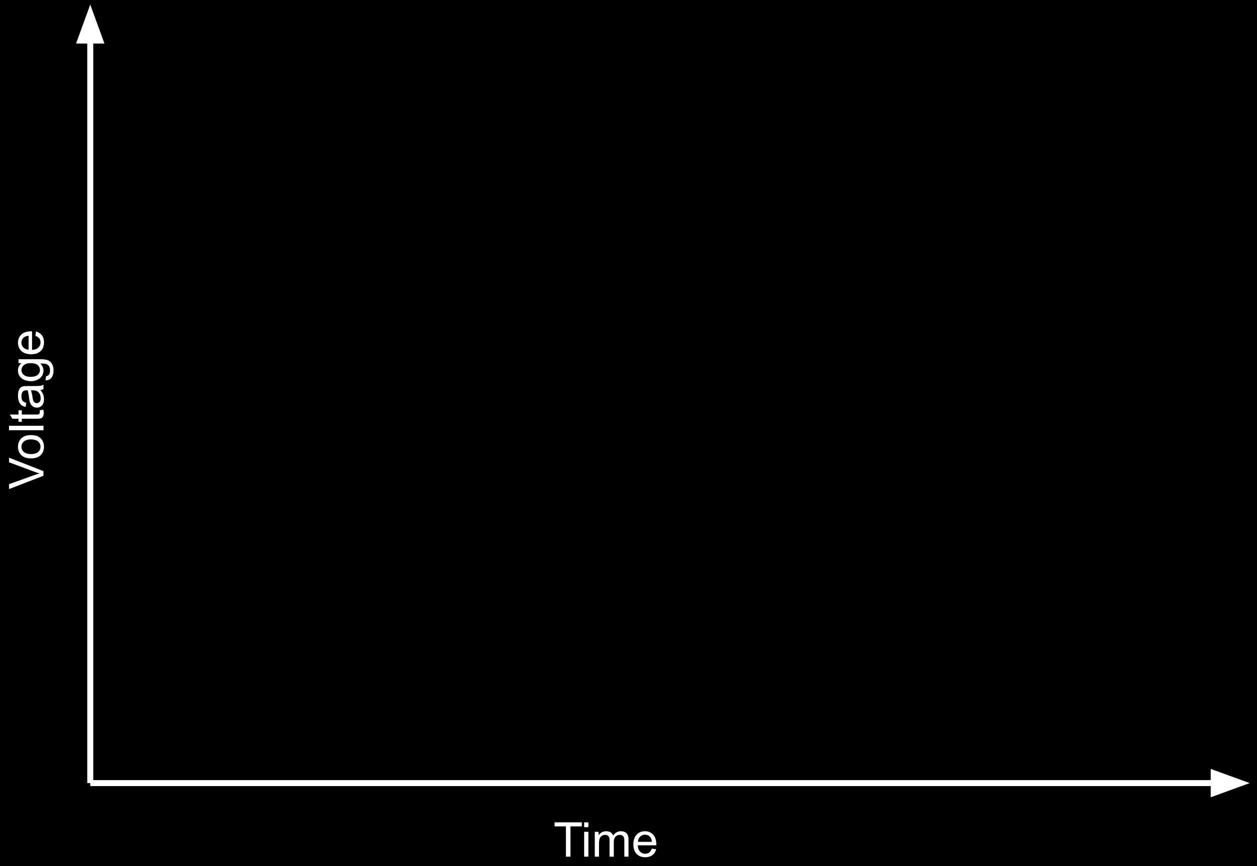
10^6 bytes = 1.000.000 bytes = 1 Megabyte (MB)

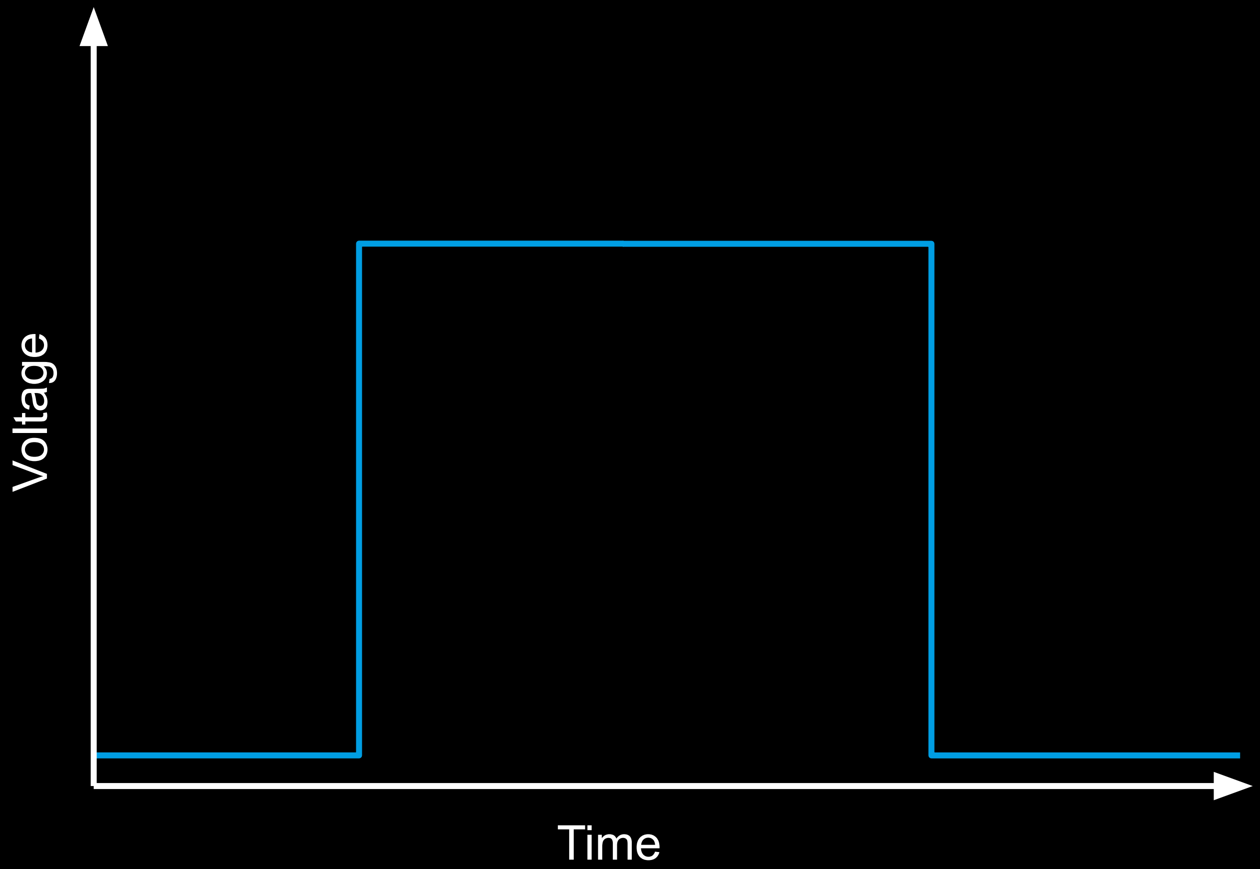
10^9 bytes = 1.000.000.000 bytes = 1 Gigabyte (GB)

