

Bits, Bytes, and Integers

CENG331 - Computer Organization

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- Bit-level manipulations
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 - **Representation: unsigned and signed**
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Encoding Integers

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Sign
Bit



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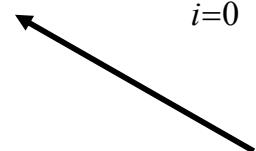
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Bit



■ 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

$$\blacksquare \quad UMin \quad = \quad 0$$

000...0

$$\blacksquare \quad UMax \quad = \quad 2^w - 1$$

111...1

Numeric Ranges

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100...0
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011...1

■ Other Values

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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

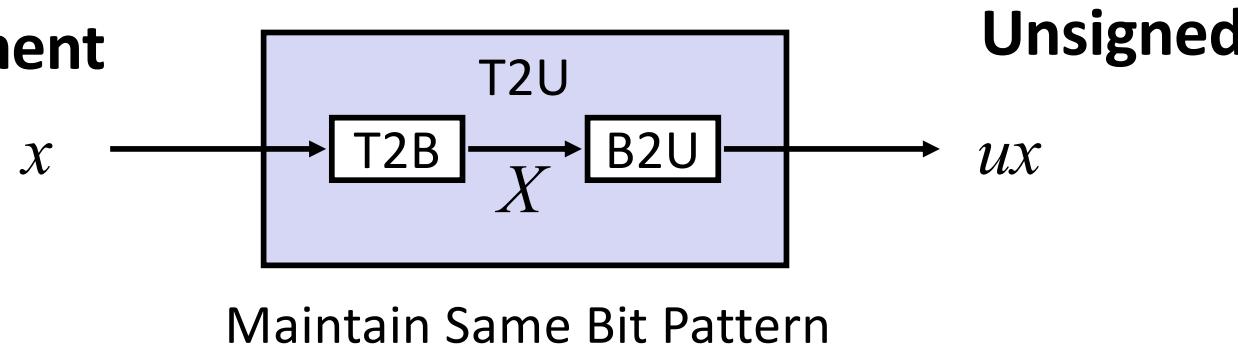
- $U2B(x) = B2U^{-1}(x)$
 - Bit pattern for unsigned integer
- $T2B(x) = B2T^{-1}(x)$
 - Bit pattern for two's comp integer

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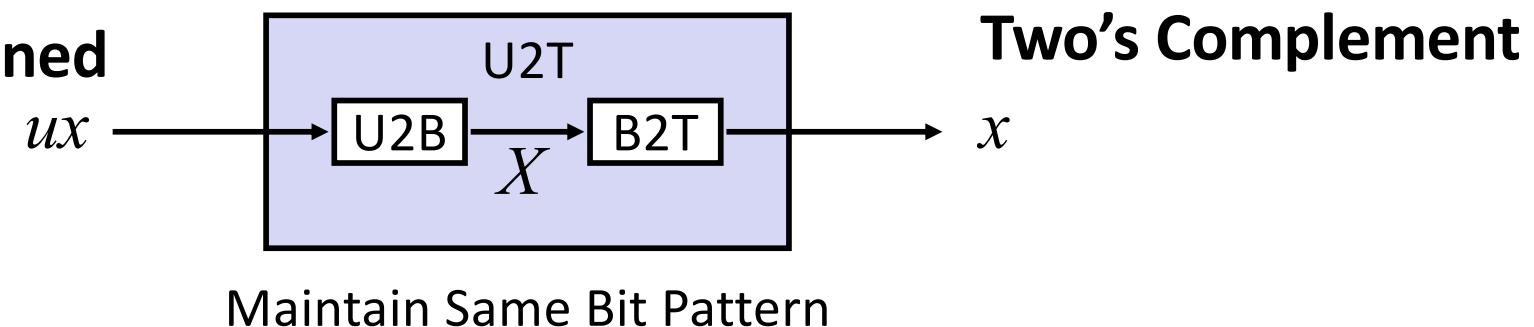
Mapping Between Signed & Unsigned

Two's Complement



Unsigned

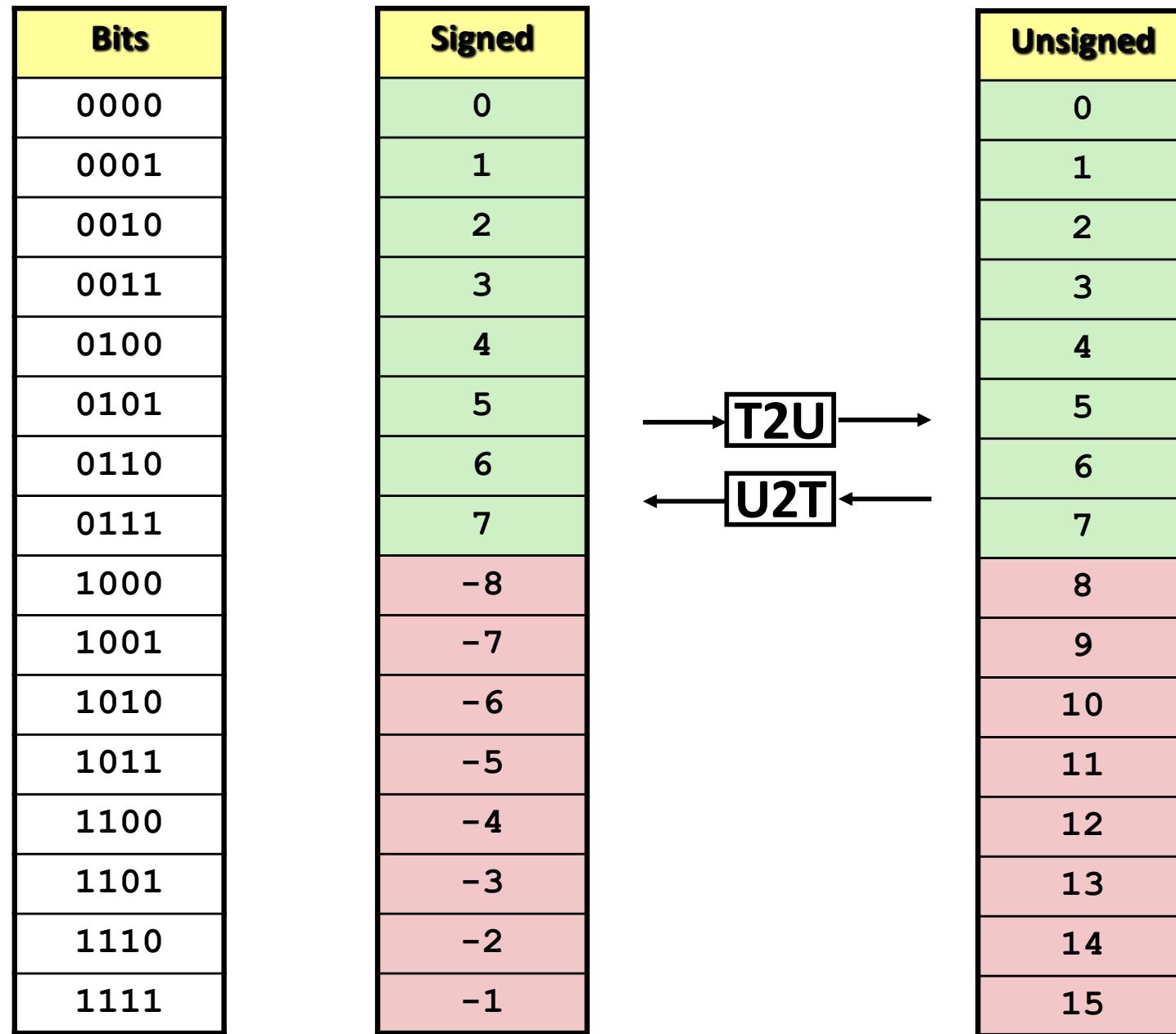
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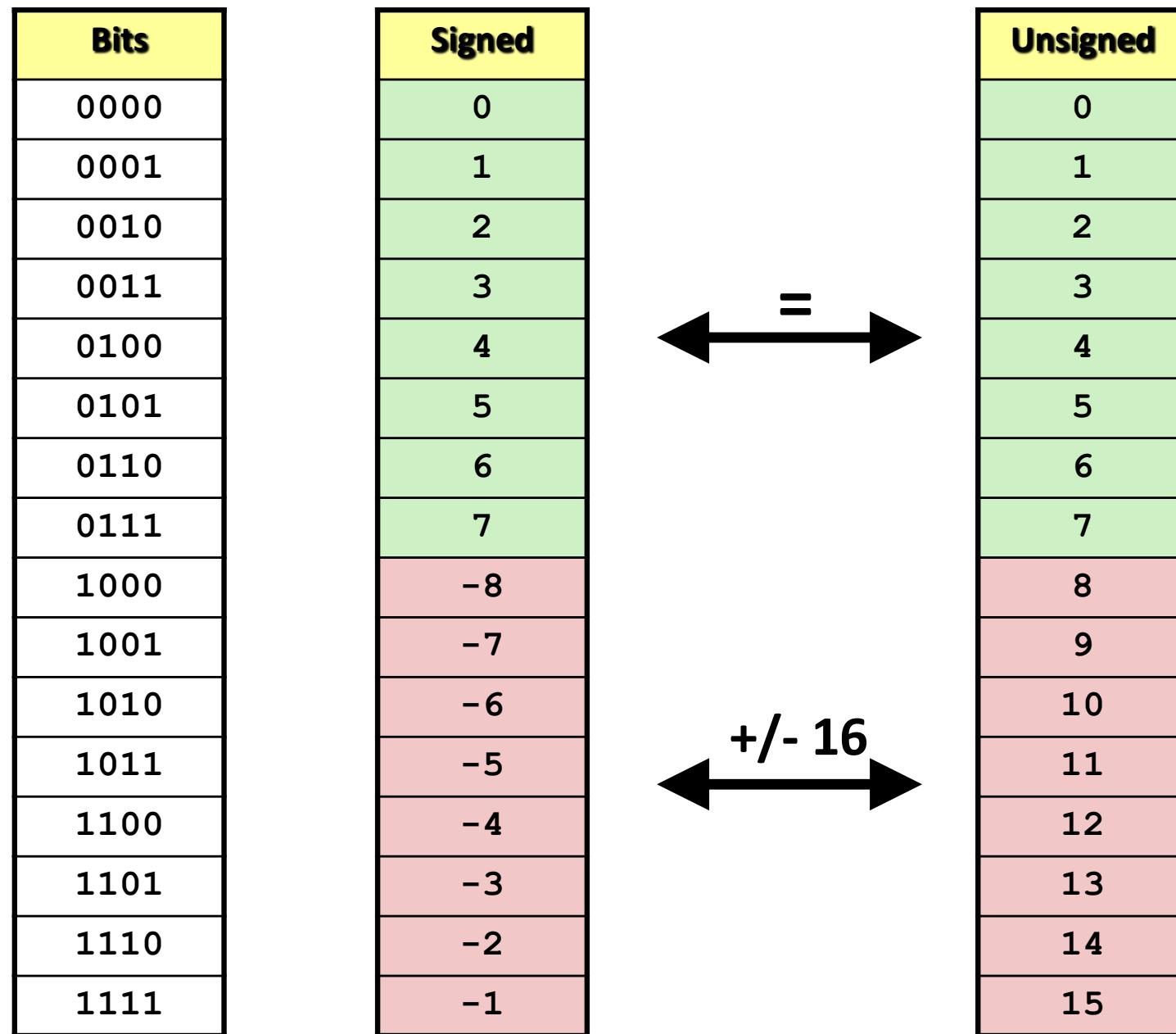
Two's Complement

