

Chapter 2 Bits, Data Types, and Operations

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How do we represent data in a computer?

- At the lowest level, a computer is an electronic machine.
 - works by controlling the flow of electrons
- Easy to recognize two conditions:
 1. presence of a voltage – we'll call this state "1"
 2. absence of a voltage – we'll call this state "0"
- Could base state on *value* of voltage, but control and detection circuits more complex.
 - compare turning on a light switch to measuring or regulating voltage

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Computer is a binary digital system.

Digital system:

- finite number of symbols

Binary (base two) system:

- has two states: 0 and 1



Digital Values → "0" Illegal "1"
Analog Values → 0 0.5 2.4 2.9 Volts

- Basic unit of information is the *binary digit*, or *bit*.
- Values with >2 states require multiple bits.
 - A collection of **two** bits has **four** possible states:
00, 01, 10, 11
 - A collection of **three** bits has **eight** possible states:
000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111
 - A collection of *n* bits has 2^n possible states.

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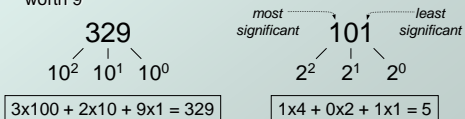
What kinds of data do we need to represent?

- **Numbers** – signed, unsigned, integers, floating point, complex, rational, irrational, ...
- **Text** – characters, strings, ...
- **Logical** – true, false
- **Images** – pixels, colors, shapes, ...
- **Sound** – wave forms
- **Instructions**
- ...
- Data type:
 - *representation* and *operations* within the computer
- We'll start with numbers...

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Unsigned Integers

- Non-positional notation
 - could represent a number ("5") with a string of ones ("11111")
 - problems?
- Weighted positional notation
 - like decimal numbers: "329"
 - "3" is worth 300, because of its position, while "9" is only worth 9



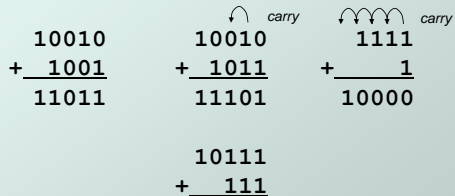
Unsigned Integers (cont.)

- An n -bit unsigned integer represents 2^n values: from 0 to 2^n-1 .

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

Unsigned Binary Arithmetic

- Base-2 addition – just like base-10!
 - add from right to left, propagating carry



Subtraction, multiplication, division: remember integer math!

Signed Integers

- With n bits, we have 2^n distinct values.
 - assign about half to positive integers (1 through $2^{n-1}-1$)
 - assign about half to negative ($-2^{n-1}-1$ through -1)
 - that leaves two values: one for 0, and one extra
- Positive integers
 - just like unsigned – zero in *most significant* (MS) bit
 - **00101 = 5**
- Negative integers
 - sign-magnitude – set sign bit to show negative
 - **10101 = -5**
 - One's complement – flip every bit to represent negative
 - **11010 = -5**
 - in either case, MS bit indicates sign: 0=pos., 1=neg.

Two's Complement

- Problems with sign-magnitude, 1's complement
 - two representations of zero (+0 and -0)
 - arithmetic circuits are complex
 - How to add two sign-magnitude numbers?
 - e.g., try 2 + (-3)
 - How to add to one's complement numbers?
 - e.g., try 4 + (-3)

Two's Complement

- **Two's complement** representation developed to make circuits easy for arithmetic.
 - for each positive number (X), assign value to its negative (-X), such that $X + (-X) = 0$ with "normal" addition, ignoring carry out

$$\begin{array}{r}
 00101 \quad (5) \\
 + \underline{11011} \quad (-5) \\
 \hline
 00000 \quad (0)
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 01001 \quad (9) \\
 + \underline{} \quad (-9) \\
 \hline
 00000 \quad (0)
 \end{array}$$

Two's Complement Representation

- If number is positive or zero,
 - normal binary representation, zeroes in upper bit(s)
- If number is negative,
 - start with positive number
 - flip every bit (i.e., take the one's complement)
 - then add one