10^{12} bytes = ?

https://www.matheretter.de/wiki/zehnerpotenzen-namen how many bits are on a DVD with 4.7 GB capacity?

are we stuck with binary?


Voltage
Time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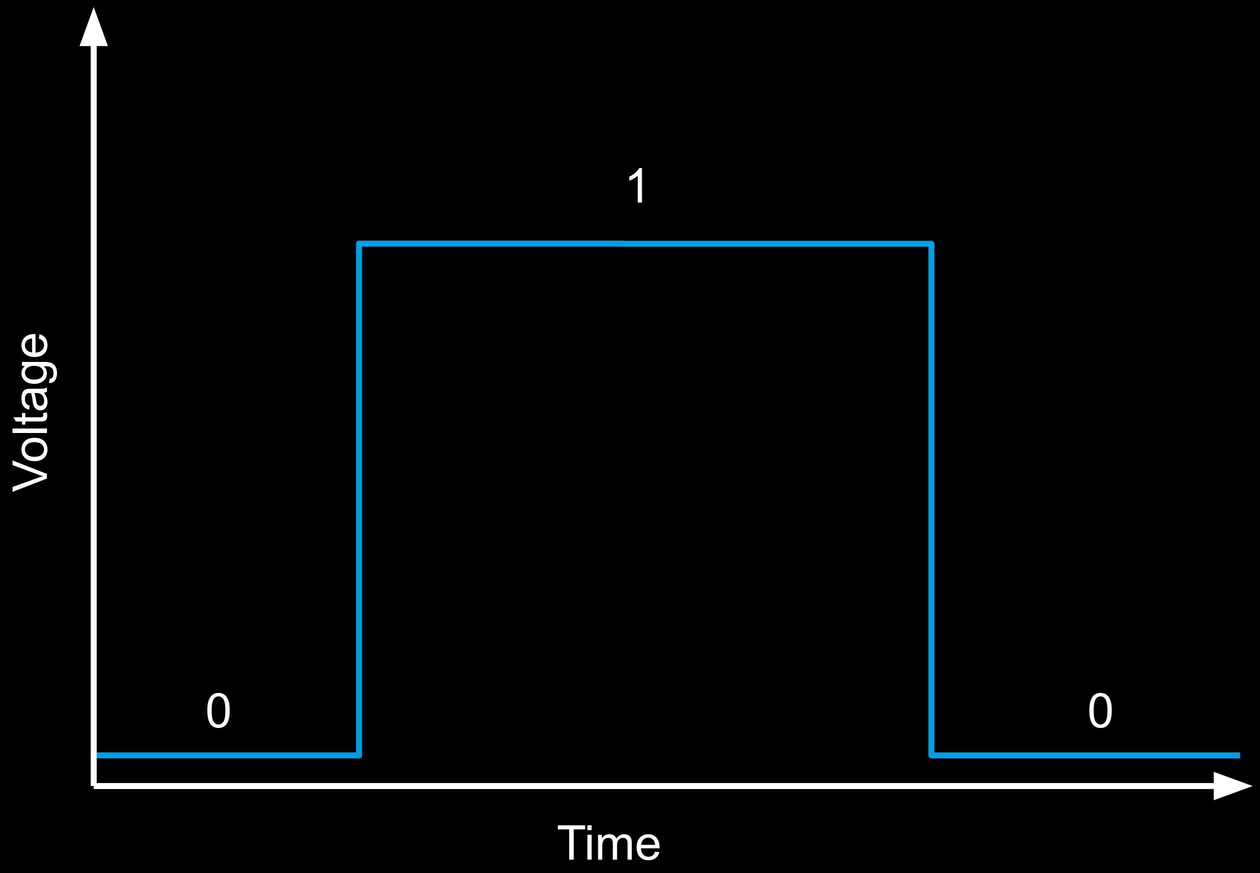
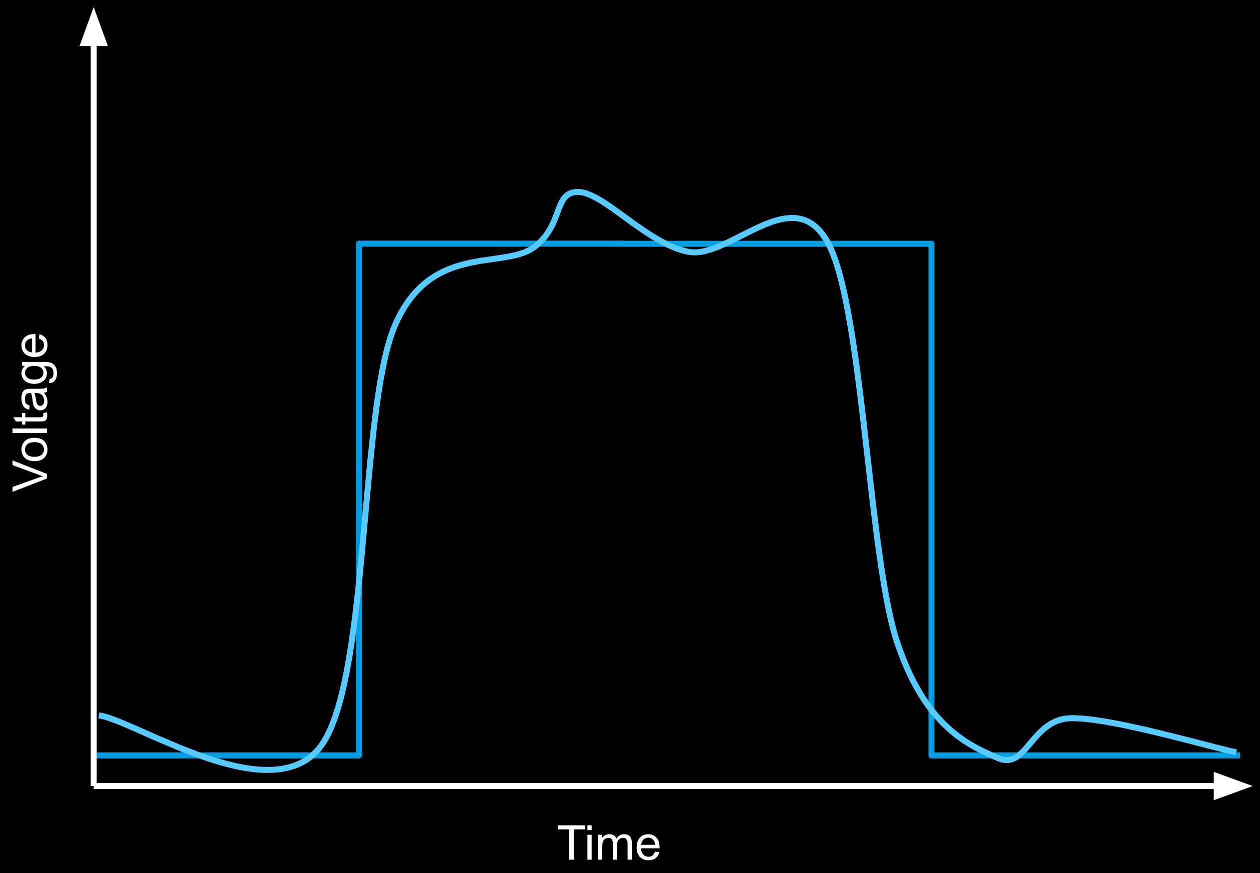


