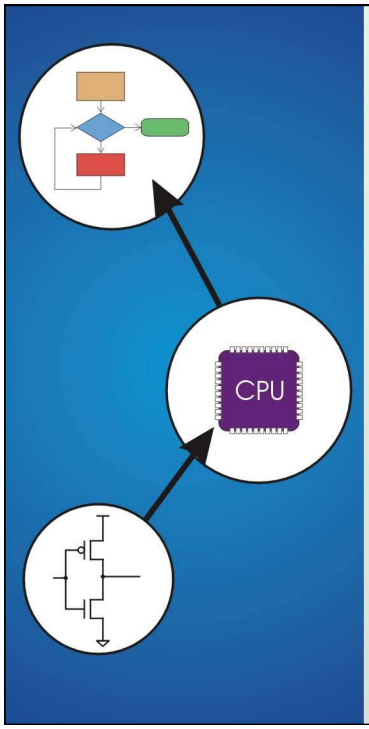

Chapter 2
Bits, Data Types, and Operations

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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

Computer is a binary digital system.

Digital system:
- finite number of symbols

Binary (base two) system:
- has two states: 0 and 1

- 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.*

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**
- …

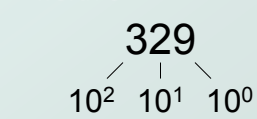
- Data type:
  - *representation* and *operations* within the computer
- We'll start with numbers…

Seen on a geek T Shirt

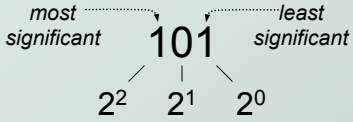
- There are only 10 kinds of people
- Those that know binary
- Those that don't

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



3x100 + 2x10 + 9x1 = 329



1x4 + 0x2 + 1x1 = 5

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

carry

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   10010        10010         1111
+   1001     +   1011     +      1
   11011        11101        10000

                10111
             +    111
```

Subtraction, multiplication, division,…

Administriva

- Sanjay Office hours:
  - Tue-Thu 2-4
  - Fri 10-11:30 (tentative)
  - If I am discussing with other students/faculty, CS270 students have priority & may interrupt at any time
  - I may step out for a coffee break

Polynomial Number Representation

- Look up the posted notes.
- Spend two hours studying the methods and working out the examples.
- Be prepared to do the quiz that will be handed out in class on Thursday

Signed Integers

- With n bits, we have 2^n distinct values.
  - assign about half to positive integers (1 through 2^{n-1})
  - assign about half to negative (- 2^{n-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)

Problems with SM & 1's comp (cont'd)

Bit pattern	Unsigned	SM	1's Compl	Solution(?)
000	0	0	0	0
001	1	+1	+1	+1
010	2	+2	+2	+2
011	3	+3	+3	+3
100	4	-0	-3	-4
101	5	-1	-2	-3
110	6	-2	-1	-2
111	7	-3	-0	-1

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

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  00101  (5)          01001  (9)
+ 11011  (-5)       +       (-9)
  00000  (0)          00000  (0)
```

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

```
 00101  (5)          01001  (9)
 11010  (1's comp)          (1's comp)
+    1               +    1
 11011  (-5)               (-9)
```


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

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 011010000
 100101111  (1's comp)
+        1
 100110000
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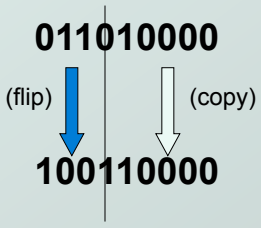

Two's Complement Signed Integers

- 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	
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

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

$$X = 01101000_{two}$$
$$= 2^6+2^5+2^3 = 64+32+8$$
$$= 104_{ten}$$

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.

More Examples

$X = 00100111_{two}$
$= 2^5+2^2+2^1+2^0 = 32+4+2+1$
$= 39_{ten}$

$X = 11100110_{two}$
$-X = 00011010$
$= 2^4+2^3+2^1 = 16+8+2$
$= 26_{ten}$
$X = -26_{ten}$

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)

- ***Repeated 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 zero as the MS bit; for negative, take two's complement.

$X = 104_{ten}$

104 - 64	=	40	*bit 6*
40 - 32	=	8	*bit 5*
8 - 8	=	0	*bit 3*

$X = 01101000_{two}$

n	2^n
0	1
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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)	+		(-9)
	01011000	(98)			(-19)

Assuming 8-bit 2's complement numbers.

Subtraction

- Negate subtrahend (2nd no.) and 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)	**-**		(-9)
	01101000	(104)		**11110110**	(-10)
+	**11110000**	(-16)	**+**		(9)
	01011000	(88)			(-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)	
+ 01001	(9)		**+ 10111**	(-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
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

A	B	A OR B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

A	NOT A
0	1
1	0

- 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

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  11000101
AND 00001111
  00000101

  11000101
OR  00001111
  11001111

NOT 11000101
  00111010
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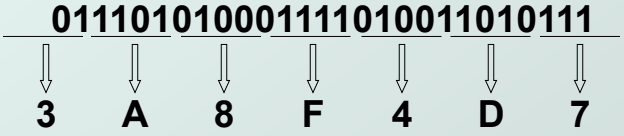
Hexadecimal Notation

- 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

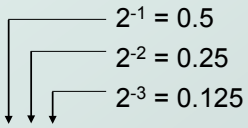
- Every four bits is a hex digit.
  - start grouping from right-hand side



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)

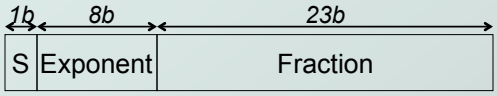


00101000.101 (40.625)
+ 11111110.110 (-1.25)
00100111.011 (39.375)

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):



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

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

Floating Point Example

- Single-precision IEEE floating point number:
- 1 01111110 10000000000000000000000

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	nul	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	enq	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

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 -- integer arithmetic and logic.

Other Data Types

- Text strings
  - sequence of characters, terminated with NULL (0)
  - typically, no hardware support
- Image
  - array of pixels
    - monochrome: one bit (1/0 = 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, etc., in the software that we write.