

# Topic 1

## Introduction to Digital Design

# Why Study Digital Circuits?

- Many elements of our lives are or will become digital
  - Computer, robotics, IoT, cell phone, TV, car, assembly line...

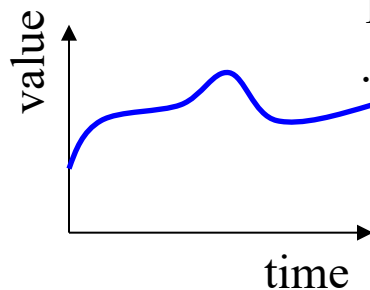
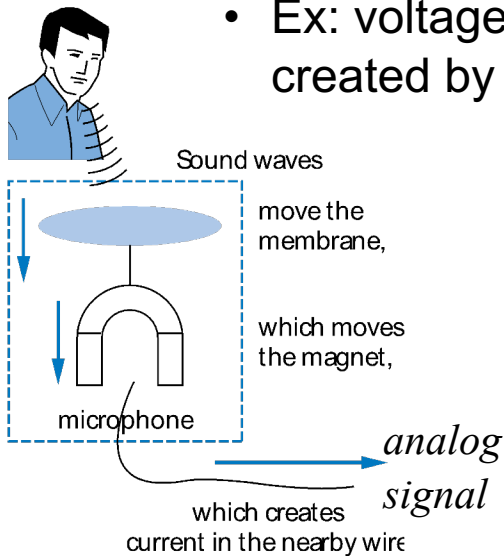


# “Digital” vs. “Analog”

- Analog signal

- Infinite possible values

- Ex: voltage on a wire created by microphone

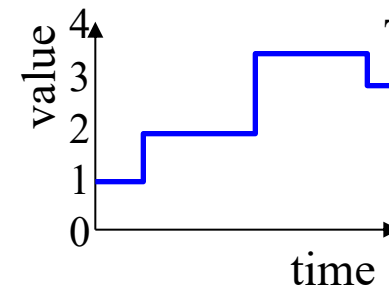
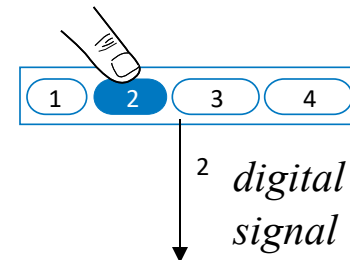


Possible values:  
1.00, 1.01, 2.0000009,  
... infinite possibilities

- Digital signal

- Finite possible values

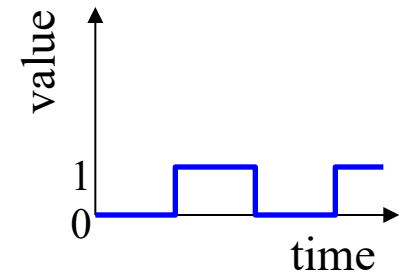
- Ex: button pressed on a keypad



Possible values:  
0, 1, 2, 3, or 4.  
That's it.

# Digital Signals with Only Two Values: Binary

- **Binary** digital signal -- only *two* possible values
  - Typically represented as **0** and **1**, respectively
  - Everything is represented as combinations of 0's and 1's, e.g. 1011, 110101001
    - Called binary value or binary number
    - Each binary digit is a **bit**
  - We'll only consider binary digital signals
    - Although there are other types of digital signals
  - Binary digital signal is popular because
    - Transistors, the basic digital electric component, operate at *two* voltages: low (e.g. 0V or -5V) and high (e.g. 3.3V or 5V)
    - Storing/transmitting one of *two* values is easier than three or more



# From Analog to Digital (A2D) – Digitization

- Analog signal (e.g., audio) may lose quality
  - Voltage levels not saved/copied/transmitted perfectly
  - Hard to recover
- Digitized version:
  - “Sample” voltage at particular rate
  - Easy to distinguish 0s from 1s, thus easy to recover
  - Increase sample rate to improve quality

Example:

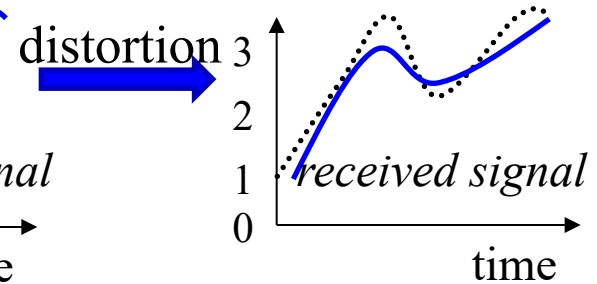
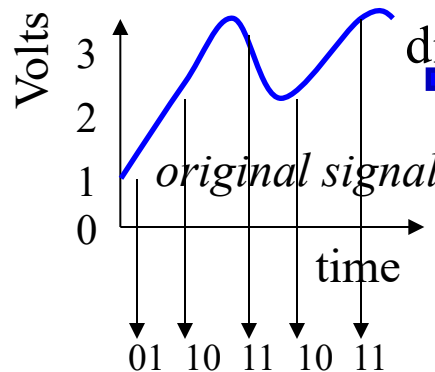
if only 4 sampled values  
let binary representation be:

0 V: “00”

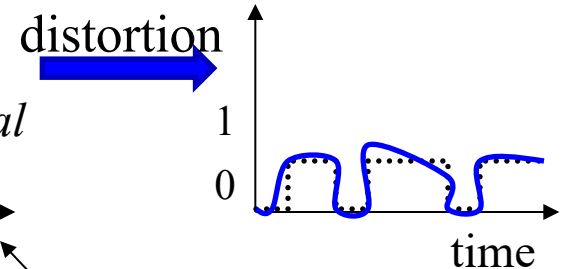
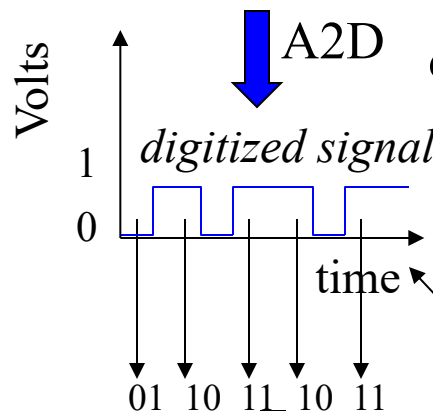
1 V: “01”

2 V: “10”

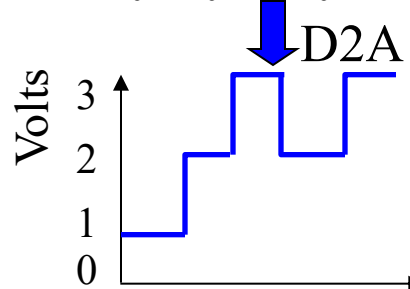
3 V: “11”



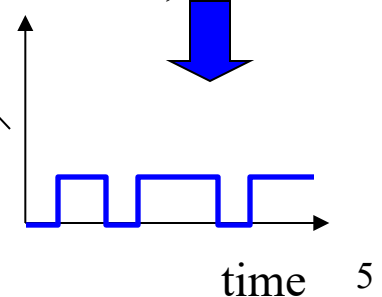
Hard to fix, higher? lower?



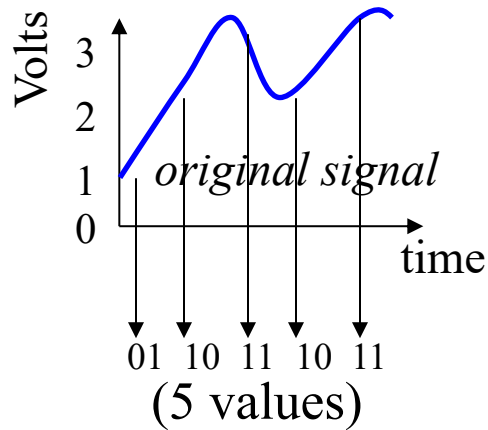
Can fix -- easily distinguish 0s and 1s, restore



