



# Number Representation

## Part I



# Basics of Number System

- We are accustomed to using the so-called **decimal number system**
  - Ten digits :: 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
  - Every digit position has a weight which is a power of 10
  - **Base** or **radix** is 10

Example:

$$234 = 2 \times 10^2 + 3 \times 10^1 + 4 \times 10^0$$

$$250.67 = 2 \times 10^2 + 5 \times 10^1 + 0 \times 10^0 + 6 \times 10^{-1} + 7 \times 10^{-2}$$



# Binary Number System

- Two digits:
  - 0 and 1
  - Every digit position has a weight which is a power of 2
  - **Base** or **radix** is 2

- Example:

$$110 = 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$$

$$101.01 = 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2}$$



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- ❖ 16 Symbols {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F}, Base is 16
- ❖  $6AF.3C = 6 \times 16^2 + 10 \times 16^1 + 15 \times 16^0 + 3 \times 16^{-1} + 12 \times 16^{-2}$



# Binary-to-Decimal Conversion

- Each digit position of a binary number has a weight
  - Some power of 2
- A binary number:

$$B = b_{n-1} b_{n-2} \dots b_1 b_0 . b_{-1} b_{-2} \dots b_{-m}$$

Corresponding value in decimal:

$$D = \sum_{i=-m}^{n-1} b_i 2^i$$





# Examples

$$101011 \rightarrow 1x2^5 + 0x2^4 + 1x2^3 + 0x2^2 + 1x2^1 + 1x2^0 \\ = 43$$

$$(101011)_2 = (43)_{10}$$

$$.0101 \rightarrow 0x2^{-1} + 1x2^{-2} + 0x2^{-3} + 1x2^{-4} \\ = .3125$$

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$$101.11 \rightarrow 1x2^2 + 0x2^1 + 1x2^0 + 1x2^{-1} + 1x2^{-2} \\ = 5.75$$

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$$(239)_{10} = (11101111)_2$$

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# Hexadecimal Number System

- A compact way of representing binary numbers
- 16 different symbols (radix = 16)

0	→	0000	8	→	1000
1	→	0001	9	→	1001
2	→	0010	A	→	1010
3	→	0011	B	→	1011
4	→	0100	C	→	1100
5	→	0101	D	→	1101
6	→	0110	E	→	1110
7	→	0111	F	→	1111





# Binary-to-Hexadecimal Conversion

- For the integer part,
  - Scan the binary number from **right to left**
  - Translate each group of four bits into the corresponding hexadecimal digit
    - Add **leading** zeros if necessary
  
- For the fractional part,
  - Scan the binary number from **left to right**
  - Translate each group of four bits into the corresponding hexadecimal digit
    - Add **trailing** zeros if necessary



# Example

1.  $(\underline{1011} \ \underline{0100} \ \underline{0011})_2 = (B43)_{16}$

2.  $(\underline{10} \ \underline{1010} \ \underline{0001})_2 = (2A1)_{16}$

3.  $(\underline{.1000} \ \underline{010})_2 = (.84)_{16}$

4.  $(\underline{101} \ . \ \underline{0101} \ \underline{111})_2 = (5.5E)_{16}$



# Hexadecimal-to-Binary Conversion

- Translate every hexadecimal digit into its 4-bit binary equivalent

- Examples:

$$(3A5)_{16} = (0011\ 1010\ 0101)_2$$

$$(12.3D)_{16} = (0001\ 0010\ .\ 0011\ 1101)_2$$

$$(1.8)_{16} = (0001\ .\ 1000)_2$$



# Number Representation

## Part II



# Unsigned Binary Numbers

- An n-bit binary number

$$B = b_{n-1}b_{n-2} \dots b_2b_1b_0$$

- $2^n$  distinct combinations are possible, 0 to  $2^n-1$ .
- For example, for  $n = 3$ , there are 8 distinct combinations
  - 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111
- Range of numbers that can be represented
  - $n=8 \rightarrow 0$  to  $2^8-1$  (255)
  - $n=16 \rightarrow 0$  to  $2^{16}-1$  (65535)
  - $n=32 \rightarrow 0$  to  $2^{32}-1$  (4294967295)