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

Mapping Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned

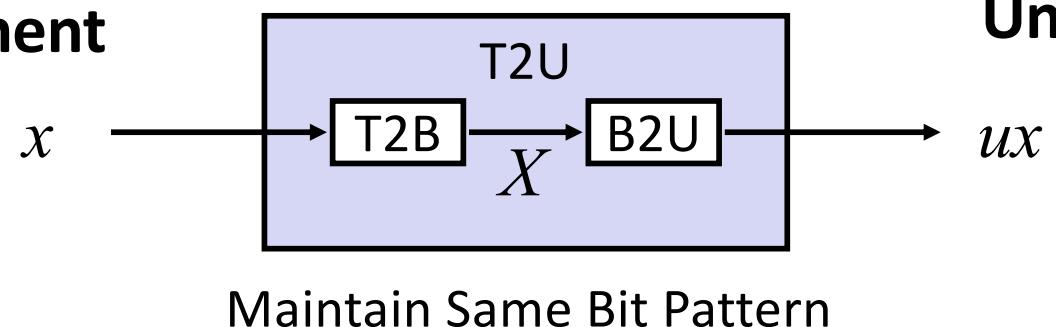


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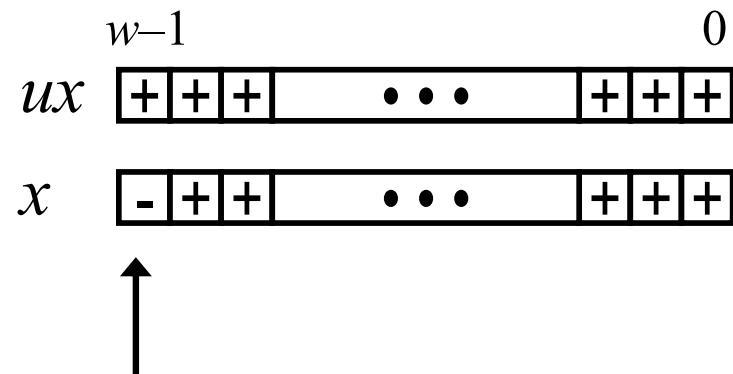