1
Voltage
0
0
Time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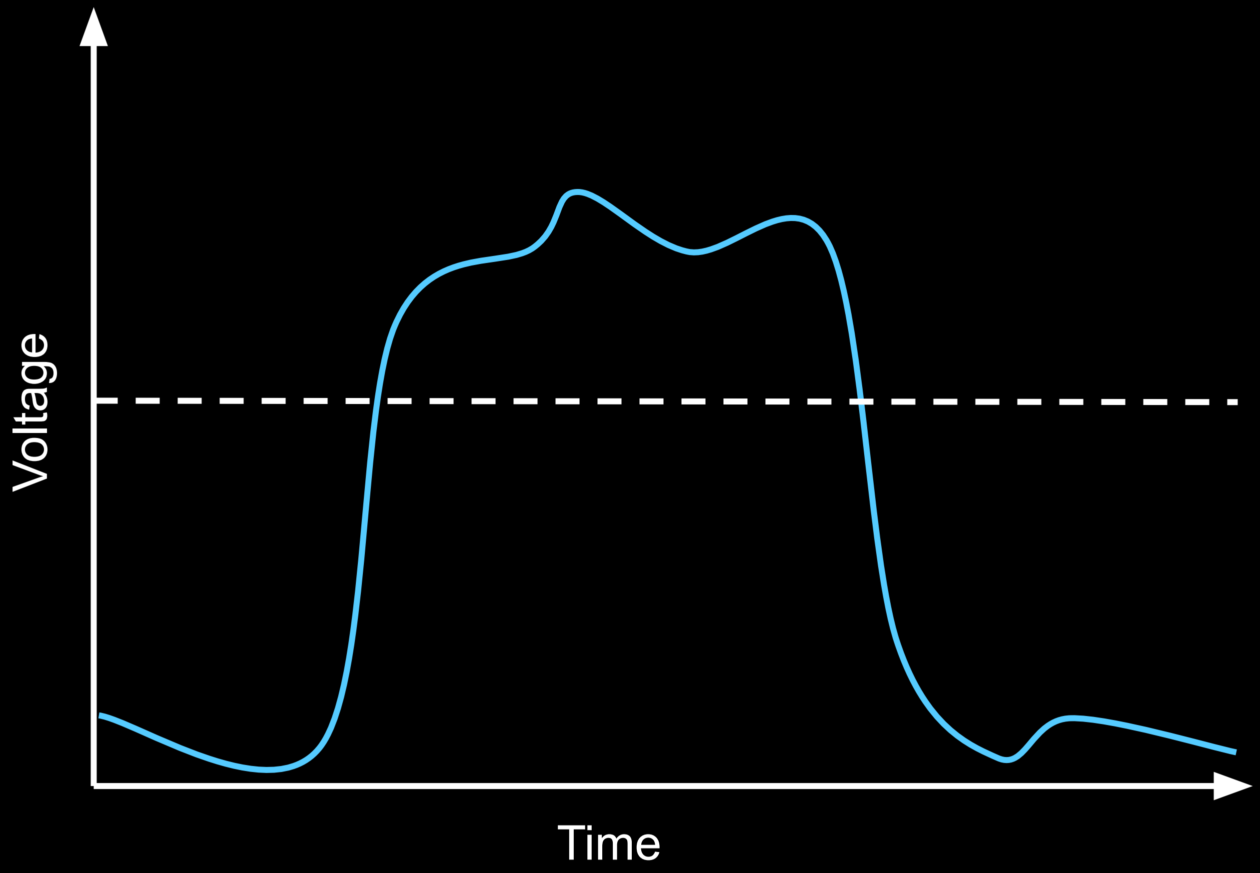