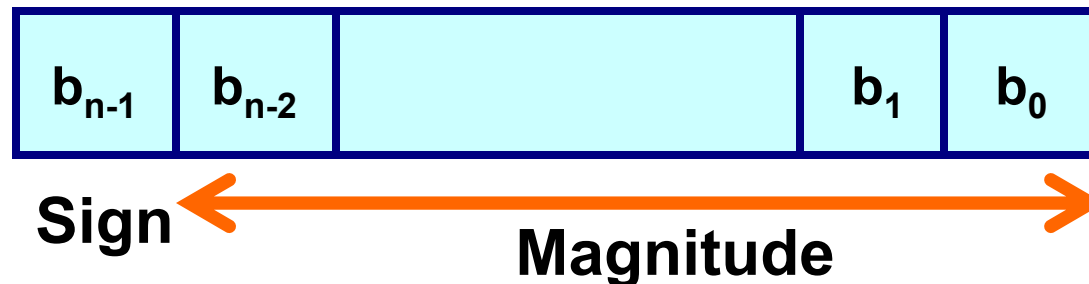


# Signed Integer Representation

- Many of the numerical data items that are used in a program are signed (positive or negative)
  - Question:: How to represent sign?
- Three possible approaches:
  - Sign-magnitude representation
  - One's complement representation
  - Two's complement representation

# Sign-magnitude Representation

- For an n-bit number representation
  - The most significant bit (MSB) indicates sign
    - 0 → positive
    - 1 → negative
  - The remaining n-1 bits represent magnitude





# Contd.

- Range of numbers that can be represented:

Maximum  $:: + (2^{n-1} - 1)$

Minimum  $:: - (2^{n-1} - 1)$

- A problem:

Two different representations of zero

+0  $\rightarrow$  0 000....0

-0  $\rightarrow$  1 000....0





# One's Complement Representation

- Basic idea:
  - Positive numbers are represented exactly as in sign-magnitude form
  - Negative numbers are represented in 1's complement form
- How to compute the 1's complement of a number?
  - Complement every bit of the number (1→0 and 0→1)
  - MSB will indicate the sign of the number
    - 0 → positive
    - 1 → negative

# Example: $n=4$

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

To find the representation of, say, -4, first note that

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# Two's Complement Representation

- Basic idea:
  - Positive numbers are represented exactly as in sign-magnitude form
  - Negative numbers are represented in 2's complement form
- How to compute the 2's complement of a number?
  - Complement every bit of the number ( $1 \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow 1$ ), and then **add one** to the resulting number
  - MSB will indicate the sign of the number
    - 0  $\rightarrow$  positive
    - 1  $\rightarrow$  negative

# Example: $n=4$

0000  $\rightarrow$  +0

0001  $\rightarrow$  +1

0010  $\rightarrow$  +2

0011  $\rightarrow$  +3

0100  $\rightarrow$  +4

0101  $\rightarrow$  +5

0110  $\rightarrow$  +6

0111  $\rightarrow$  +7

1000  $\rightarrow$  -8

1001  $\rightarrow$  -7

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$$-4 = 2\text{'s complement of } 0100 = 1011+1 = 1100$$

Rule : Value =  $- \text{msb} * 2^{(n-1)} + [\text{unsigned value of rest}]$

Example:  $0110 = 0 + 6 = 6$

$$1110 = -8 + 6 = -2$$



# Contd.

- Range of numbers that can be represented:
  - Maximum ::  $+ (2^{n-1} - 1)$
  - Minimum ::  $- 2^{n-1}$
- Advantage:
  - Unique representation of zero
  - Subtraction can be done using addition
  - Leads to substantial saving in circuitry
- Almost all computers today use the 2's complement representation for storing negative numbers

# Adding Binary Numbers

## ■ Basic Rules:

- $0+0=0$
- $0+1=1$
- $1+0=1$
- $1+1=0$  (carry 1)

## ■ Example:

01101001

00110100

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10011101



# Subtraction Using Addition: 1's Complement

- How to compute  $A - B$  ?
  - Compute the 1's complement of  $B$  (say,  $B_1$ ).
  - Compute  $R = A + B_1$
  - If the carry obtained after addition is '1'
    - Add the carry back to  $R$  (called *end-around carry*)
    - That is,  $R = R + 1$
    - The result is a positive number

Else

- The result is negative, and is in 1's complement form



# Example 1: 6 – 2

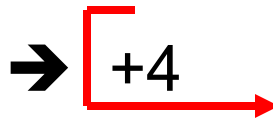
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$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \quad :: \quad 0110 \\ -2 \quad :: \quad 1101 \\ \hline 1\ 0011 \\ \quad \quad \quad 1 \\ \hline 0100 \end{array}$$

**A**

**B<sub>1</sub>**

**R**



**End-around  
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**Since there is a carry, it is  
added back to the result**