Relation between Signed & Unsigned

Two's Complement



Unsigned



Large negative weight

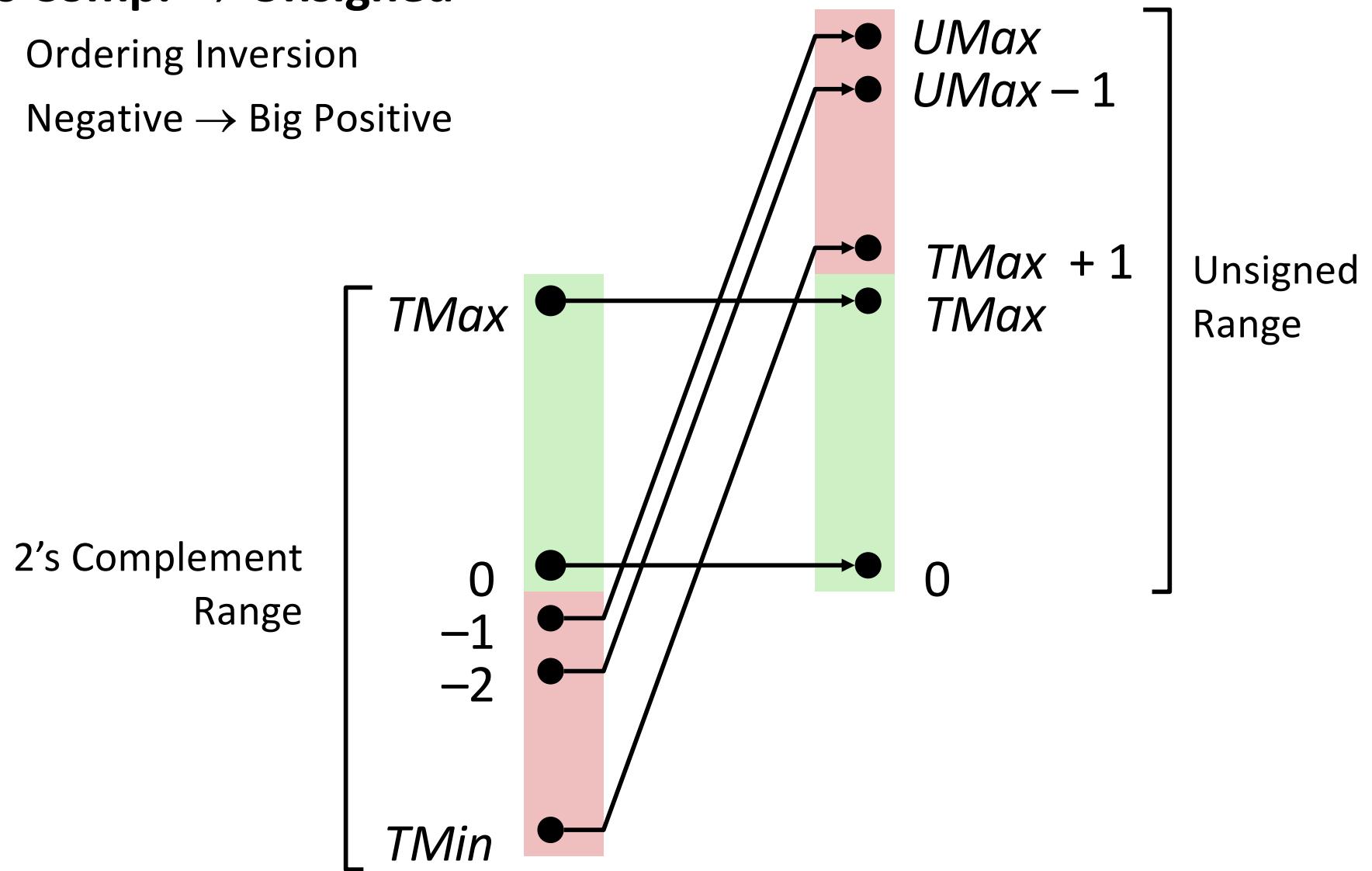
becomes

Large positive weight

Conversion Visualized

■ 2's Comp. \rightarrow Unsigned

- Ordering Inversion
- Negative \rightarrow 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	<code>==</code>	unsigned
-1	0	<code><</code>	signed
-1	0U	<code>></code>	unsigned
2147483647	-2147483647-1	<code>></code>	signed
2147483647U	-2147483647-1	<code><</code>	unsigned
-1	-2	<code>></code>	signed
(unsigned)-1	-2	<code>></code>	unsigned
2147483647	2147483648U	<code><</code>	unsigned
2147483647	(int) 2147483648U	<code>></code>	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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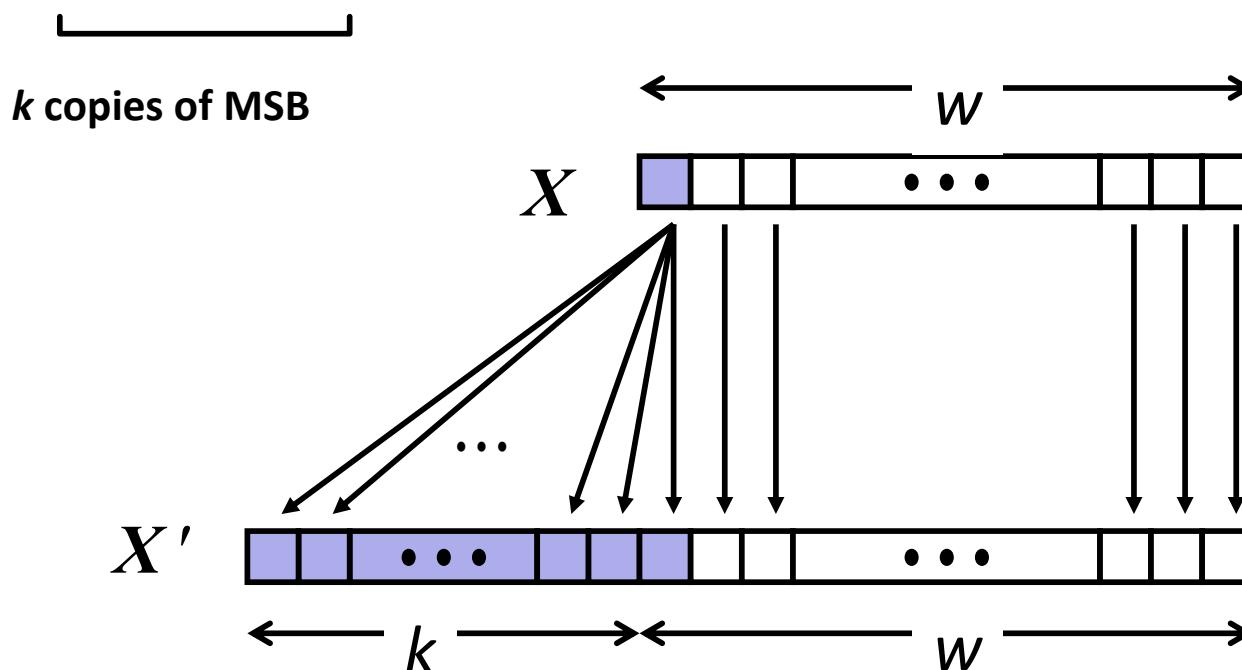
Sign Extension

■ Task:

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

■ Rule:

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



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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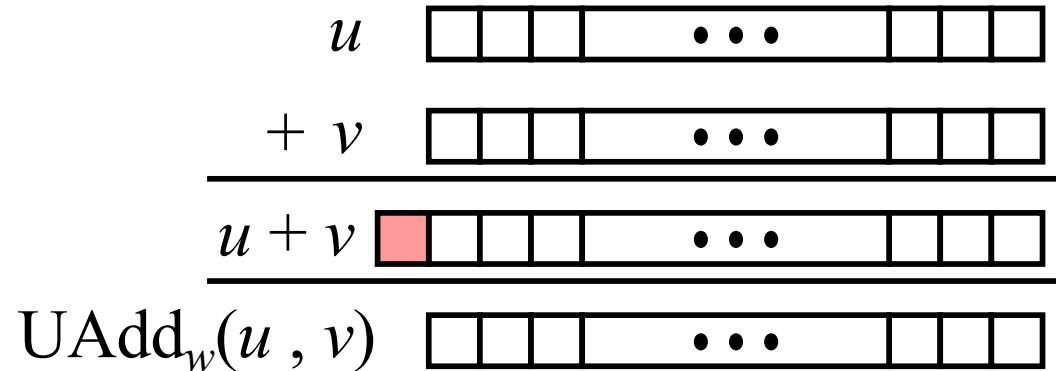
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Unsigned Addition

Operands: w bits

True Sum: $w+1$ bits

Discard Carry: w bits



■ Standard Addition Function

- Ignores carry output

■ Implements Modular Arithmetic

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

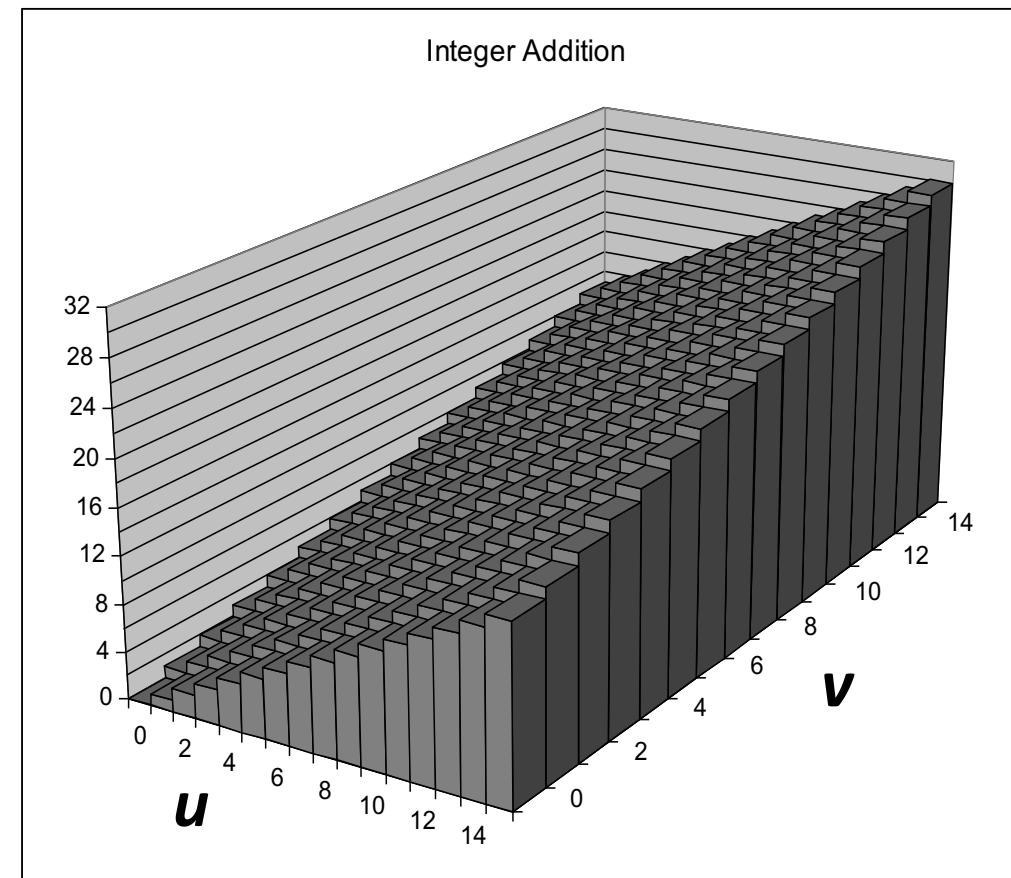
$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, v) = \begin{cases} u + v & u + v < 2^w \\ u + v - 2^w & u + v \geq 2^w \end{cases}$$

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

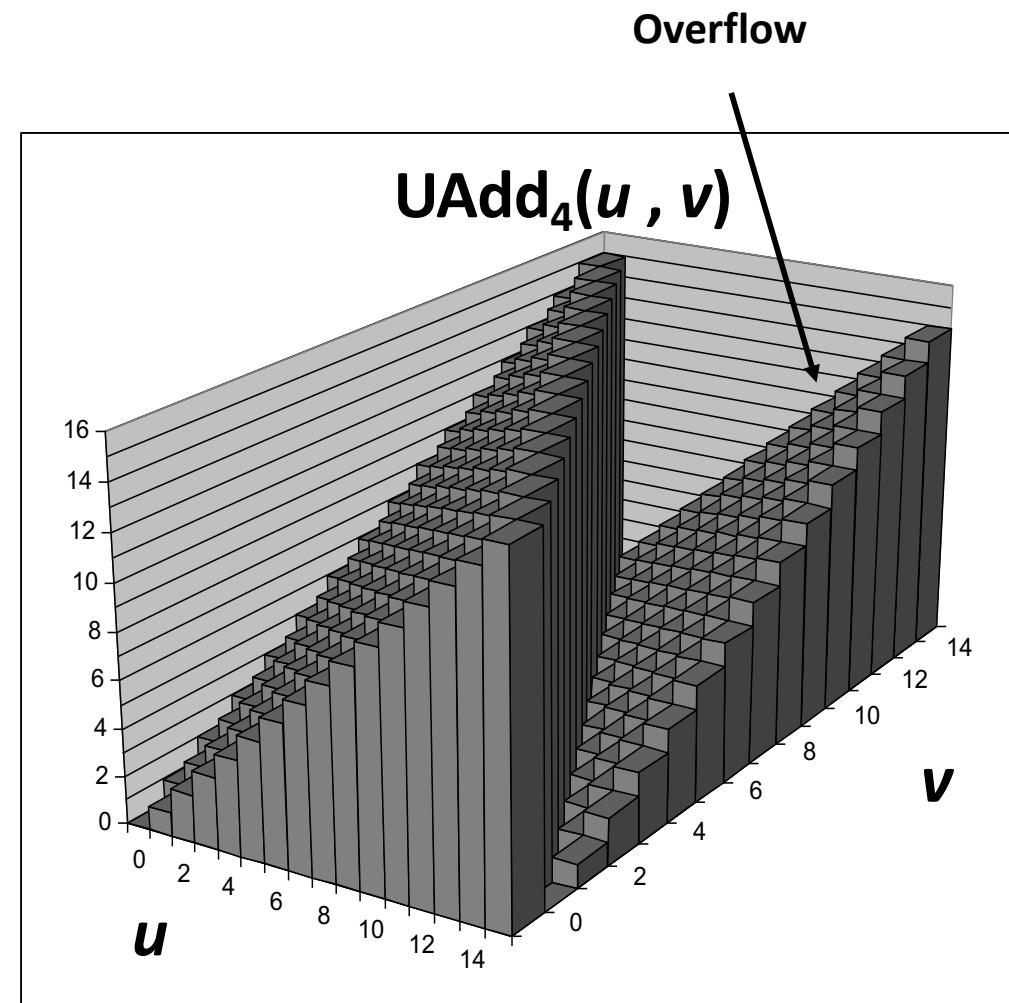
$\text{Add}_4(u, v)$



Visualizing Unsigned Addition

■ Wraps Around

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



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 $\text{UComp}_w(u) = 2^w - u$

