

Numbers in Computers


## Binary Numbers

$$
\text { Yes }=1 \quad N o=0
$$

- Number 7 appears on the four cards in the pattern 'No, Yes, Yes, Yes'
- The number 7 in binary code is $\underline{0111}$
- This is the Computers Language!


## Why binary?

- Information is stored in computer via voltage levels.
- Using decimal would require 10 distinct and reliable levels for each digit.
- This is not feasible with reasonable reliability and financial constraints.
- Everything in computer is stored using binary: numbers, text, programs, pictures, sounds, videos, ...


## Bit, Byte, and Word

$0 \quad$ A bit is a size that can store 1 digit of a binary number, 0 or 1 .

| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad$ A byte is 8 bits, which can store eight 0 's or 1's.

> | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | 0

$\longrightarrow$| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A word is either 32 or 64 bits, depending on |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | computers. Regular PC's are 32 -bit word in size, higher-end workstations are 64-bit. Word size is the size of the registers.

What do these bits mean is a matter of interpretation! All information in a computer are represented in a uniform format of bit patterns.

## Binary Nonnegative Integers

Given a 32-bit pattern, e.g.,
00000000 ... 00001101 1100,
$a_{31}$ highest bit $a_{0}$ lowest bit
it can represent the integer (if you interpret it that way)

$$
n=a_{0}+a_{1} \times 2+a_{2} \times 2^{2}+a_{3} \times 2^{3}+\cdots a_{k} 2^{k}+\cdots, \quad a_{k}=0,1
$$

Note that if we use 32 -bit word, the smatlest number is 0 , and the largest number is 111111111111111111111111 11111111, which is $2^{32}-1=4294967295$. Numbers bigger than this cannot be represented. If such things happen in a calculation, we say it overflowed. Such interpretation is called unsigned int in the programming language C .

## In General (binary)



## Negative Numbers

Popular schemes:

- Signed Magnitude
- One's Complement
- Two's Complement


## Sign-Magnitude

Extra bit on left to represent sign

- $0=$ positive value
- 1 = negative value
- E.g., 6-bit sign-magnitude representation of +5 and -5:


Ranges (revisited)

| No. of bits | Binary |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unsigned |  |  | Sign-magnitude |
|  | Min | Max | Min | Max |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |  |  |
| 2 | 0 | 3 | -1 | 1 |
| 3 | 0 | 7 | -3 | 3 |
| 4 | 0 | 15 | -7 | 7 |
| 5 | 0 | 31 | -15 | 15 |
| 6 | 0 | 63 | -31 | 31 |
| Etc. |  |  |  |  |

In General (revisited)

| No. of bits | Binary |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unsigned |  | Sign-magnitude |  |
|  | Min | Max | Min | Max |
| $n$ | 0 | $2^{n}-1$ | $-\left(2^{n-1}-1\right)$ | $2^{n-1}-1$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## Difficulties with Sign-Magnitude

Two representations of zero

- Using 6-bit sign-magnitude...
- 0: 000000
- 0: 100000
- Arithmetic is awkward!


## Complementary Representations

- 9's complement
- 10's complement
- 1's complement
- 2's complement


## Exercises - Complementary Notations

- What is the 3 -digit 10 's complement of 247 ?
- Answer: $\qquad$
- What is the 3 -digit 10 's complement of 17 ?
- Answer: $\qquad$
- 777 is a 10 's complement representation of what decimal value?
- Answer: $\qquad$

Skip answer Answer

## Exercises - Complementary Notations

Answer
What is the 3 -digit 10 's complement of 247 ?

- Answer: 753
- What is the 3 -digit 10 's complement of 17 ?
- Answer: 983
- 777 is a 10's complement representation of what decimal value?
- Answer: 223


## Ones' Complement

Bitwise Not (simple)

- Used in UNIVAC
- Two representation for 0


## Ones’ Complement

## binary decimal

11111110-1
$+00000010+2$
$1000000000<-$ not the correct answer
$1+1<-$ add carry

000000011 <-- correct answer

## Two's Complement

Most common scheme of representing negative numbers in computers

- Affords natural arithmetic (no special rules!)
- To represent a negative number in 2's complement notation...