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \curvearrowright 00101 \quad (5) \\
 \curvearrowright 11010 \quad (1's \text{ comp}) \\
 + \underline{} \quad 1 \\
 \hline
 11011 \quad (-5)
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 \curvearrowright 01001 \quad (9) \\
 \curvearrowright 10110 \quad (1's \text{ comp}) \\
 + \underline{} \quad 1 \\
 \hline
 10111 \quad (-9)
 \end{array}$$

Two's Complement Shortcut

- To take the two's complement of a number:
 - copy bits from right to left until (and including) first "1"
 - flip remaining bits to the left

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \curvearrowright 011010000 \\
 \curvearrowright 100101111 \quad (1's \text{ comp}) \\
 + \underline{} \quad 1 \\
 \hline
 100110000
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 011010000 \\
 \text{(flip)} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \text{(copy)} \\
 100110000
 \end{array}$$

Two's Complement Signed Integers

- MS bit is sign bit – it has weight -2^{n-1} .
- Range of an n-bit number: -2^{n-1} through $2^{n-1} - 1$.
 - The most negative number has no positive counterpart.

-2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0		-2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0	
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-8
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	-7
0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	-6
0	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	-5
0	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	-4
0	1	0	1	5	1	1	0	1	-3
0	1	1	0	6	1	1	1	0	-2
0	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	-1

Converting Binary (2's C) to Decimal

1. If leading bit is one, take two's complement to get a positive number.
2. Add powers of 2 that have "1" in the corresponding bit positions.
3. If original number was negative, add a minus sign.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= 01101000_{\text{two}} \\
 &= 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^3 = 64 + 32 + 8 \\
 &= 104_{\text{ten}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

n	2^n
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1024

More Examples

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= 00100111_{\text{two}} \\
 &= 2^5 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0 = 32 + 4 + 2 + 1 \\
 &= 39_{\text{ten}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= 11100110_{\text{two}} \\
 -X &= 00011010 \\
 &= 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^1 = 16 + 8 + 2 \\
 &= 26_{\text{ten}} \\
 X &= -26_{\text{ten}}
 \end{aligned}$$

n	2^n
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1024

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

Converting Decimal to Binary (2's C)

- First Method: **Division**
1. Find magnitude of decimal number.
 2. Divide by two – remainder is least significant bit.
 3. Keep dividing by two until answer is zero, writing remainders from right to left.
 4. Append a leading 0. If original was negative, take two's complement.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= 104_{\text{ten}} \\
 104 \div 2 &= 52 & 104 \% 2 &= 0 \\
 52 \div 2 &= 26 & 52 \% 2 &= 0 \\
 26 \div 2 &= 13 & 26 \% 2 &= 0 \\
 13 \div 2 &= 6 & 13 \% 2 &= 1 \\
 6 \div 2 &= 3 & 6 \% 2 &= 0 \\
 3 \div 2 &= 1 & 3 \% 2 &= 1 \\
 1 \div 2 &= 0 & 1 \% 2 &= 1 \\
 X &= 01101000_{\text{two}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Converting Decimal to Binary (2's C)

Second Method: **Subtract Powers of Two**

1. Find magnitude of decimal number.
2. Subtract largest power of two less than or equal to number.
3. Put a one in the corresponding bit position.
4. Keep subtracting until result is zero.
5. Append a zero as MS bit; if original was negative, take two's complement.

n	2^n
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1024

$X = 104_{\text{ten}}$	$104 - 64 = 40$	<i>bit 6</i>
	$40 - 32 = 8$	<i>bit 5</i>
	$8 - 8 = 0$	<i>bit 3</i>

$X = 01101000_{\text{two}}$

Operations: Arithmetic and Logical

- Recall: data types include *representation* and *operations*.
- 2's complement is a good representation for signed integers, now we need arithmetic operations:
 - **Addition (including overflow)**
 - **Subtraction**
 - **Sign Extension**
- Multiplication and division can be built from these basic operations.
- Logical operations are also useful:
 - **AND**
 - **OR**
 - **NOT**