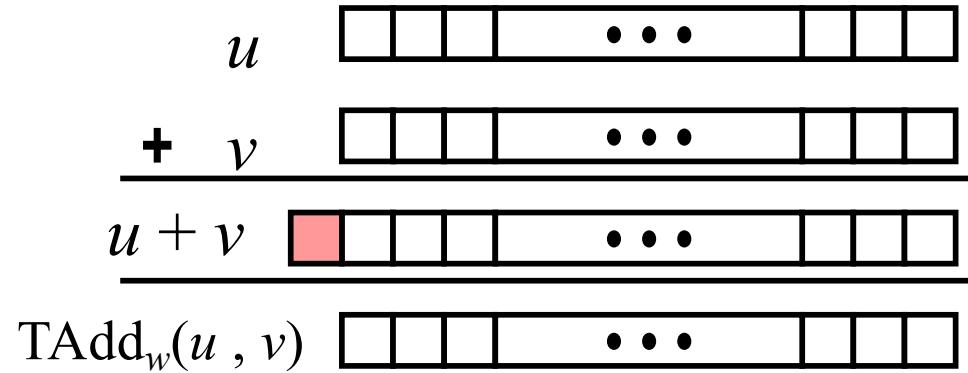
$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, \text{UComp}_w(u)) = 0$$

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 $s == t$

Negation: Complement & Increment

■ Claim: Following Holds for 2's Complement

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

■ Complement

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

$$\begin{array}{r} x \quad \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \\ + \quad \sim x \quad \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \\ \hline -1 \quad \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \end{array}$$

Complement & Increment Examples

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~x	-15214	C4 92	11000100 10010010
~x+1	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011

x = 0

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

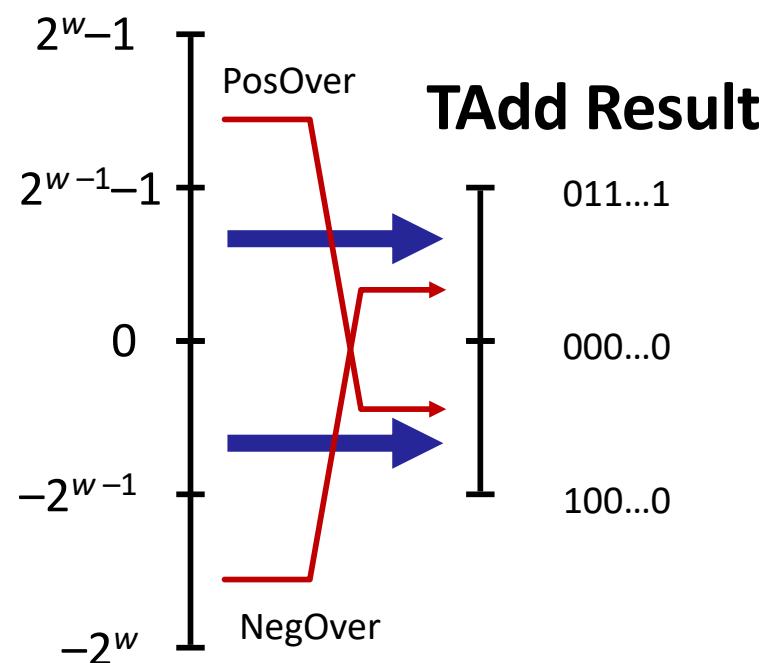
TAdd Overflow

■ Functionality

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

$0\ 111\dots1$
 $0\ 100\dots0$
 $0\ 000\dots0$
 $1\ 011\dots1$
 $1\ 000\dots0$

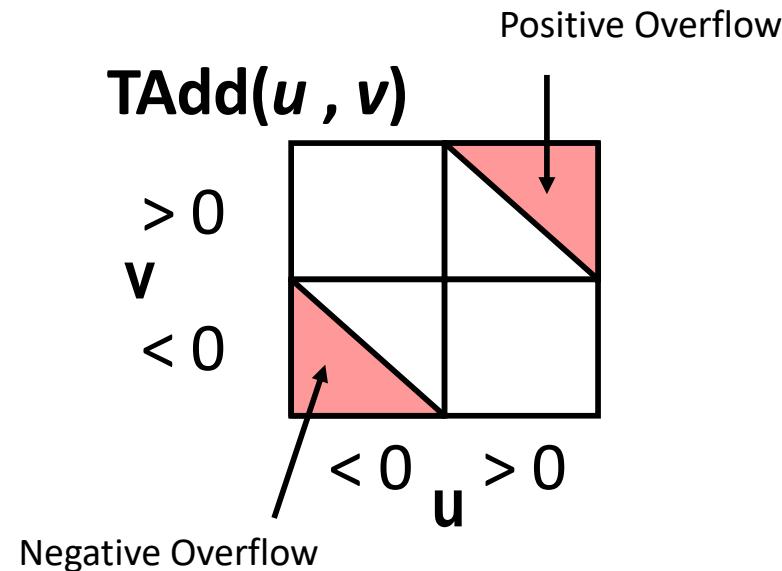
True Sum



Characterizing TAdd

■ Functionality

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



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

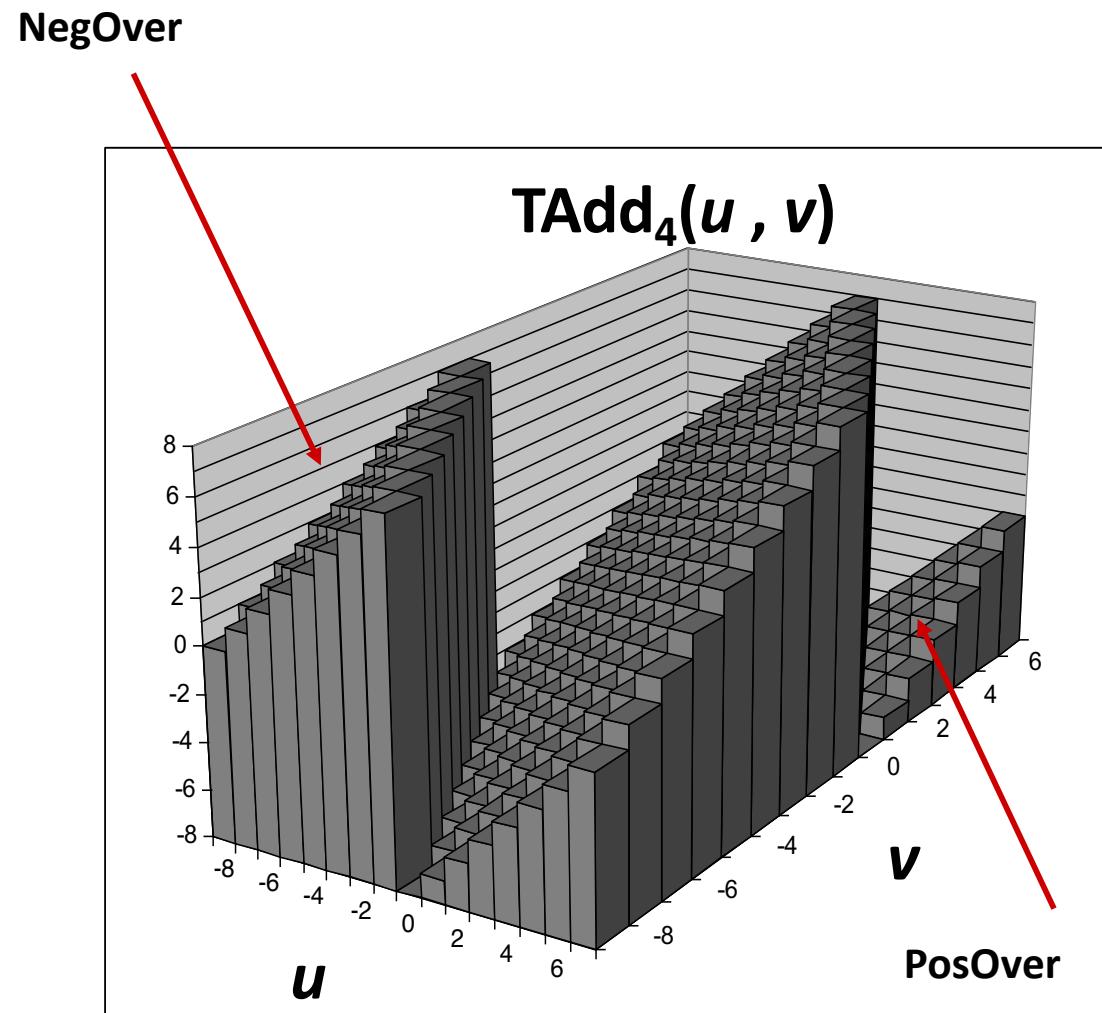
Visualizing 2's Complement Addition

■ 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



Mathematical Properties of TAdd

■ Isomorphic Group to unsigned 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