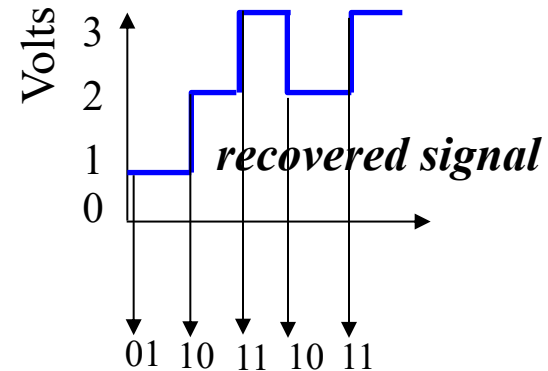
same



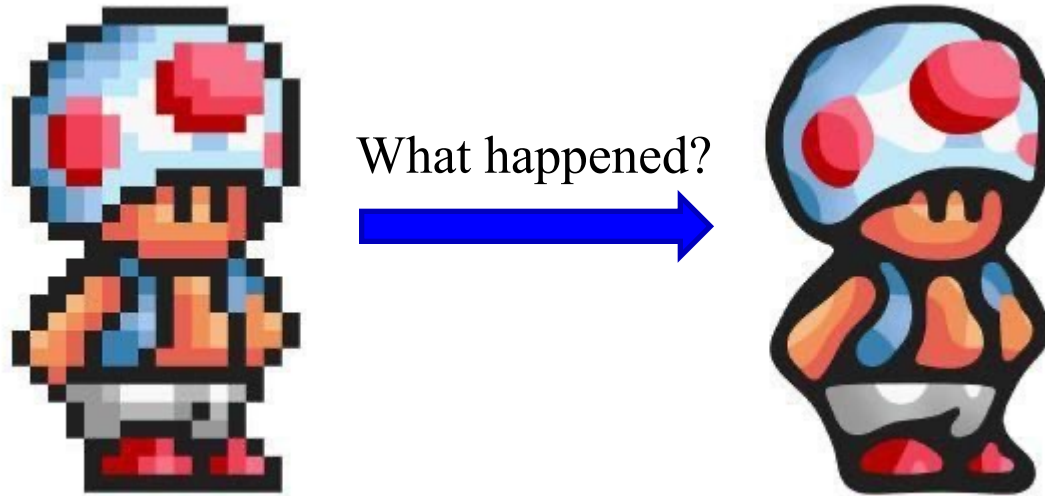
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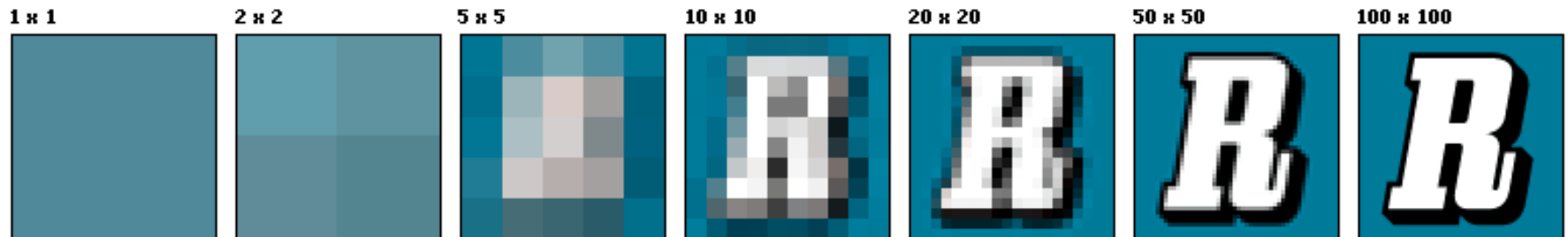
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# Issue is the Resolution

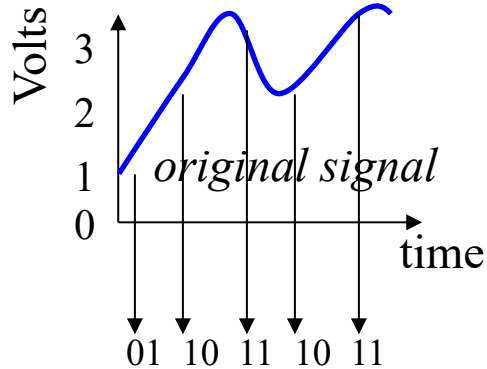


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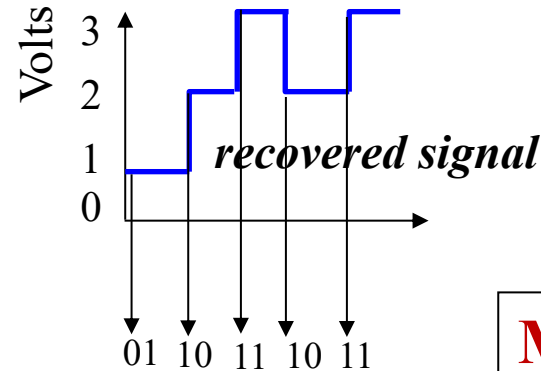
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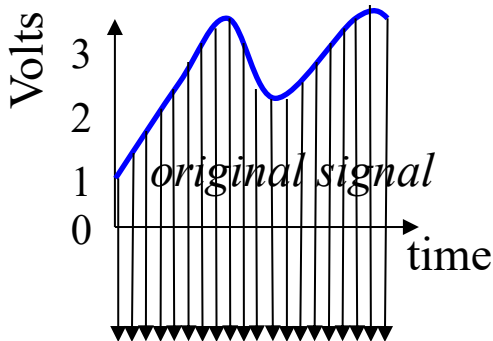


(3 different values represented with only 2 bits)

Restore

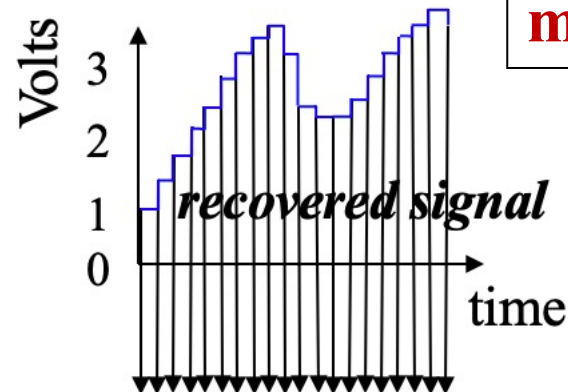


**More bits are needed to represent more values**



(20 different values)  
Higher resolution (sample rate)