Addition

- As we've discussed, 2's comp. addition is just binary addition.
 - assume all integers have the same number of bits
 - ignore carry out
 - for now, assume that sum fits in n-bit 2's comp. representation

01101000 (104)	11110110 (-10)
$+ 11110000$ (-16)	$+ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ (-9)
01011000 (98)	$\hspace{2cm}(-19)$

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

Subtraction

- Negate second operand, then add.
 - assume all integers have the same number of bits
 - ignore carry out
 - for now, assume that difference fits in n-bit 2's comp. representation

01101000 (104)	11110110 (-10)
$- 00010000$ (16)	$- \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ (-9)
01101000 (104)	11110110 (-10)
$+ 11110000$ (-16)	$+ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ (9)
01011000 (88)	$\hspace{2cm}(-1)$

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

Sign Extension

- To add two numbers, we must represent them with the same number of bits.

- If we just pad with zeroes on the left:

4-bit	8-bit
0100 (4)	00000100 (still 4)
1100 (-4)	00001100 (12, not -4)

- Instead, replicate the MS bit -- the sign bit:

4-bit	8-bit
0100 (4)	00000100 (still 4)
1100 (-4)	11111100 (still -4)

Overflow

- If operands are too big, then sum cannot be represented as an n -bit 2's comp number.

01000 (8)	11000 (-8)
+ <u>01001</u> (9)	+ <u>10111</u> (-9)
10001 (-15)	01111 (+15)

- We have overflow if:
 - signs of both operands are the same, and
 - sign of sum is different.
- Another test -- easy for hardware:
 - carry into MS bit does not equal carry out

Logical Operations

- Operations on logical TRUE or FALSE

- two states -- takes one bit to represent: TRUE=1, FALSE=0

A	B	A AND B	A	B	A OR B	A	NOT A
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	1		
1	1	1	1	1	1		

- View n -bit number as a collection of n logical values
 - operation applied to each bit independently

Examples of Logical Operations

- AND
 - useful for clearing bits
 - AND with zero = 0
 - AND with one = no change
- OR
 - useful for setting bits
 - OR with zero = no change
 - OR with one = 1
- NOT
 - unary operation -- one argument
 - flips every bit

11000101

AND 00001111
00000101

11000101

OR 00001111
11001111

NOT 11000101

00111010

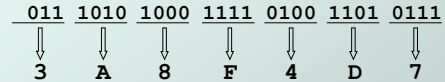
Hexadecimal Notation

- It is often convenient to write binary (base-2) numbers in hexadecimal (base-16) instead.
 - fewer digits - four bits per hex digit
 - less error prone - no long string of 1's and 0's

Binary	Hex	Decimal	Binary	Hex	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

Converting from Binary to Hexadecimal

- Every four bits is a hex digit.
 - start grouping from right-hand side



This is not a new machine representation, just a convenient way to write the number.

Fractions: Fixed-Point

- How can we represent fractions?
 - Use a "binary point" to separate positive from negative powers of two -- just like "decimal point."
 - 2's comp addition and subtraction still work (if binary points are aligned)

$2^{-1} = 0.5$
 $2^{-2} = 0.25$
 $2^{-3} = 0.125$

$$\begin{array}{r} 00101000.101 \text{ (40.625)} \\ + 11111110.110 \text{ (-1.25)} \\ \hline 00100111.011 \text{ (39.375)} \end{array}$$

No new operations -- same as integer arithmetic.

Very Large and Very Small: Floating-Point

- Large values: 6.023×10^{23} -- requires 79 bits
- Small values: 6.626×10^{-34} -- requires >110 bits
- Use equivalent of "scientific notation": $F \times 2^E$
- Must have F (fraction), E (exponent), and sign.
- IEEE 754 Floating-Point Standard (32-bits):



$$N = (-1)^S \times 1.\text{fraction} \times 2^{\text{exponent} - 127}, \quad 1 \leq \text{exponent} \leq 254$$

$$N = (-1)^S \times 0.\text{fraction} \times 2^{-126}, \quad \text{exponent} = 0$$

Floating Point Example

Single-precision IEEE floating point number:

1 01111110 1000000000000000000000

↑ ↑ ↑
sign exponent fraction

- Sign is 1 – number is negative.
- Exponent field is 01111110 = 126 (decimal).
- Fraction is 1.100000000000... = 1.5 (decimal).