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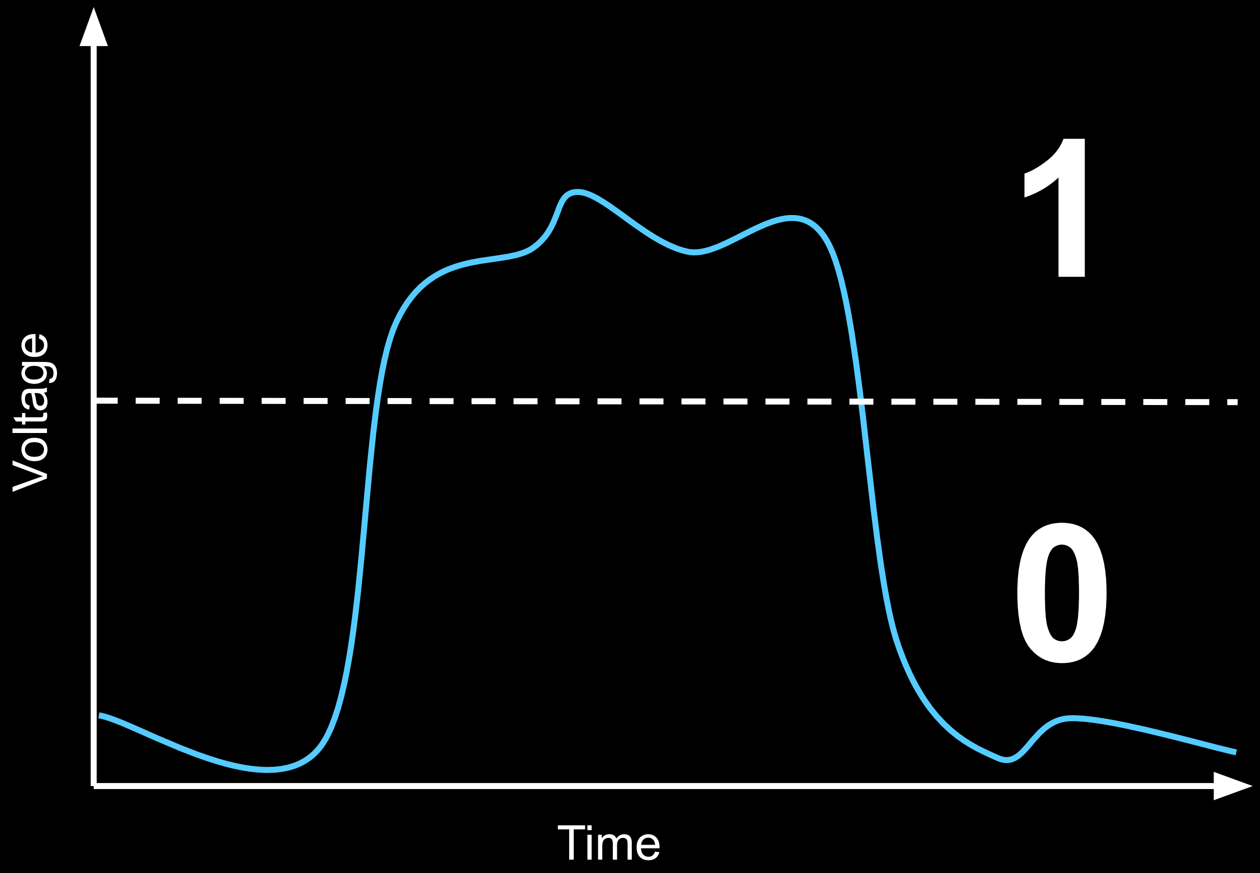