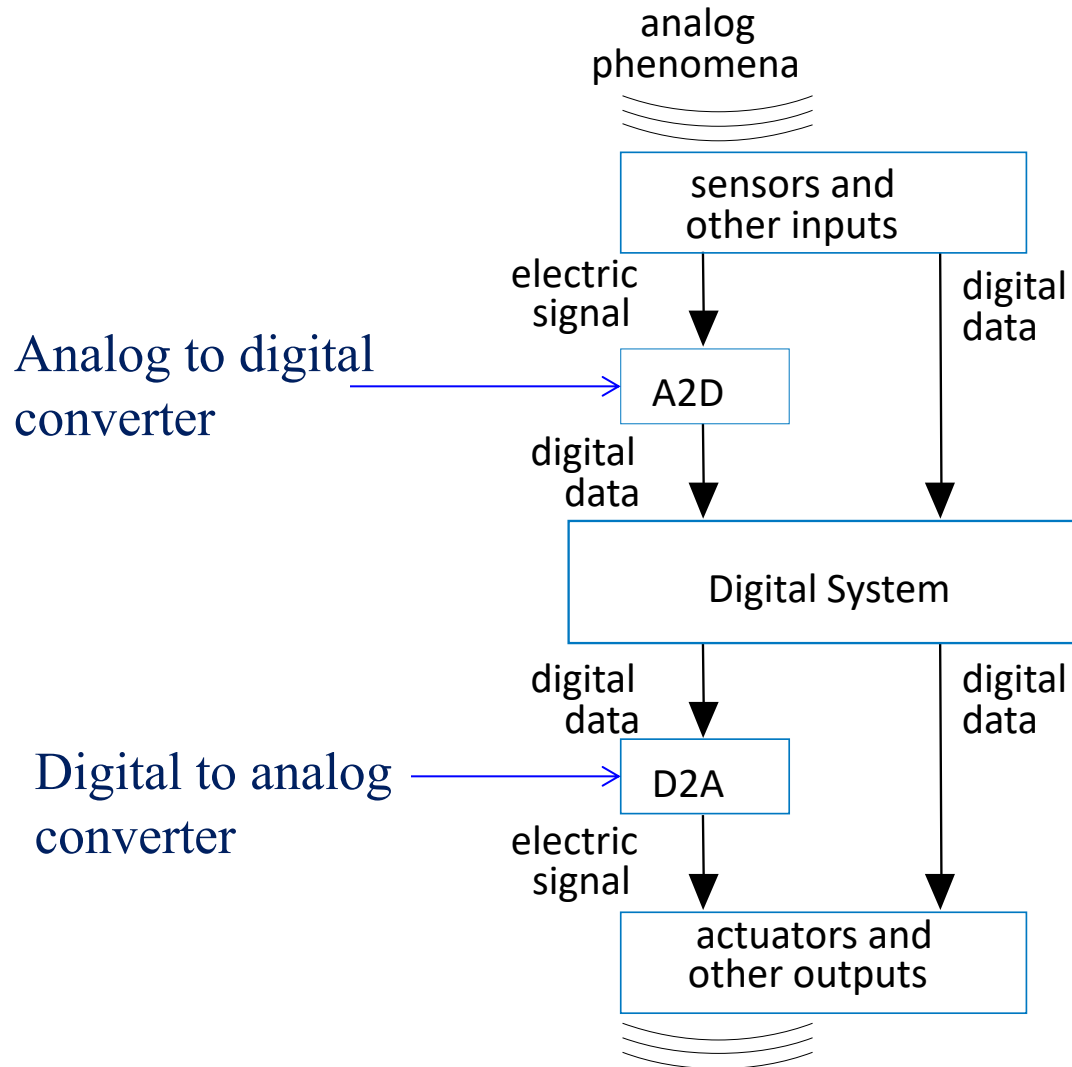
Restore



Better recovered analog signal



# Typical Digital System



Then, how to represent numbers with bits?

# How to Represent Numbers with Bits?

- Number systems: decimal, binary, octal, hexadecimal, ...
  - Base ten (*decimal*)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & 5 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 10^4 & 10^3 & 10^2 & 10^1 & 10^0 \end{array}$$

- Base two (*binary*)

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

- Each position of a number is associated with a weight quantity

# Encode Numbers with Bits

- **More bits are needed to represent bigger/more numbers**
  - $37_{10} = 100101_2$  (6 bits)
  - $137_{10} = 10001001_2$  (8 bits)
  - $10307_{10} = 10100001000011_2$  (14 bits)
- N bits can represent  $2^N$  non-negative integers
  - 0, 1, 2, ...,  $2^N-1$
  - Negative numbers will be discussed later

# Binary System

- The Binary System is a base 2 (modulo 2) number system:
  - 2 digits: 0 or 1
- Counting beyond 1 requires additional place
- In a binary number, each position has a decimal weight in power of 2, **10011.01**

	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	.	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	× 16	× 8	× 4	× 2	× 1		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
weight	(2 <sup>4</sup> )	(2 <sup>3</sup> )	(2 <sup>2</sup> )	(2 <sup>1</sup> )	(2 <sup>0</sup> )		(2 <sup>-1</sup> )	(2 <sup>-2</sup> )
position	4	3	2	1	0		-1	-2