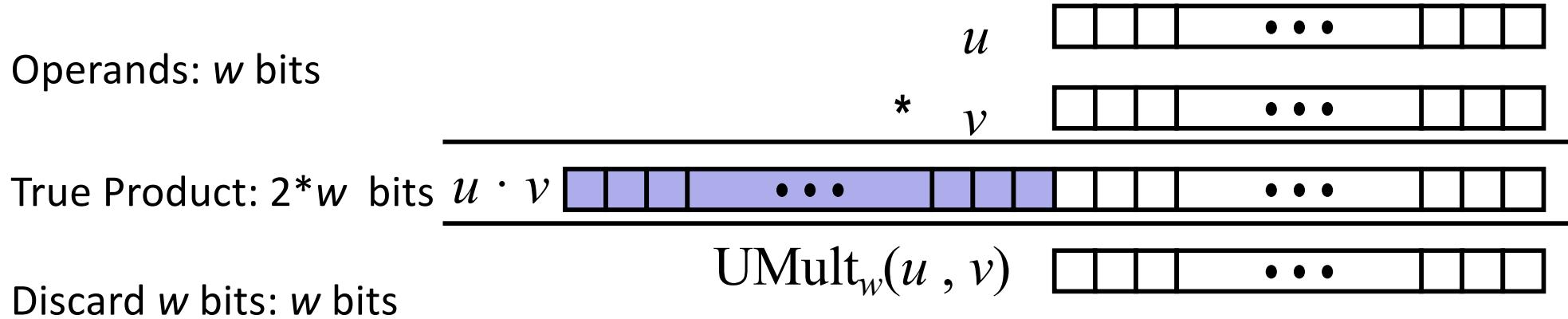
$$TComp_w(u) = \begin{cases} -u & u \neq TMin_w \\ TMin_w & u = TMin_w \end{cases}$$

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

Operands: w bits



■ Standard Multiplication Function

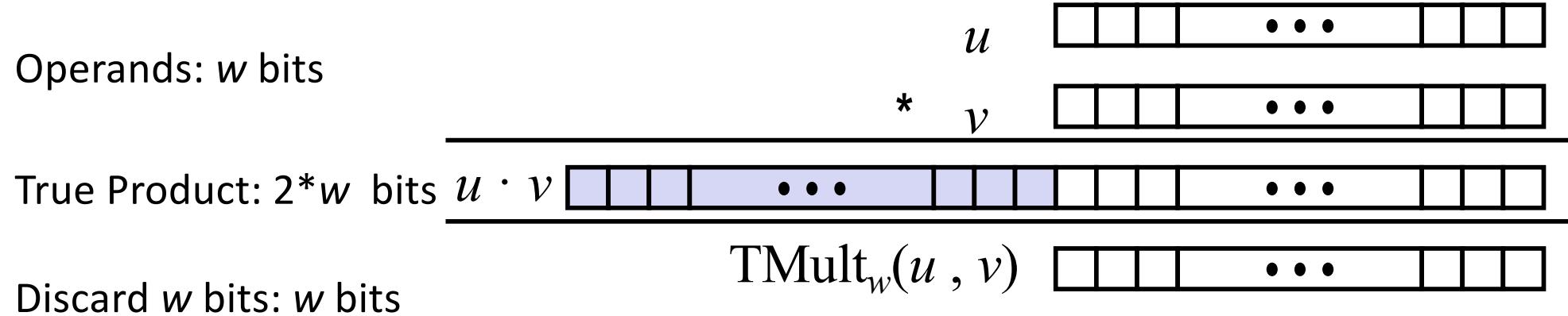
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$$\text{UMult}_w(u, v) = u \cdot v \bmod 2^w$$

Signed Multiplication in C

Operands: w bits



■ 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

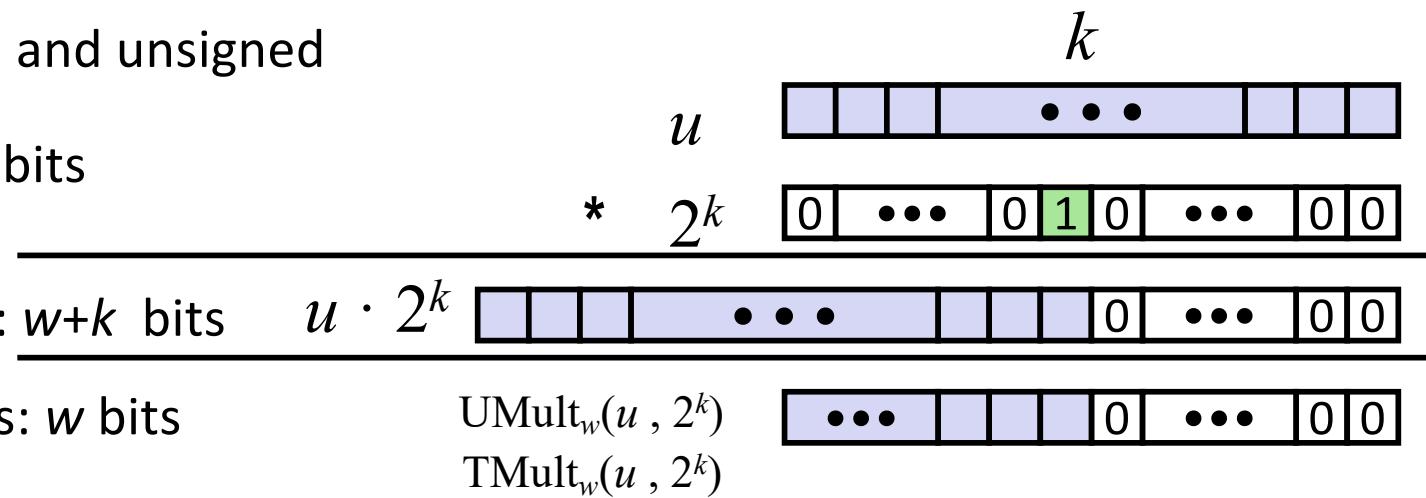
■ Operation

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

Operands: w bits

True Product: $w+k$ bits

Discard k bits: w bits



■ Examples

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

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

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

Operands:

2

1 2^k

Binary Point

Division:

$$u / 2^k$$

0	...	0	0			...	
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Result:

$|u/2|$

0 ... 0 0 ...

	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

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

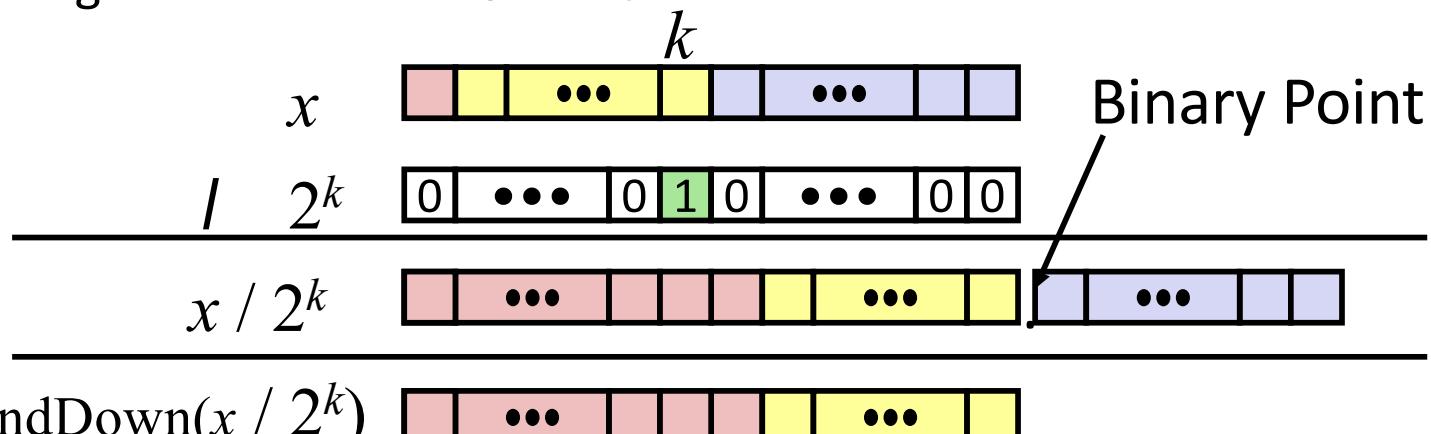
■ Quotient of Signed by Power of 2

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

Operands:

Division:

Result: RoundDown($x / 2^k$)