1. Decide upon the number of bits ( $n$ )
2. Find the binary representation of the +eve value in $n$-bits
3. Flip all the bits (chang elI's to O's and vice versa) $\qquad$
Add 1

## Two's Complement Example

Represent -5 in binary using 2's complement notation

1. Decide on the number of bits

6 (for example)
2. Find the binary representation of the +ie value in 6 bits
3. Flip all the bits

4. Add 1

111010


## Sign Bit

- In 2's complement notation, the MSB is the sign bit (as with sign-magnitude notation)
- $0=$ positive value
- 1 = negative value



## "Complementary" Notation

Conversions between positive and negative numbers are easy

- For binary (base 2)...



## Example



| In General (revisited) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of bits | Binary |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Unsigned |  | Sign-magnitude |  | 2's complement |  |
|  | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max |
| $n$ | 0 | $2^{n}-1$ | $-\left(2^{n-1}-1\right)$ | $2^{n-1}-1$ | $-2^{n-1}$ | $2^{n-1}-1$ |

## Negative Integers

To represent negative numbers, we'll agree that the highest bit $\mathrm{a}_{31}$ representing sign, rather than magnitude, 0 for positive, 1 for negative numbers.

- More precisely, all modern computers use 2's complement representations.
- The rule to get a negative numberrepresentationis: first write out the bit pattern of the corresponding positive number, complement all bits, then add 1.


## Property of 2's Complement Numbers

Two's complement $m$ of a number $n$ is such that adding it together you get zero ( $m+n=$ 0 , modulo word size)

- Thus $m$ is interpreted as negative of $n$.
- The key point is that computer has a finite word length, the last carry is thrown away.


## 2's Complement, example

1 in bits is 00000000000000000000000000000001 complementing all bits, we get

11111111111111111111111111111110
Add 1, we get representation for -1 , as 1111111111111111111111111111111

Decimal
00000000000000000000000000000001
1

+ 11111111111111111111111111111111
(1)00000000 000000000000000000000000

0
Overflow bit not
kept by computer

## 2's Complement, another e.g.

125 in bits is 00000000000000000000000001111101
complement all bits, we get
111111111111111111111111110000010
Add 1, we get representation for -125 , as
11111111111111111111111110000011

Decimal
00000000000000000000000001111111

+ 11111111111111111111111110000011
- 125
(1)00000000 000000000000000000000010
$+2$


## What is -5 plus +5 ?

Zero, of course, but let's see

Sign-magnitude Twos-complement
$-5: 10000101 \quad-5: \begin{array}{r}11111111 \\ 11111011\end{array}$
$+5: \frac{+00000101}{10001010}(\because \cdot)+5: \frac{+00000101}{00000000}(\because)$

## Signed and Unsigned Int

. If we interpret the number as unsigned, an unsigned integer takes the range 0 to $2^{32-1}$ (that is $000 . . .000$ to 1111....1111)

- If we interpret the number as signed value, the range is $-2^{31}$ to $2^{31}-1$ (that is $1000 \ldots . .000$ to 1111...111, to 0, to 0111....1111).
- Who decide what interpretation to take? What if we need numbers bigger than $2^{32}$ ?


## Addition, Multiplication, and Division in

Binary


## Overflow - Explanation

$\sqrt{2147483645+2147483645=-6}$

- Why?
- $2^{31}-1=2147483647$ and has 32 bit binary representation 0111...111. This is largest 2's complement 32 bit number.
- 2147483645 would have representation 011111... 101.
- When we add this to itself, we get

$$
\text { X = 1111... } 1010 \text { (overflow) }
$$

- So, -X would be 000... $0101+1=00 \ldots 0110=6$
- So, $X$ must be -6 .