# Find Equivalent Decimal for Binary Numbers

- Example: Convert binary number  $10011.01_2$  to decimal

Number:	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	.	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Position:	4	3	2	1	0		-1	-2
Weight:	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$		$2^{-1}$	$2^{-2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2} \\ = & 16 + 0 + 0 + 2 + 1 + 0 + 1/4 \\ = & 19.25_{10} = 10011.01_2 \end{aligned}$$

# Convert Decimal to Binary Numbers: Subtraction Method (Easy for Humans)

- Subtraction method
  - To make the job easier (especially for big numbers), we can just subtract a selected binary weight from the (remaining) quantity
    - Then, we have a new remaining quantity, and we start again (from the present binary position)
    - Stop when remaining quantity is 0

Remaining quantity: 12

<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>1</u>						32 is too much
<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	

<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>					16 is too much
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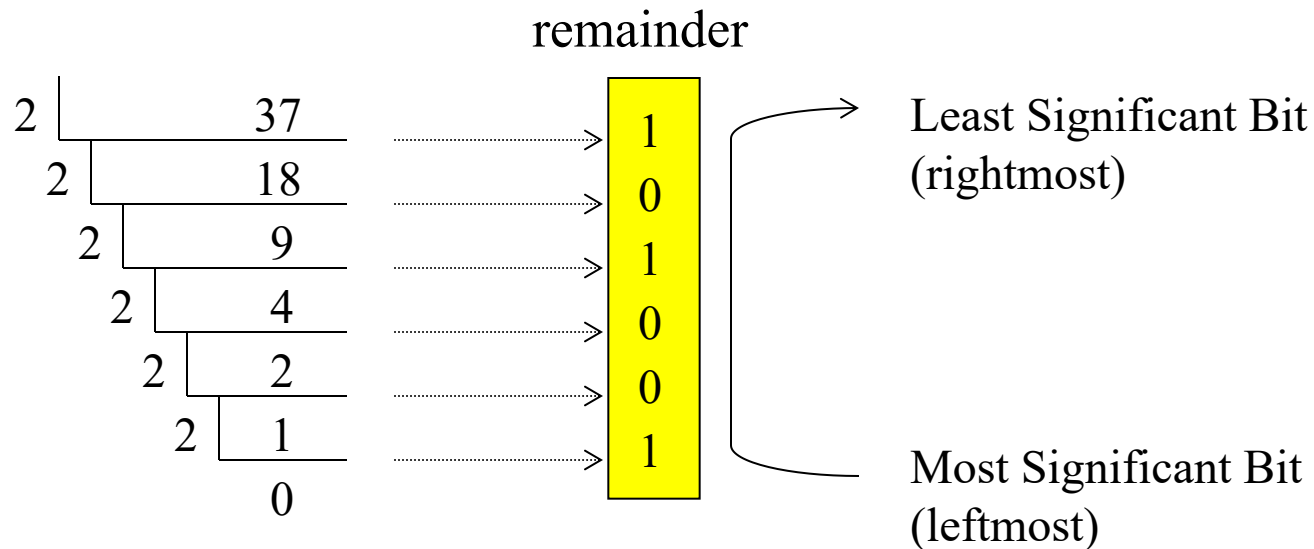
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>				<b><u>12</u> - 8 = <u>4</u></b>
<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	

<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			<b><u>4</u> - 4 = <u>0</u></b> DONE
<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	

<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	answer
<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	

# Convert Decimal to Binary Numbers: Division Method (Good for Computers)

- Example: Convert decimal number 37 to binary
  - Repeated-division-by-base (here, base 2)