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

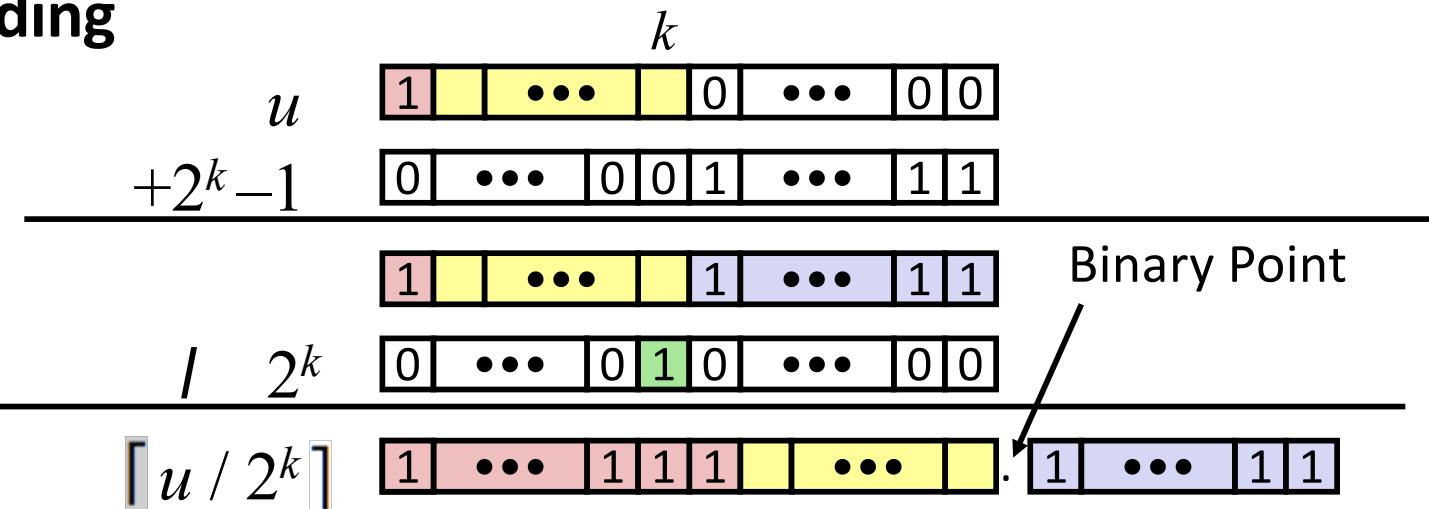
Correct Power-of-2 Divide

■ Quotient of Negative Number by Power of 2

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

Case 1: No rounding

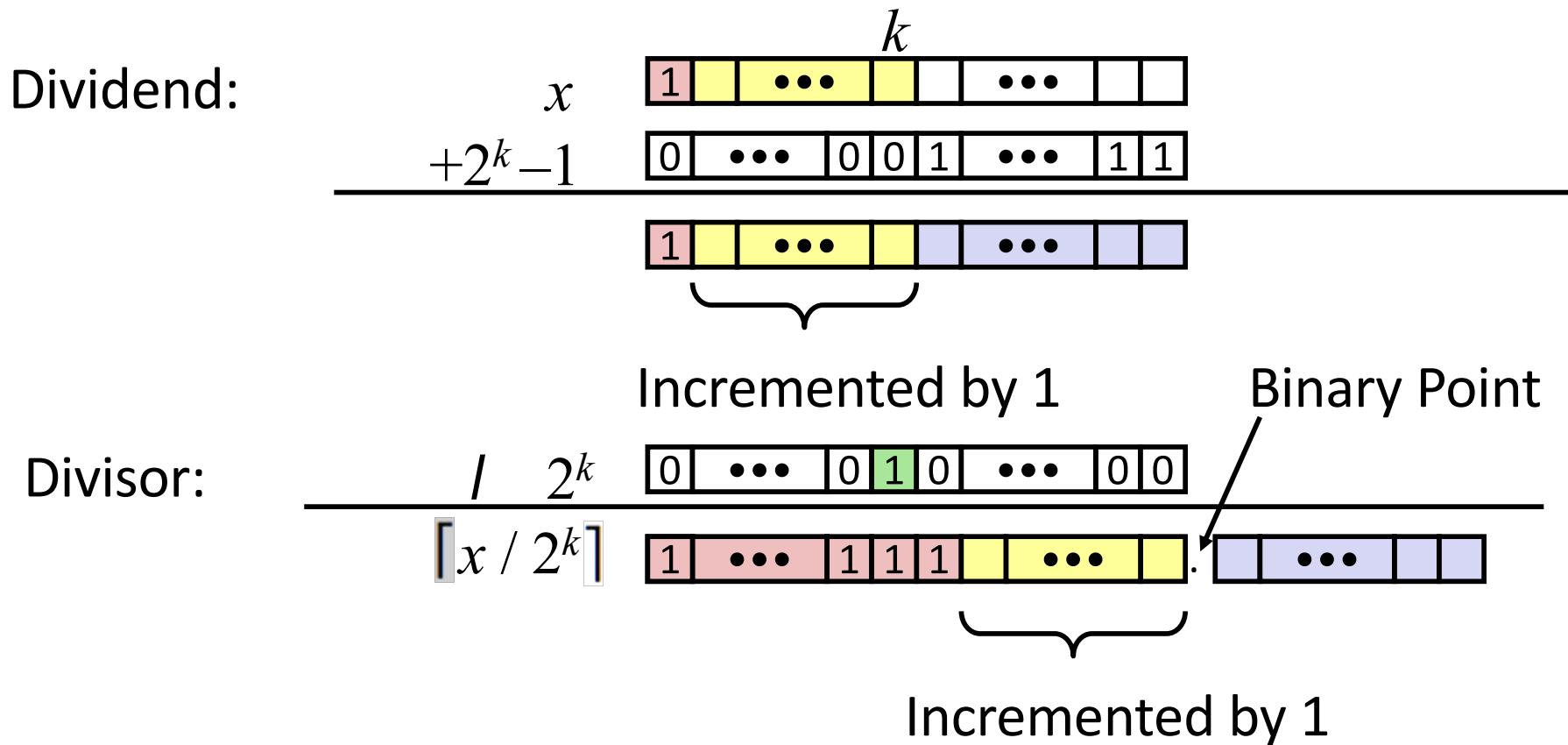
Dividend:



Biassing 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

■ 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:

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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

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

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

Multiplication

■ Computing Exact Product of w -bit numbers x, y

- Either signed or unsigned

■ Ranges

- Unsigned: $0 \leq x * y \leq (2^w - 1)^2 = 2^{2w} - 2^{w+1} + 1$
 - Up to $2w$ bits
- Two's complement min: $x * y \geq (-2^{w-1}) * (2^{w-1} - 1) = -2^{2w-2} + 2^{w-1}$
 - Up to $2w-1$ bits
- Two's complement max: $x * y \leq (-2^{w-1})^2 = 2^{2w-2}$
 - Up to $2w$ bits, but only for $(TMin_w)^2$

■ Maintaining Exact Results

- Would need to keep expanding word size with each product computed
- Done in software by “arbitrary precision” arithmetic packages

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

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

$$TMax + 1 == TMin$$

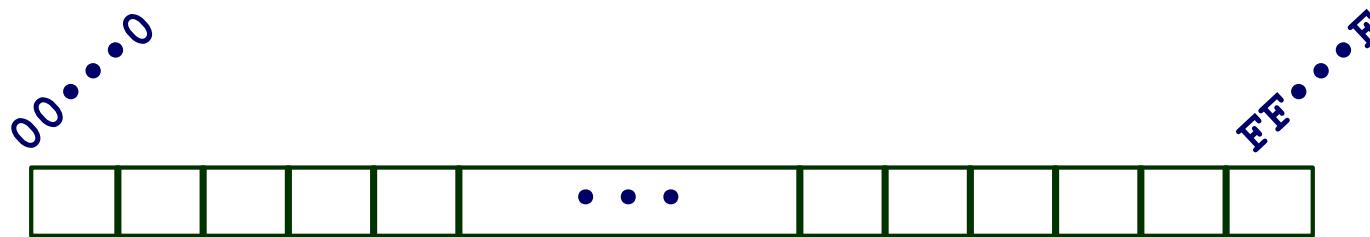
$$15213 * 30426 == -10030$$

(16-bit words)

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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

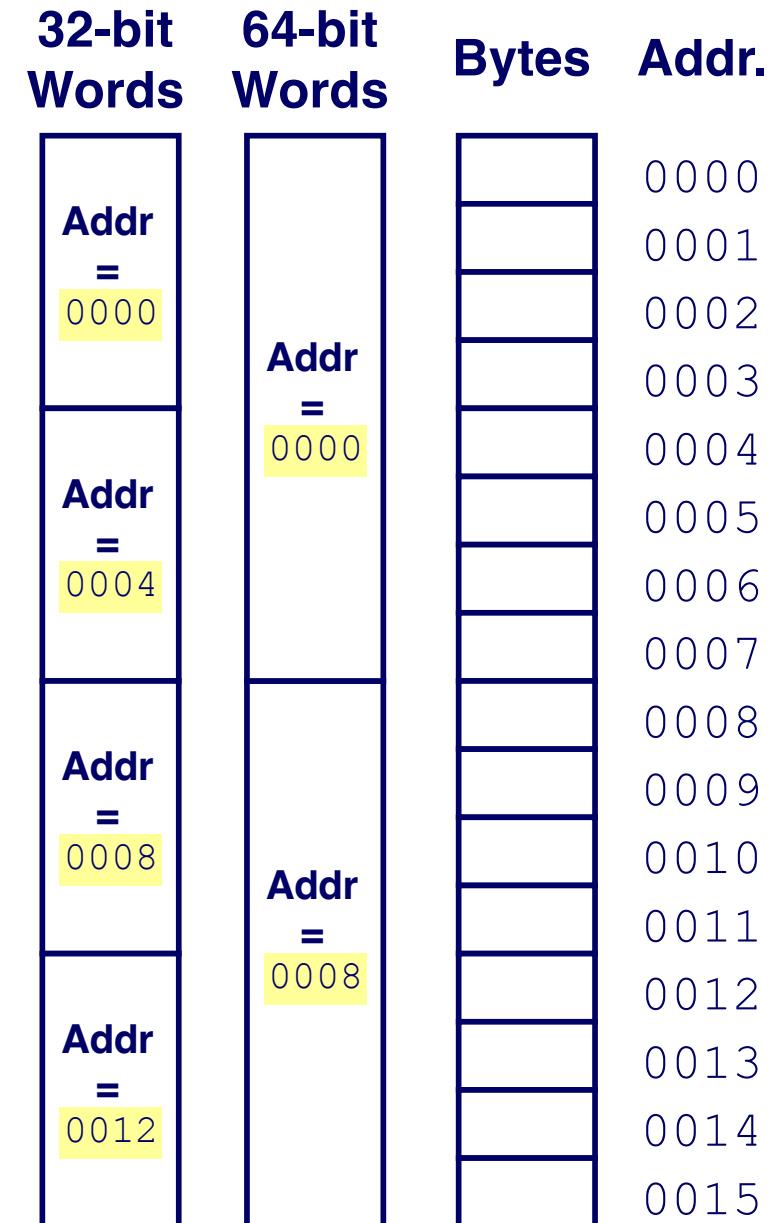
Machine Words

- 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 PB (petabytes) of addressable memory
 - That's 18.4×10^{15}
 - 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)