## Overflows in signed magnitude system

In signed-magnitude representation, a carry out means an overflows:
Ex:
01011
(11)
00110
(6)

010001
(1)

The carry-out implies an overflow.

Overflows in complement system

- In both complement systems, however, a carry out DOES NOT mean an overflows:
Ex: $13-8=5$

$$
\begin{array}{r}
01101(13) \\
11000(-8)
\end{array}
$$

100101 (5)
There is a carry-out, but there is no overflow.

## Rule for overflow

- If $X$ and $Y$ (the two operands) are of different signs there is no overflow, regardless of a carry out.
- If $X$ and $Y$ are of the same sign and the sign of the result is different from the signs of the two operands, then an overflow occurs.


## Examples

11001 (-7)
10110 (-10)

101111 (15) [Carry-out and overflow]

- 00111 (7) 01010 (10)

10001 (-15) [No-carry out but overflow]

## Floating Point Numbers (reals)

- To represent numbers like $0.5,3.1415926$, etc, we need to do something else. First, we need to represent them in binary, as

$$
n=\cdots+a_{m} 2^{m} \cdots+a_{2} 2^{2}+a_{1} 2+a_{0}+a_{-1} \times \frac{1}{2}+a_{-2} \times 2^{-2}+a_{-3} \times 2^{-3}+\cdots a_{-k} 2^{-k}+.
$$

E.g. 11.00110 for $2+1+1 / 8+1 / 16-3.1875$

- Next, we need to rewrite in scientific notation, as
$1.100110 \times 2^{1}$. That is, the number will be written in the form:
1.xxxxxx... $\times 2^{e}$
$x=0$ or 1


## Changing fractions to binary

Multiply the fraction by $2, \ldots$


## Example 17

Transform the fraction 0.875 to binary

## Solution

Write the fraction at the left corner. Multiply the number continuously by-2-and extract the integer part as the binary digit. Stop when the number is 0.0.

$$
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
0.875 & \rightarrow & 1.750 & \rightarrow & 1.5 & \rightarrow & 1.0 & \rightarrow \\
0 & & 1 & 1 & & 1
\end{array}
$$

## Example 18

T ansform the fraction 0.4 to a binary of 6 bits.
Solution
Write the fraction at the left cornet. Multiply the number continuously by 2 and extract the integer part as the-binaty-digit. You-can-neverget the exact binary representation. Stop when you have 6 bits.

$$
\left.\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0.4 & \rightarrow & 0.8 & \rightarrow & 1.6 & \rightarrow & 1.2 & \rightarrow & 0.4 \\
0 & . & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0.8 & & \rightarrow & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Normalization

## Example of normalization

| Original Number | Move |  | Normalized |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| +1010001.1101 | -6 | $+2^{6}$ | X 1.01000111001 |
| -111.000011 | <2 | $-2^{2}$ | x 1.11000011 |
| +0.00000111001 | $6 \rightarrow$ | +2-6 | x 1.11001 |
| -0.001110011 | $3 \rightarrow$ | $-2^{-3}$ | x 1.110011 |

- Sign, exponent, and mantissa

Figure 3-8

a. Single Precision

Excess_1023


Sign Exponent
Mantissa
b. Double Precision

Example 19
Show the representation of the normalized number $+2^{6}$ x 1.01000111001

## Solution

The sign is positive. The Excess_127 representation of the exponent is 133. You add extra 0s on the right to make it 23 bits. The number in memory is stored as:

$$
01000010101000111001000000000000
$$



## Example of floating-point representation

## Example 20

Interpret the following 32-bit floating-point number

10111110011001100000000000000000
Solution
The sign is negative. The exponent is -3 (124127). The number after normalization is $-2^{-3} x \quad 1.110011$

Limitations in 32-bit Integer and Floating Point Numbers

- Limited range of values (e.g. integers only from - $2^{31}$ to $2^{31}-1$ )
- Limited resolution for real numbers. E.g., if $x$ is a machine representable value, the next value is $x+\varepsilon$ (for some small $\varepsilon$ ). There is no value in between. This causes "floating point errors" in calculation. The accuracy of a single precision floating point number is about 6 decimal places.