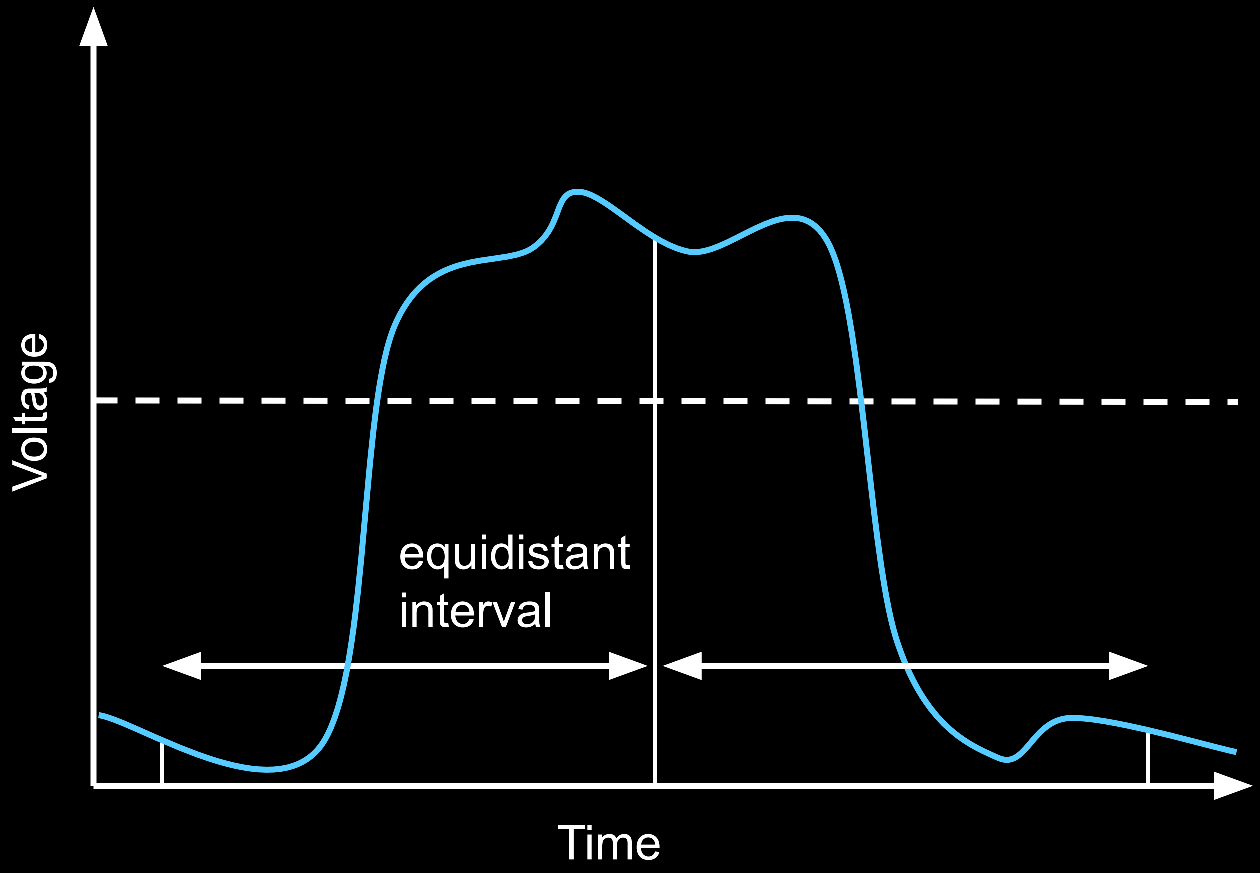
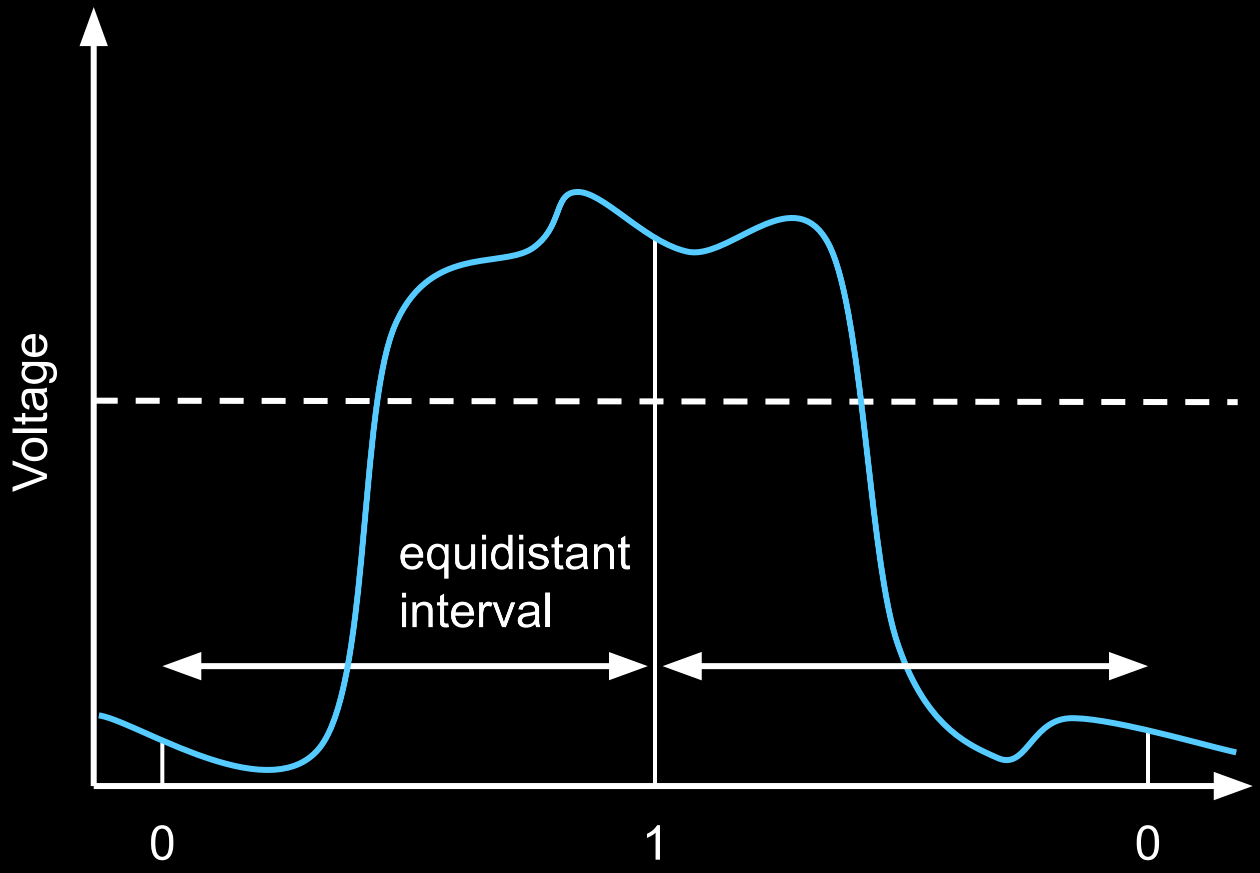
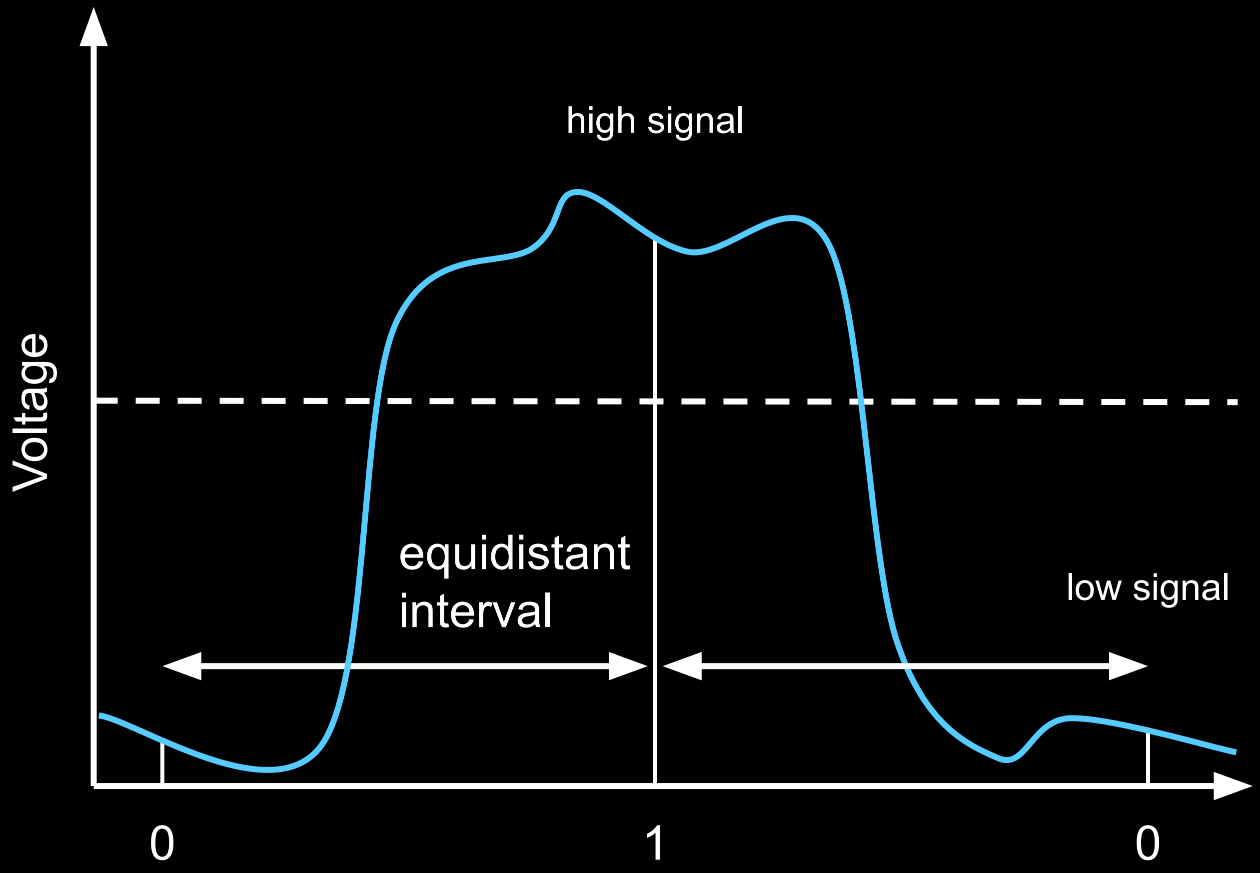