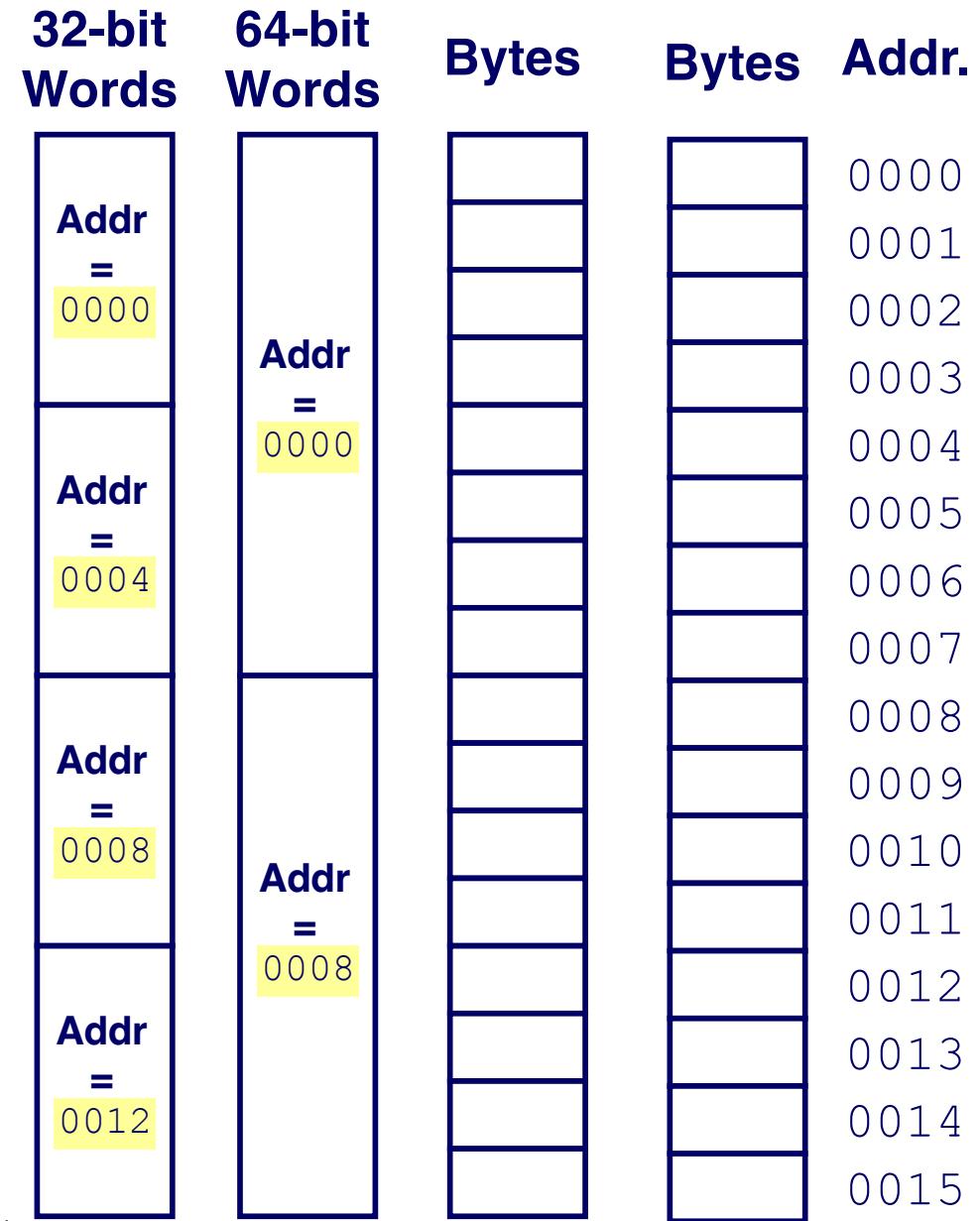


Example Data Representations

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

Byte Ordering

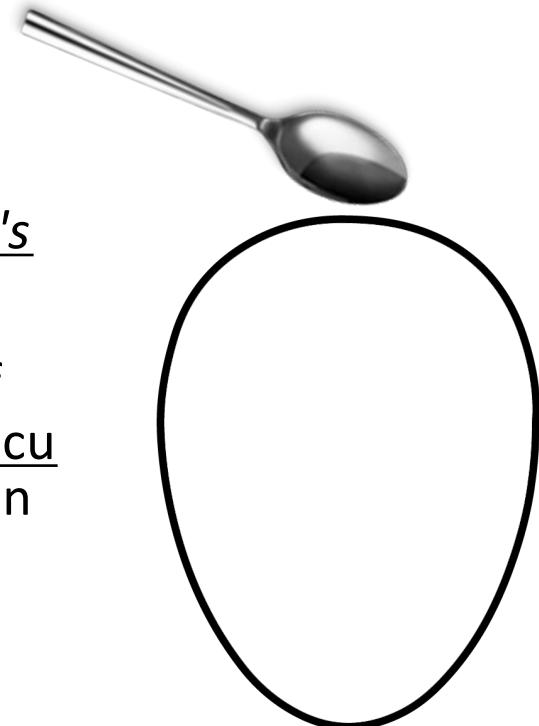
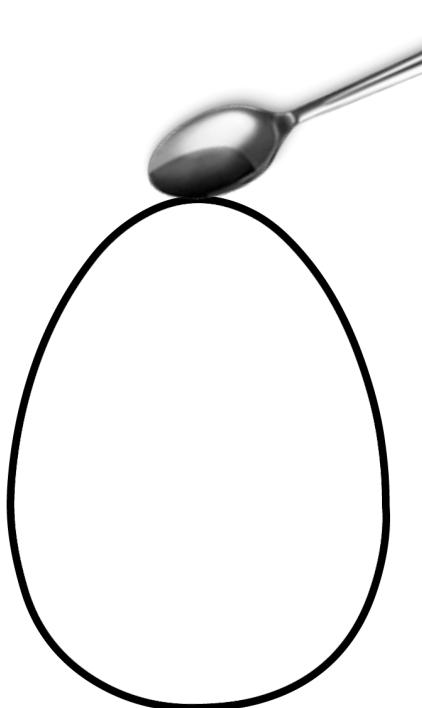
- So, how are the bytes within a multi-byte word ordered in memory?
- Conventions
 - Big Endian: Sun, PPC Mac, Internet
 - Least significant byte has highest address
 - Little Endian: x86, ARM processors running Android, iOS, and Windows
 - Least significant byte has lowest address



The origin of the word Endian from Wikipedia



- *Big-endian* and *little-endian* were taken from Jonathan Swift's satiric novel Gulliver's Travels.
- Gulliver finds two groups of people in Lilliput and Blefuscu conflict over which end of an egg to crack.