## Limitations of Single Precision Numbers

Given the representation of the single precision floating point number format, what is the largest magnitude possible? What is the smallest number possible?

- With floating point number, it can happen that $1+\varepsilon=1$. What is that largest $\varepsilon$ ?


## Floating Point Rounding Error

Consider 4-bit mantissa floating point addition:

- $1.010 \times 2^{2}+1.101 \times 2^{-1}$
$1.010000 \times 2^{2}$
$+0.001101 \times 2^{2} \quad$ Shift exponent to that of the
$1.011101 \times 2^{2}$
$1.100 \times 2^{2} \quad$ Round to 4 bits
Representation of Characters, the ASCII


| 0 | NUL SOH STX | ETX | EOT | ENQ | ACK | BEL | BS | HT | LF | VT | FF | CR | SO | SI |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | DLE | DC1 | DC2 | DC3 | DC4 | NAK | SYN | ETB | CAN | EM | SUB | ESC | FS | GS | RS |
| US |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

How to read the table: the top line specifies the last digit in hexadecimal, the leftmost column specifies the higher value digit. E.g., at location $41_{16}\left(=01000001_{2}=65_{10}\right)$ is the letter ' A '.

## Base-16 Number, or Hexadecimal

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

- Instead of writing out strings of 0's and 1's, it is easier to read if we group them in group of 4 bits. A four bit numbers can vary from 0 to 15, we denote them by $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, A, B, C, D, E, F$.


## Program as Numbers

High level programming language
C = A + B;

- Assembly language
add \$5, \$10, \$3
- Machine code (MIPS computer)



## Graphics as Numbers



A picture like this is also represented on computer by bits. If you magnify the picture greatly, you'll see square "pixels" which is either black or white.
These can be represented as binary 1's and 0's.

Color can also be presented with numbers, if we allow more bits per pixel.

## Music as Numbers - MP3 format

CD music is sampled 44,100 times per second ( 44.1 kHertz ), each sample is 2 bytes long

- The digital music signals are compressed, at a rate of 10 to 1 or more, into MP3 format
- The compact MP3 file can be played back on computer or MP3 players


## Some other points

中 Computer Science starts counting from 0 (why?)

- We have to perform operations in a finite space, unlike what we have done when we counted with real numbers, which were infinite...
- imagine a world in which we are born, grow older by one year, become 1, 2, 3,..,62, 63 then again 0 . Say, we decide we will not grow older beyond $64 \ldots$ strange...but computer does similar things!
- A computer counting our age will count like $0,1,2,3, \ldots, 62,63$, $0, \ldots!$ This is called modular arithmetic and gives lot of interesting results. Can you tell me from the above count values, some information of our computer...?


## Modulo Arithmetic

Consider the set of number $\{0, \ldots, 7\}$

- Suppose all arithmetic operations were finished by taking the result modulus 8
- $3+6=9,9$ mod $8=1$
- $3+6=1$
- $3 * 5=15,15 \bmod 8=7$
- $3 * 5=7$


Modulo Arithmetic: Computing in a flrfit Myhatistheqaydditive inverse of 7 in Modurodithmetics?

- $7+x=0$
- $7+1=0$
- 0 and 4 are their own additive inverses
- Does each number also have a multiplicative inverse?
- $7 \times 7=1$
- Does each number has a multiplicative inverse?
- What if $m=11$ ? Now does each number have a multiplicative
 inverse?


## Summary

All information in computer are represented by bits. These bits encode information. It's meaning has to be interpreted in a specific way.

- We've learnt how to represent unsigned integer, negative integer, floating pointer number, as well as ASCll characters.
- Computers have to compute in a finite world.