1
0
Voltage
Time

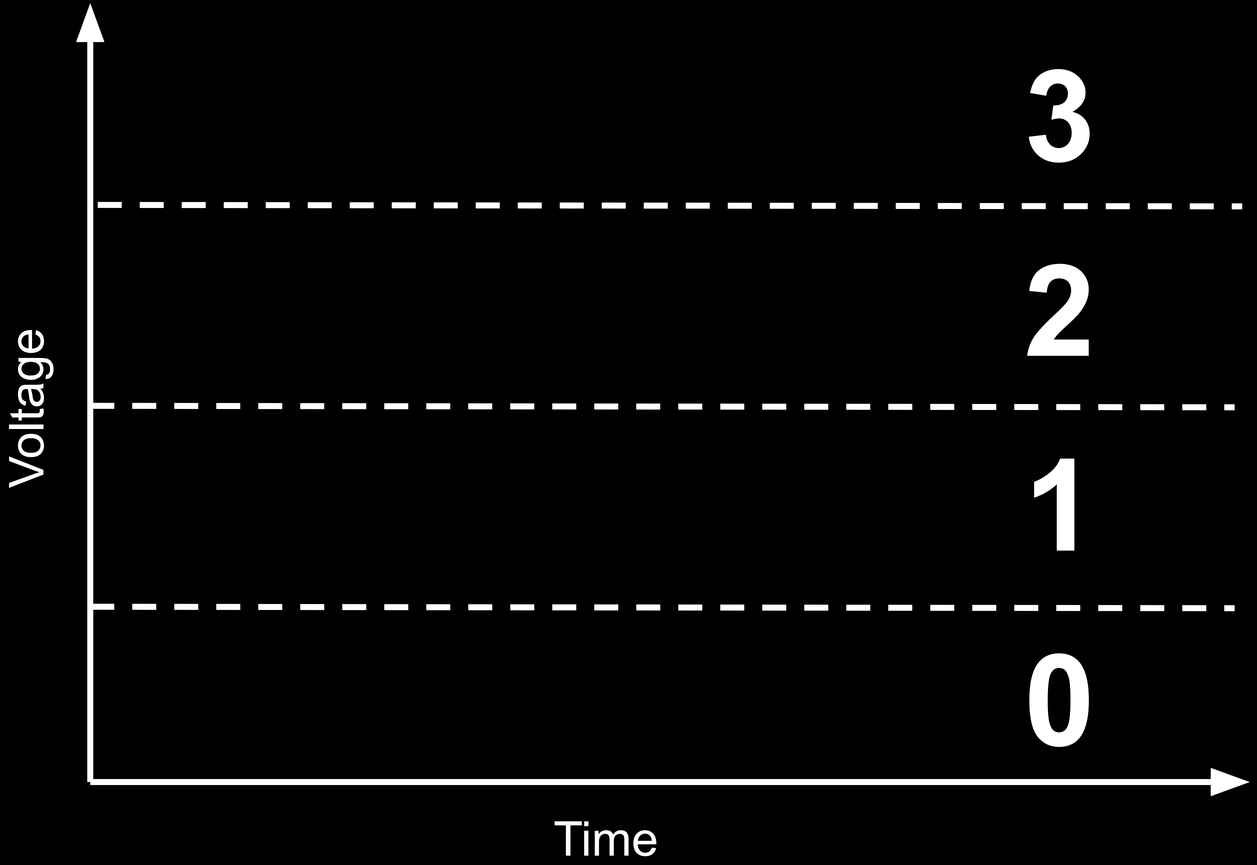

Voltage
equidistant
interval
Time

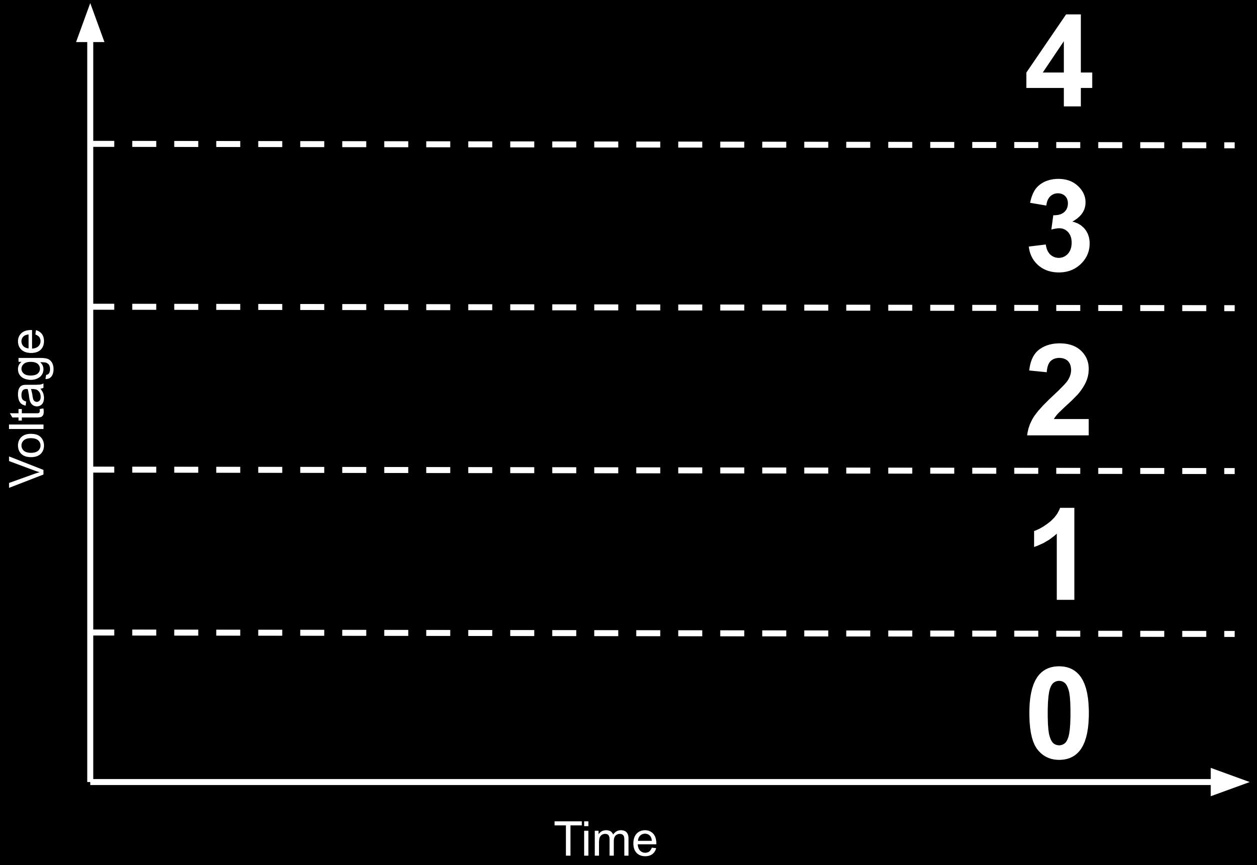

Voltage