Value = $-1.5 \times 2^{(126-127)} = -1.5 \times 2^{-1} = -0.75$

Floating-Point Operations

- Will regular 2's complement arithmetic work for Floating Point numbers?
- (Hint: In decimal, how do we compute $3.07 \times 10^{12} + 9.11 \times 10^8$?)

Text: ASCII Characters

- ASCII: Maps 128 characters to 7-bit code.
 - printable and non-printable (ESC, DEL, ...) characters

00	nu	10	dle	20	sp	30	0	40	@	50	P	60	`	70	p
01	soh	11	dc1	21	!	31	1	41	A	51	Q	61	a	71	q
02	stx	12	dc2	22	"	32	2	42	B	52	R	62	b	72	r
03	etx	13	dc3	23	#	33	3	43	C	53	S	63	c	73	s
04	eot	14	dc4	24	\$	34	4	44	D	54	T	64	d	74	t
05	eng	15	nak	25	%	35	5	45	E	55	U	65	e	75	u
06	ack	16	syn	26	&	36	6	46	F	56	V	66	f	76	v
07	bel	17	etb	27	'	37	7	47	G	57	W	67	g	77	w
08	bs	18	can	28	(	38	8	48	H	58	X	68	h	78	x
09	ht	19	em	29	)	39	9	49	I	59	Y	69	i	79	y
0a	nl	1a	sub	2a	*	3a	:	4a	J	5a	Z	6a	j	7a	z
0b	vt	1b	esc	2b	+	3b	;	4b	K	5b	[	6b	k	7b	{
0c	np	1c	fs	2c	,	3c	<	4c	L	5c	\	6c	l	7c	|
0d	cr	1d	gs	2d	-	3d	=	4d	M	5d	]	6d	m	7d	}
0e	so	1e	rs	2e	.	3e	>	4e	N	5e	^	6e	n	7e	~
0f	si	1f	us	2f	/	3f	?	4f	O	5f	_	6f	o	7f	del

Text: ASCII Characters

- ASCII is a seven-bit code. "Eight-bit ASCII" makes as sense as a square circle.
- There is no need to memorize the ASCII chart.
- There is no need to insert ASCII values into a program.
 - if ($c \geq 65$ && $c \leq 90$) ... // just showing off
 - if ($c \geq 'A'$ && $c \leq 'Z'$) ... // easy to understand
 - if ($'A' \leq c$ && $c \leq 'Z'$) ... // I like this even more

Interesting Properties of ASCII Code

- What is relationship between a decimal digit ('0', '1', ...) and its ASCII code?
- What is the difference between an upper-case letter ('A', 'B', ...) and its lower-case equivalent ('a', 'b', ...)?
- Given two ASCII characters, how do we tell which comes first in alphabetical order?
- Are 128 characters enough?
(<http://www.unicode.org/>)

No new operations needed for ASCII codes – integer arithmetic and logic are sufficient.

Other Data Types

- Text strings
 - array of characters, terminated with null character ('\0')
 - typically, no hardware support
- Image
 - array of pixels
 - monochrome: one bit (0/1 = black/white)
 - color: red, green, blue (RGB) components
 - other properties: transparency
 - hardware support:
 - typically none, in general-purpose processors
 - MMX -- multiple 8-bit operations on 32-bit word
- Sound
 - sequence of fixed-point numbers

LC-3 Data Types

- Some data types are supported directly by the instruction set architecture.
- For LC-3, there is only one hardware-supported data type:
 - 16-bit 2's complement signed integer
 - Operations: ADD, AND, NOT
- Other data types are supported by interpreting 16-bit values as logical, text, fixed-point, floating-point, etc., in the software that we write.