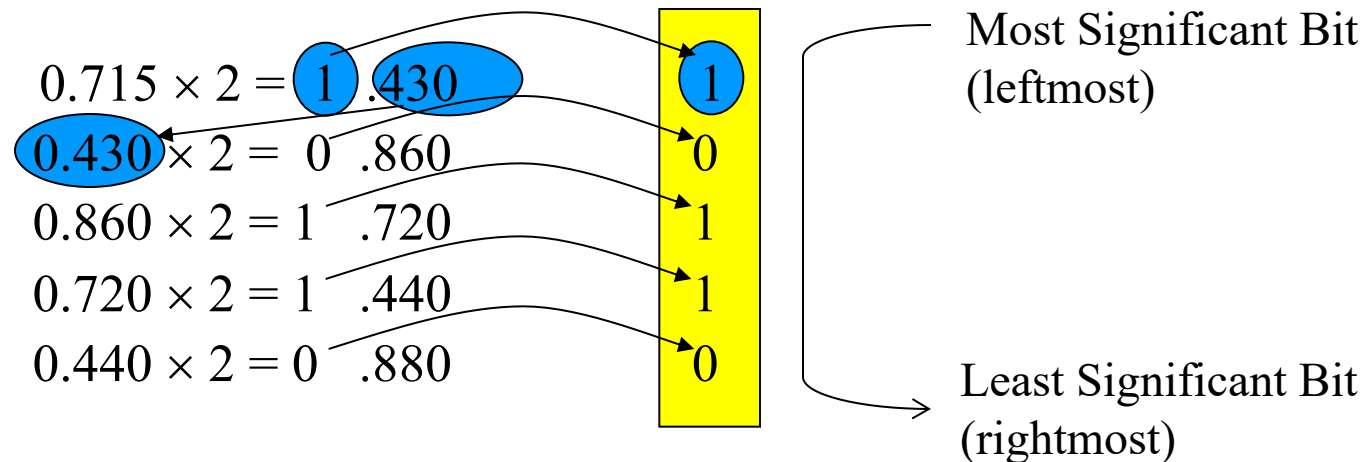


$$(37)_{10} = (100101)_2$$



# Convert Fractional Decimal in Binary

- Example: Convert fractional part  $0.715_{10}$  to binary
  - Repeated-multiplication-by-base (here, base 2)



$$(0.715)_{10} \approx (0.10110\dots)_2$$

# Encode Decimal Numbers by Binary Bits

	Binary				Decimal
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	1	1
	0	0	1	0	2
	0	0	1	1	3
	0	1	0	0	4
	0	1	0	1	5
	0	1	1	0	6
	0	1	1	1	7
.....	1	0	0	0	8
	1	0	0	1	9
	1	0	1	0	10
	1	0	1	1	11
	1	1	0	0	12
	1	1	0	1	13
	1	1	1	0	14
	1	1	1	1	15
					16
	.....				.....

# Hexadecimal System

- The Hexadecimal system is a base 16 (modulo 16) number system:
  - 16 digits: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F
- Letters **A ~ F** represent decimal 10 through decimal 15
- Each position has a decimal weight in power of 16, e.g.

**E3A**

	<u>  <b>E</b>  </u>	<u>  <b>3</b>  </u>	<u>  <b>A</b>  </u>
	<b>× 256</b>	<b>× 16</b>	<b>× 1</b>
weight	<b>(16<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>(16<sup>1</sup>)</b>	<b>(16<sup>0</sup>)</b>

$$(E3A)_{16} = E \times 256 + 3 \times 16 + A \times 1 = 3584 + 48 + 10 = 3642$$

# Convert Decimal to Hexadecimal

- Example: Convert decimal number 58 to hexadecimal
  - Repeated-division-by-base (here, base 16)

16		58			
16		3	.....>	10 (A)	Least Significant Digit
		0	.....>	3	

$$(58)_{10} = (3A)_{16}$$

# Summary

Binary				Decimal	Hexaecimal
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	2	2
0	0	1	1	3	3
0	1	0	0	4	4
0	1	0	1	5	5
0	1	1	0	6	6
0	1	1	1	7	7
1	0	0	0	8	8
1	0	0	1	9	9
1	0	1	0	10	A
1	0	1	1	11	b
1	1	0	0	12	C
1	1	0	1	13	d
1	1	1	0	14	E
1	1	1	1	15	F

# Convert Hexadecimal to Binary

- Each digit is converted to 4 bits in binary
- Arrange the groups of 4 bits in the same order
- Example: convert  $(3F7)_{16}$  to binary:

$$\begin{array}{c} (3 \text{ F } 7)_{16} \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ ( \text{0011} \quad 1111 \quad 0111 )_2 \end{array}$$

- Drop the initial 0's to simplify

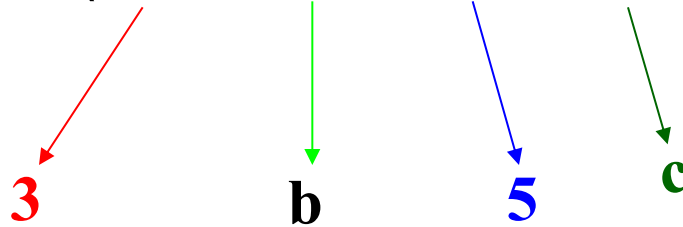
$$(3F7)_{16} = (11 \text{ 1111 } 0111)_2$$

Binary	Decimal	Hexaecimal
0 0 0 0	0	0
0 0 0 1	1	1
0 0 1 0	2	2
0 0 1 1	3	3
0 1 0 0	4	4
0 1 0 1	5	5
0 1 1 0	6	6
0 1 1 1	7	7
1 0 0 0	8	8
1 0 0 1	9	9
1 0 1 0	10	A
1 0 1 1	11	b
1 1 0 0	12	C
1 1 0 1	13	d
1 1 1 0	14	E
1 1 1 1	15	F

# Convert Binary to Hexadecimal

- Look for groups of 4 bits starting from the LSB
- Example: Convert **11** 1011 **0101.11** to hexadecimal:

$$\mathbf{11} \ 1011 \ \mathbf{0101.11} = (\mathbf{0011} \ 1011 \ \mathbf{0101.1100})_2$$