equidistant
interval
0
1
0

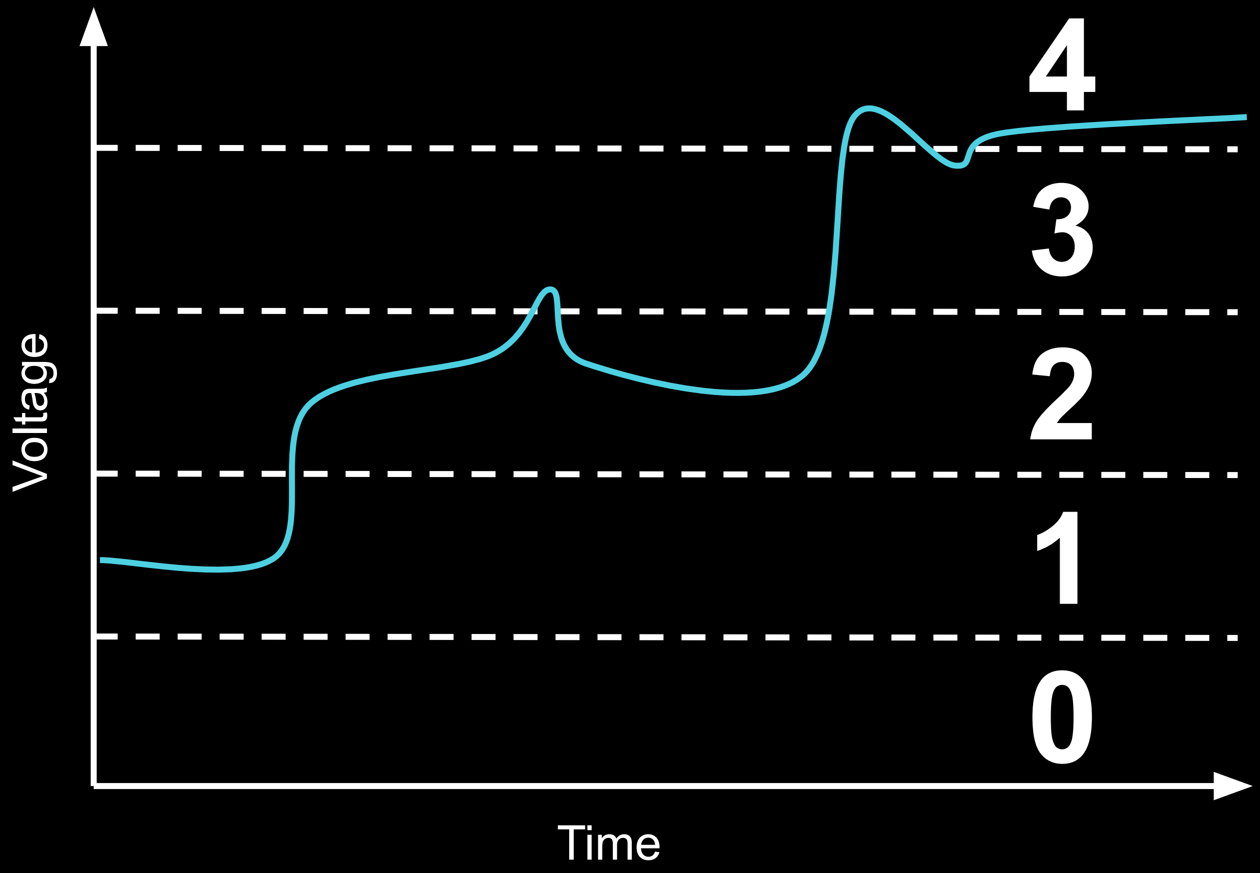

high signal
Voltage
equidistant
interval
low signal
0
1
0

what about $R > 2$?