**The result is positive**

# Example 2: 3 – 5

1's complement of 5 = 1010

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \quad :: \quad 0011 \quad \mathbf{A} \\ -5 \quad :: \quad 1010 \quad \mathbf{B}_1 \\ \hline \quad \quad 1101 \quad \mathbf{R} \\ \downarrow \\ -2 \end{array}$$

**Assume 4-bit representations**

**Since there is no carry, the result is negative**

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# Subtraction Using Addition: 2's Complement

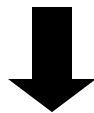
- How to compute  $A - B$  ?
  - Compute the 2's complement of B (say,  $B_2$ )
  - Compute  $R = A + B_2$
  - If the carry obtained after addition is '1'
    - Ignore the carry
    - The result is a positive number
  - Else
    - The result is negative, and is in 2's complement form

# Example 1: $6 - 2$

2's complement of 2 =  $1101 + 1 = 1110$

6	::	0110	<b>A</b>
-2	::	1110	<b>B<sub>2</sub></b>
		<del>1 0100</del>	<b>R</b>

Ignore carry



+4

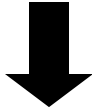
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**Presence of carry indicates that the result is positive**

**No need to add the end-around carry like in 1's complement**

# Example 2: $3 - 5$

2's complement of 5 =  $1010 + 1 = 1011$

3	::	0011	<b>A</b>
-5	::	1011	<b>B<sub>2</sub></b>
		<u>1110</u>	<b>R</b>
			
		-2	

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# 2's complement arithmetic: More Examples

- Example 1:  $18 - 11 = ?$
- 18 is represented as 00010010
- 11 is represented as 00001011
  - 1's complement of 11 is 11110100
  - 2's complement of 11 is 11110101
- Add 18 to 2's complement of 11

```
00010010
+ 11110101
-----
00000111 (with a carry of 1
           which is ignored)
```

00000111 is 7

- Example 2:  $7 - 9 = ?$
- 7 is represented as 00000111
- 9 is represented as 00001001
  - 1's complement of 9 is 11110110
  - 2's complement of 9 is 11110111
  - Add 7 to 2's complement of 9

```
00000111
+ 11110111
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11111110 (with a carry of 0
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11111110 is -2



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## Part III



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(96) 01100000
-----
(-96) 10100000
```

```
carry out in
      0  1
```

```
differ:
overflow
```



# Floating-point Numbers

- The representations discussed so far applies only to integers
  - Cannot represent numbers with fractional parts
- We can assume a decimal point before a signed number
  - In that case, pure fractions (without integer parts) can be represented
- We can also assume the decimal point somewhere in between
  - This lacks flexibility
  - Very large and very small numbers cannot be represented

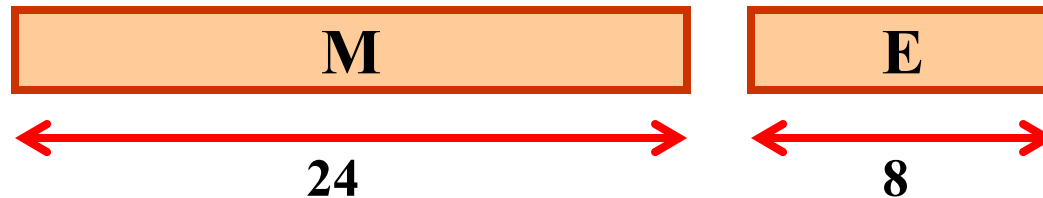
# Representation of Floating-Point Numbers

- A floating-point number  $F$  is represented by a doublet  $\langle M, E \rangle$  :

$$F = M \times B^E$$

- $B \rightarrow$  exponent base (usually 2)
- $M \rightarrow$  mantissa
- $E \rightarrow$  exponent
- $M$  is usually represented in 2's complement form, with an implied binary point before it
- For example,
  - In decimal,  $0.235 \times 10^6$
  - In binary,  $0.101011 \times 2^{0110}$

# Example :: 32-bit representation



- M represents a 2's complement fraction
$$1 > M > -1$$
- E represents the exponent (in 2's complement form)
$$127 > E > -128$$
- Points to note:
  - The number of **significant digits** depends on the number of bits in M
    - 6 significant digits for 24-bit mantissa
  - The **range** of the number depends on the number of bits in E
    - $10^{38}$  to  $10^{-38}$  for 8-bit exponent.



- Sign bit is added in front to represent both +ve and –ve numbers
- The representation shown for floating-point numbers as shown is just for illustration
- The actual representation is a little more complex, we will not do here
  - Example: IEEE 754 Floating Point format