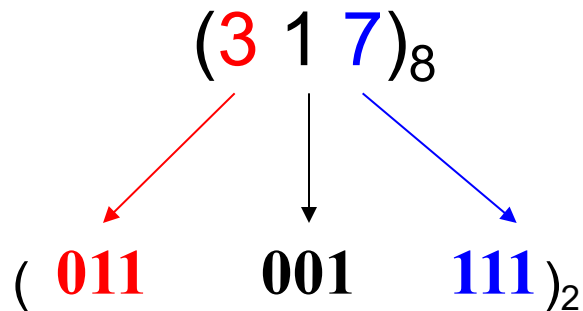


$$(\mathbf{11} \ 1011 \ \mathbf{0101.11})_2 = (\mathbf{3b5.c})_{16}$$

Binary				Decimal	Hexadecimal
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	2	2
0	0	1	1	3	3
0	1	0	0	4	4
0	1	0	1	5	5
0	1	1	0	6	6
0	1	1	1	7	7
1	0	0	0	8	8
1	0	0	1	9	9
1	0	1	0	10	A
1	0	1	1	11	b
1	1	0	0	12	C
1	1	0	1	13	d
1	1	1	0	14	E
1	1	1	1	15	F

# Octal System

- The Octal number system is a base 8 (modulo 8) number system:
  - 8 digits: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- Each position has a decimal weight in power of 8
- Each octal digital corresponds to a 3-bit binary number





# Binary and Hexadecimal Addition

- Binary Addition

$$\begin{array}{r} 11110111 \text{ carry} \\ 10110101 \\ + 11010011 \\ \hline 110001000 \text{ Sum} \end{array}$$

- Hexadecimal Addition

$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \text{ carry} \\ 8F5A \\ + 11BC \\ \hline A116 \text{ Sum} \end{array}$$

# How to represent texts with bits?

# How to Represent Text with Bits?

- A popular code: ASCII  
(American Standard Code for Information Interchange)
  - 7- (or 8-) bit encoding of each letter, number, or symbol
- Unicode: Increasingly popular 16-bit encoding
  - Encodes characters from various world languages

Symbol	Encoding
R	1010010
S	1010011
T	1010100
L	1001100
N	1001110
E	1000101
O	0110000
.	0101110
<tab>	0001001

Symbol	Encoding
r	1110010
s	1110011
t	1110100
l	1101100
n	1101110
e	1100101
9	0111001
!	0100001
<space>	0100000

Question:

What does this ASCII bit sequence represent?

1010010 1000101 1010011 1010100

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# ASCII Coding Chart

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII
64	01000000	100	40	@	96	01100000	140	60	`
65	01000001	101	41	A	97	01100001	141	61	a
66	01000010	102	42	B	98	01100010	142	62	b
67	01000011	103	43	C	99	01100011	143	63	c
68	01000100	104	44	D	100	01100100	144	64	d
69	01000101	105	45	E	101	01100101	145	65	e
70	01000110	106	46	F	102	01100110	146	66	f
71	01000111	107	47	G	103	01100111	147	67	g
72	01001000	110	48	H	104	01101000	150	68	h
73	01001001	111	49	I	105	01101001	151	69	i
74	01001010	112	4A	J	106	01101010	152	6A	j
75	01001011	113	4B	K	107	01101011	153	6B	k
76	01001100	114	4C	L	108	01101100	154	6C	l
77	01001101	115	4D	M	109	01101101	155	6D	m

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How to represent negative numbers with bits?

# How to Represent Signed Numbers with Bits?

- Cannot use minus sign, binary systems work with only two values: 0 and 1
- The left-most bit of a binary number represents the sign of a number – sign bit
  - Sign bit 0 indicates positive numbers
  - Sign bit 1 indicates negative number

# Representation of Negative Numbers

- Negative numbers are represented as one of following formats
  - Sign and magnitude
  - 1's complement code
  - 2's complement code
- Sign and magnitude
  - MSB is the sign bit: 0  $\rightarrow$  positive, 1  $\rightarrow$  negative
- 1's complement representation of  $-N$ 
  - Negation of every bit of  $N$
  - Example, 1's complement representation of -3
    - $N = 3 = 0011$
    - $-N = -3 = 1100$
- 2's complement representation of  $-N$  is
  - Negation of every bit of  $N$ , then plus 1
  - Example, 2's complement representation of -3
    - $N = 3 = 0011$
    - $-N = -3 = 1100 + 1 = 1101$

# Signed 2's Complement Number

- **Signed numbers are represented as 2's complement numbers in computers**
- **Recognize a signed 2's complement number**
  - Sign bit = 0, positive number, recognize as a regular binary number
    - **0**101 = +5;
  - Sign bit = 1, negative number, the magnitude of the number is obtained by 2's complement operation
    - **1**011
      - Sign: negative number
      - Magnitude: 2's complement operation of (1011) = 0100+1 = 0101 = 5
      - So 1011 = -5
- **Sign Extension (repeat sign bit w/o changing the value)**
  - 1011 = **1111**1011
  - 0101 = **0000**0101



# Binary Addition (revisit)

- Example:

Carry bits: 11110111

$$\begin{array}{r} 11110111 \\ 10110101 \\ + 11010011 \\ \hline 110001000 \end{array}$$

The diagram shows a binary addition problem. The first two numbers are 11110111 and 10110101. A third number, 11010011, is added to the second. A dashed line separates the addends from the result. The result is 110001000. A blue box highlights the first '1' of the result, and a blue arrow points from the '1' in the carry bits to this box.