Voltage
2
1
0
Time


3
2
Voltage
1
0
Time


4
3
2
1
0
Voltage
Time



4
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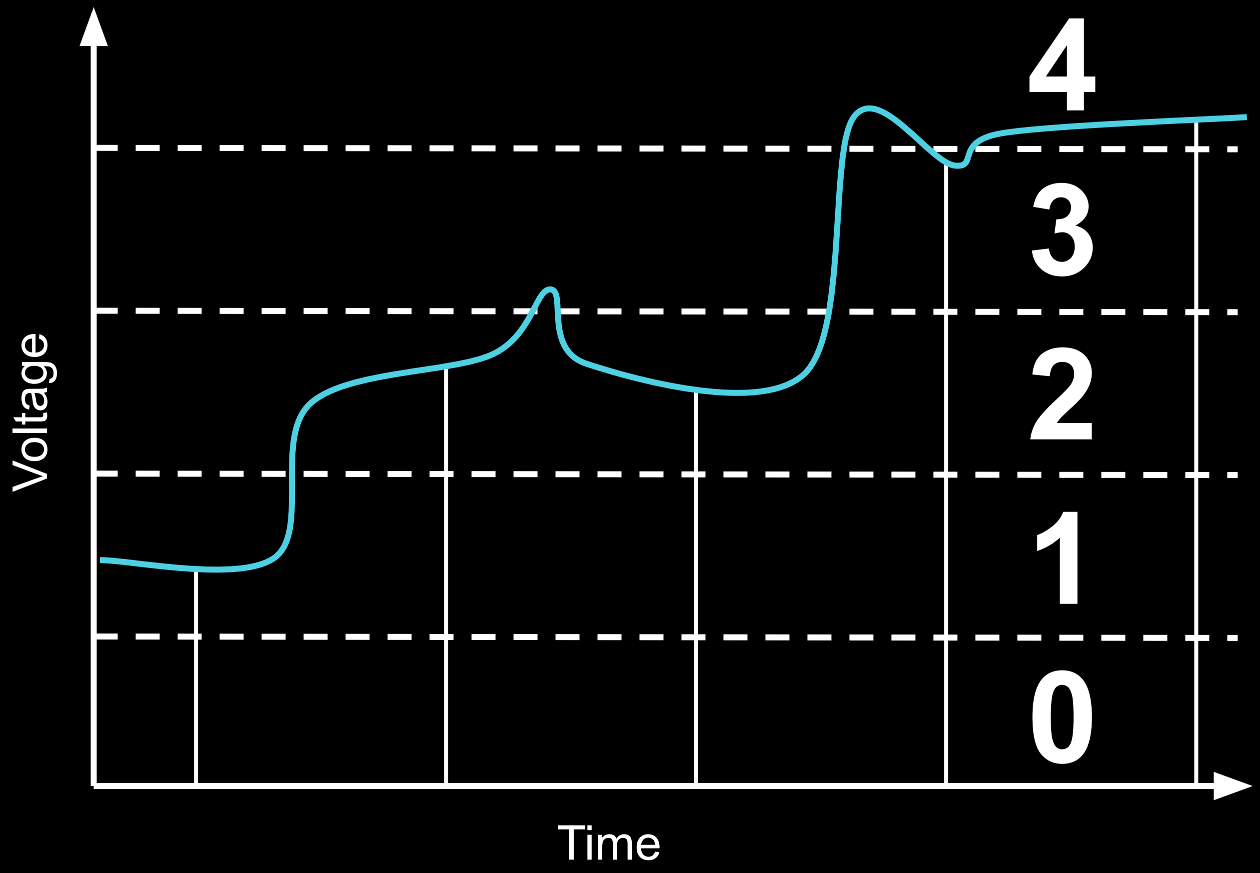
Voltage
Time


Voltage
Time
4
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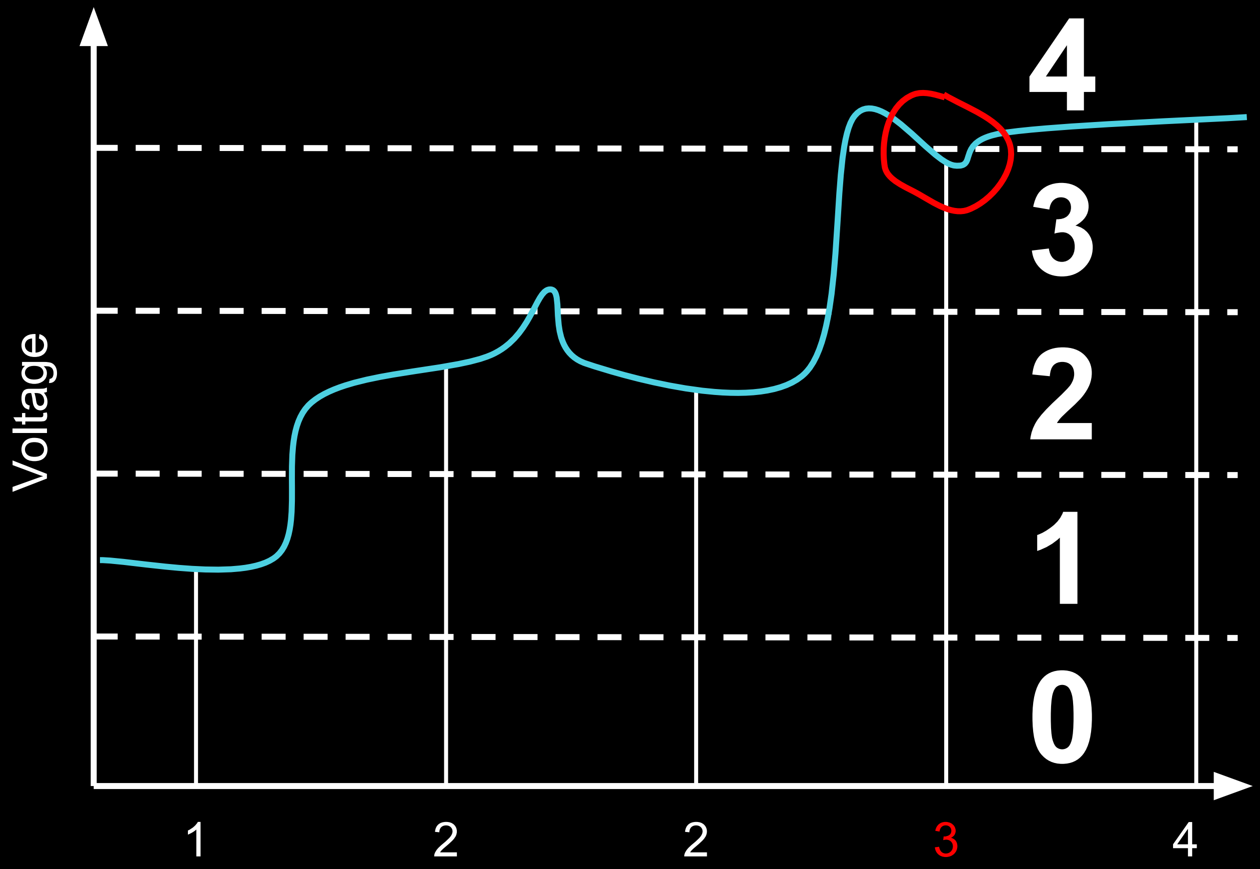
Voltage
4
3
2
1
0
1
2
2
3
4

a higher base means less hardware

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but more complex devices

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but more complex devices

and more errors