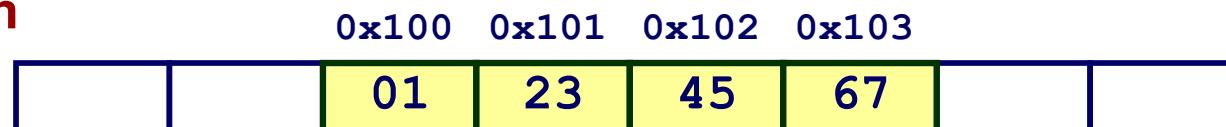


Byte Ordering Example

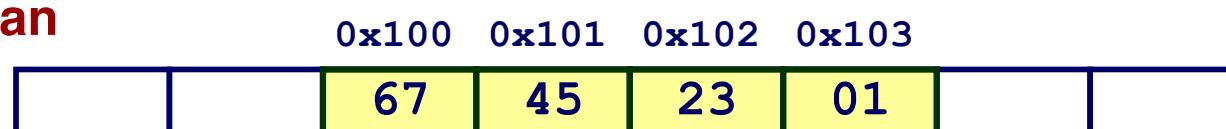
■ Example

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

Big Endian



Little Endian



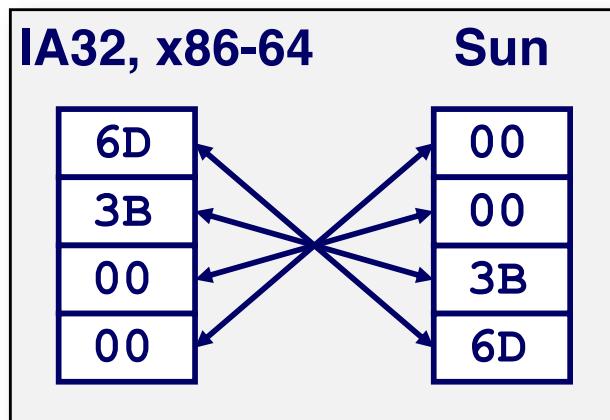
Representing Integers

Decimal: 15213

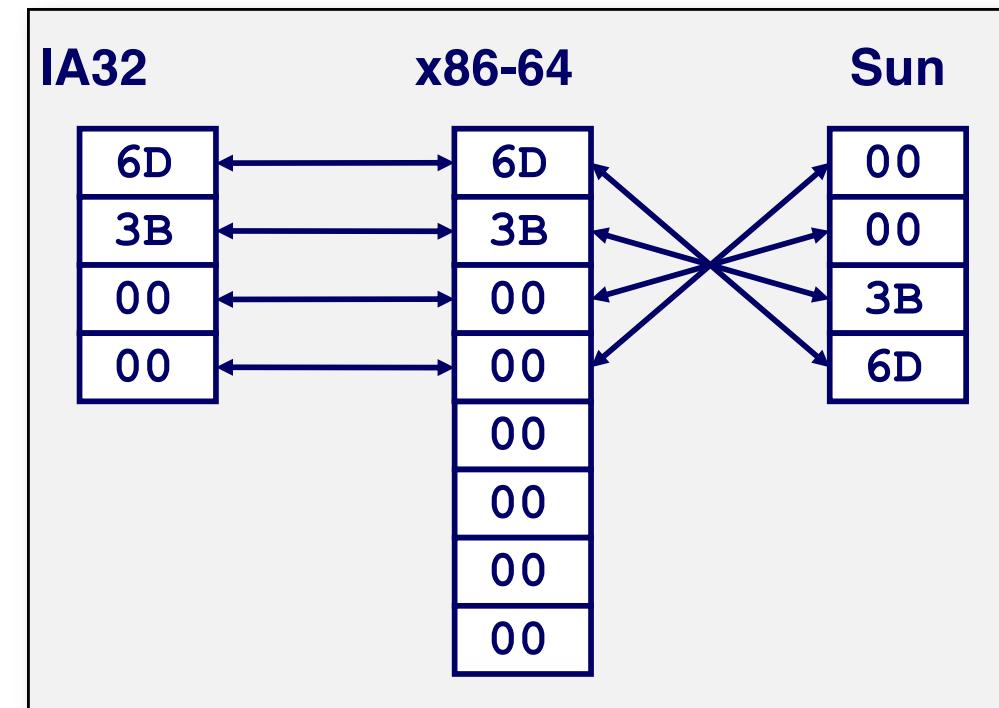
Binary: 0011 1011 0110 1101

Hex: 3 B 6 D

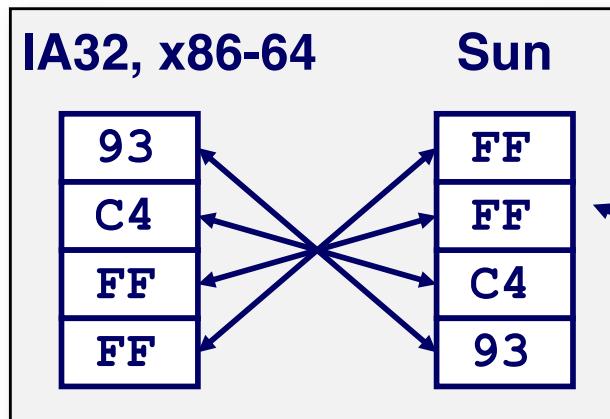
`int A = 15213;`



`long int C = 15213;`



`int B = -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

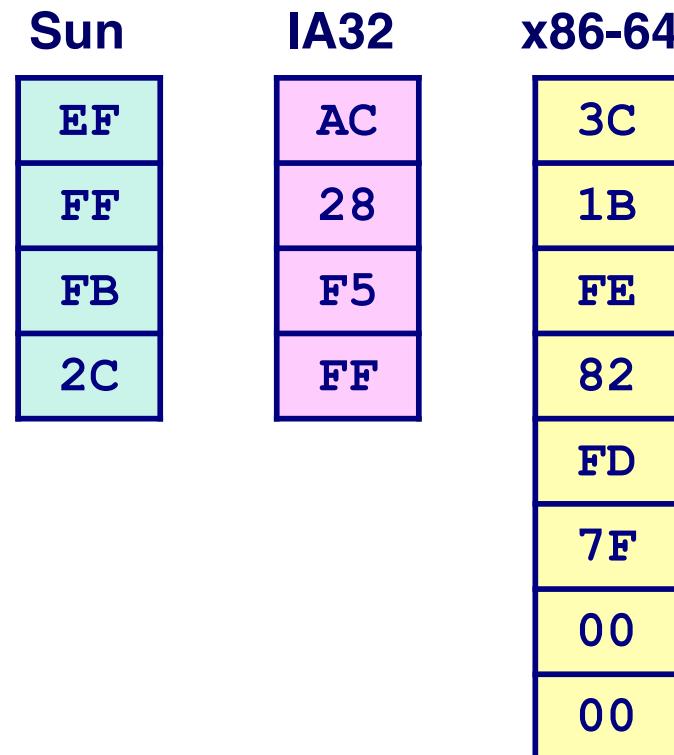
```
int a = 15213;  
printf("int a = 15213;\\n");  
show_bytes((pointer) &a, sizeof(int));
```

Result (Linux x86-64):

```
int a = 15213;  
0x7ffffb7f71dbc 6d  
0x7ffffb7f71dbd 3b  
0x7ffffb7f71dbe 00  
0x7ffffb7f71dbf 00
```

Representing Pointers

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



Different compilers & machines assign different locations to objects

Even get different results each time run program

Representing Strings

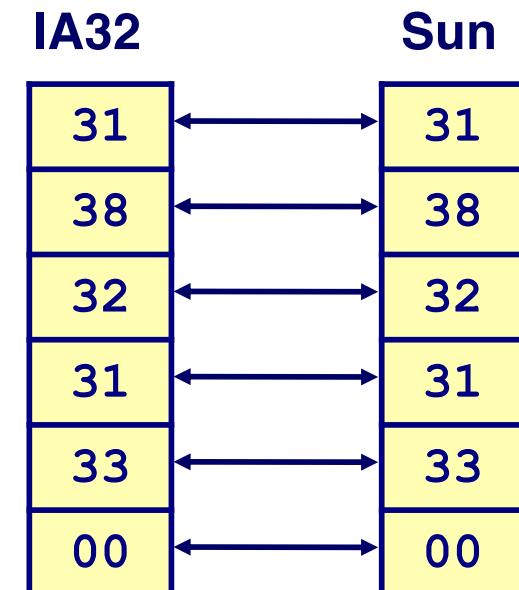
■ Strings in C

- 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

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



Integer C Puzzles

True or False?

Initialization

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

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

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Integer C Puzzles

- **ux** ≥ 0

True or False?

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Integer C Puzzles

• $x \& 7 == 7 \Rightarrow (x << 30) < 0$

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Integer C Puzzles

- **ux > -1**

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Integer C Puzzles

- $x > 0 \ \&\& \ y > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > 0$

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Integer C Puzzles

- `ux >> 3 == ux/8`

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Integer C Puzzles

• $x \& (x-1) \neq 0$

True or False?

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```

Buggy code - 1

```
float sum_elements(float a[], unsigned length) {
    int i;
    float result=0;

    for(i=0;i<=length-1; i++)
        result+= a[i];
    return result;
}
```

- **What's the bug?**
- **When will it return an error or produce a wrong result?**
- **How can you fix it?**

Buggy code - 2

```
/* Prototype for library function strlen */
size_t strlen(const char *s)

/* whether string s is longer than string t */
int strlonger(char *s, char *t){
    return strlen(s)-strlen(t) >0;
}
```

- **What's the bug?**
- **When will it return an error or produce a wrong result?**
- **How can you fix it?**

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
 - $0 - 1 \rightarrow UMax$

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

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

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    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);
```

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    return len;
}
```

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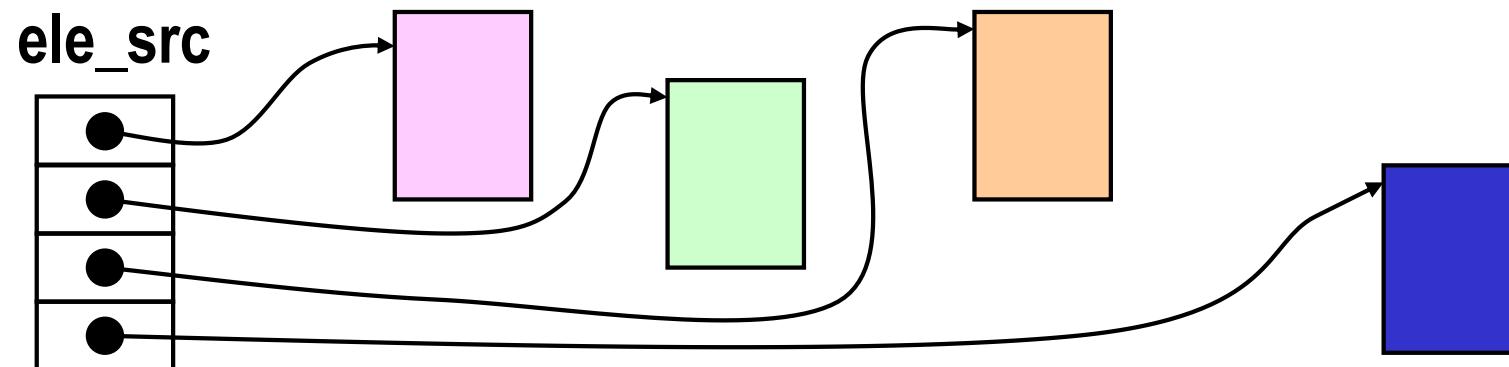
void getstuff() {
    char mybuf[MSIZE];
    copy_from_kernel(mybuf, -MSIZE);
    . . .
}
```

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 = ??

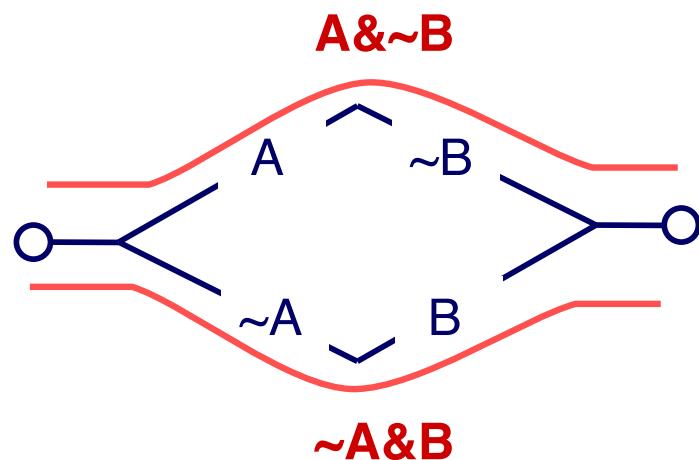
- **How can I make this function secure?**

Left-over slides

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:**

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{w-1} + 2^w &= 2^w + 2^w = 2^{w+1} \\ &= 2^w \end{aligned}$$

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	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