What are the signs and values of the numbers?

Should the  
Carry be  
brought here?

# Binary Subtraction

- Using two's complement representation

$$A - B = A + (-B)$$

$$= A + (\text{two's complement of } B)$$

$$= A + \text{invert\_bits of } B + 1$$

- Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 10110101 \quad (A) \\ - 11010011 \quad (B) \\ \hline \end{array}$$



What are the signs and values of the numbers?

$$\begin{array}{r} 00111101 \\ + 10110101 \quad (A) \\ + 00101100 \quad (\text{Inversion of } B) \\ + \phantom{00000000} 1 \\ \hline 011100010 \end{array}$$

Should the Carry be brought here?

# Binary Arithmetic

- Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 10010111 \\ 10010101 \\ + 11010011 \\ \hline 101101000 \end{array}$$

What are the signs and values of the numbers?

Should the Carry be brought here?

# Ranges of Signed 2's Complement Number

In general the 2's complement values range from  $-2^{n-1}$  to  $2^{n-1}-1$

- For  $n = 4$ , the 2's complement values range from  $-8$  to  $7$
- For  $n = 8$ , the 2's complement values range from  $-128$  to  $127$
- For  $n = 16$ , the 2's complement values range from  $-2^{15}$  to  $2^{15}-1$
- **Overflow**
  - If an  $n$ -bit 2's complement number is greater than  $2^{n-1}-1$  or less than  $-2^{n-1}$ , we say there is an overflow

# Detecting Overflow: Method 1

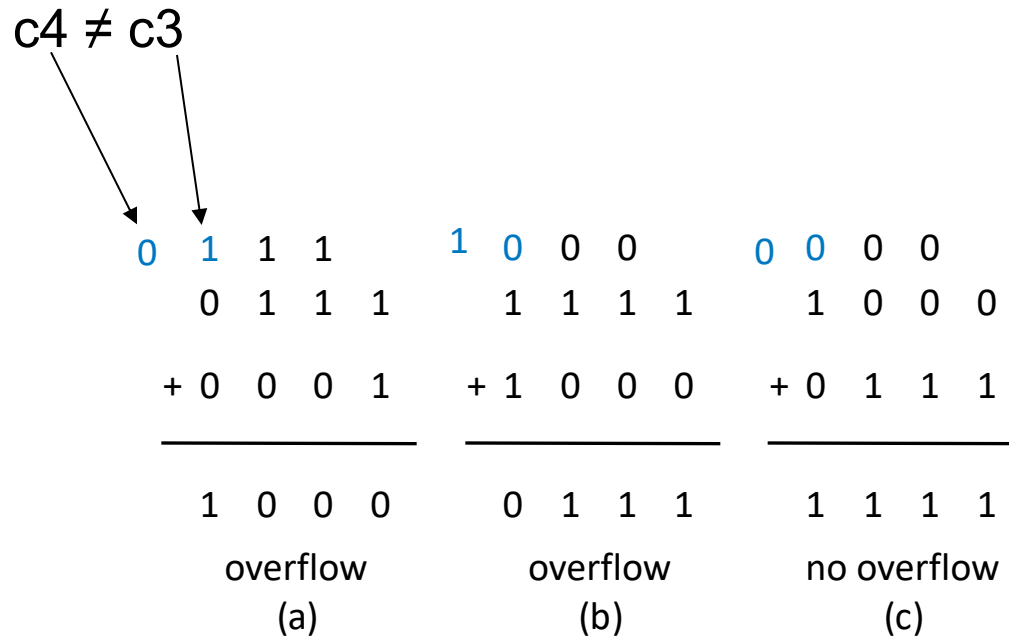
- Overflow detection logic
  - Two numbers' sign bits are the same but are different from the result's sign bit
  - If the two numbers' sign bits are different, overflow is impossible
    - Adding a positive and negative can't exceed largest magnitude positive or negative
- 4-bit example

sign bits

$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{0} \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \\ + 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \\ \hline \textcircled{1} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{1} \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \\ + 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \\ \hline \textcircled{0} \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{1} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \\ + 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \\ \hline \textcircled{1} \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \end{array}$
overflow (a)	overflow (b)	no overflow (c)

## Detecting Overflow - Method 2

- Simpler method: Detect difference between carry-in to sign bit and carry-out from sign bit



- If the carry into the sign bit column differs from the carry out of that column, overflow has occurred.
- When overflow occurs, one more bit (carry out) is needed.