

## CS1800 day 3

### Admin:

- hw1 released today (due the following friday, as nearly all HWs are)
- tutoring groups
- what to do if you can't access piazza (email Kayla & myself please)

### Content:

- Two's complement (system to represent negative binary numbers)
- Overflow
- Floating point (system to represent non-whole numbers) (if time)

Whats the difference between operating in base-b and operating in base-b on a computer?

Computers store all values with the same number of bits

why? quicker / easier

Assume: a computer is using a 3-bit representation of values. How does it compute & store the following?

$$\begin{array}{r} (111)_2 \\ 7 \end{array} + \begin{array}{r} (001)_2 \\ 1 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} (1000)_2 \\ 8 \end{array}$$

ONLY THESE THREE BITS CAN BE STORED

THIS IS DISCARDED

For today: assume we're working with values on a computer

- all values are N-digits  
(you'll be given this info in problem statement)
- discard the most significant (left-most) digits if needed  
(as shown in green on last slide)

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$$4 + 2 + 1$$

$$(111)_2 = 7$$

$$(111)_2 = ?$$

1.2345

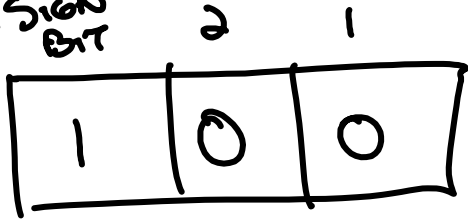
## Sign bit\*:

A not-so-great number system for negative values

## 3 BIT "SIGN BIT"

1 IF NEGATIVE  
0 OTHERWISE

↳ SIGN BIT



$$-(0+0) = -0$$

$$(001)_2 = 1 \leftarrow$$

$$(000)_2 = 0 \leftarrow$$

$$(111)_2 = -3 \leftarrow$$

$$(101)_2 = -1$$

# SIGN BIT: PROBLEMS

NO UNIQUE ZERO

$$(000)_2 = 0$$

$$(100)_2 = -0$$



OUR OPERATIONS YIELD INCORRECT RESULTS

$$(111)_2 + (001)_2 = (\overset{\text{DISCARD}}{\times}000)_2$$

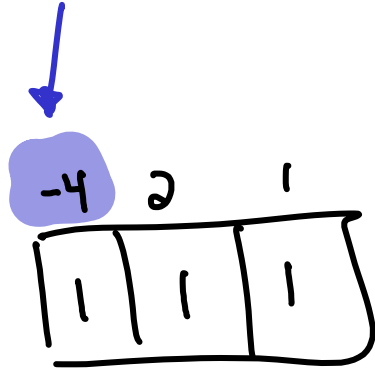
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$$-3 + 1 = 0$$



Two's complement: A better way to store negative numbers

Big idea: the most significant (biggest) place value is negative, all others are positive



$$-4 + 2 + 1 = -1$$

Example: 3-bit two's complement

|     |    |   |
|-----|----|---|
| 100 | -4 | ↑ |
| 101 | -3 | ↑ |
| 110 | -2 | ↑ |
| 111 | -1 | ↑ |
| 000 | 0  |   |
| 001 | 1  |   |
| 010 | 2  |   |
| 011 | 3  |   |

Two's complement is equivalent to unsigned for non-negative values



# TWO'S COMPLEMENT, PROBLEMS SOLVED

UNIQUE  
ZERO

$$(000)_2 = 0$$



OUR OPERATIONS YIELD CORRECT<sup>★</sup>  
RESULTS

$$(111)_2 + (001)_2 = (\text{DISCARD } 1000)_2$$

$$-1 + 1 = 0$$



★ Assumes that correct result may be represented (more later)

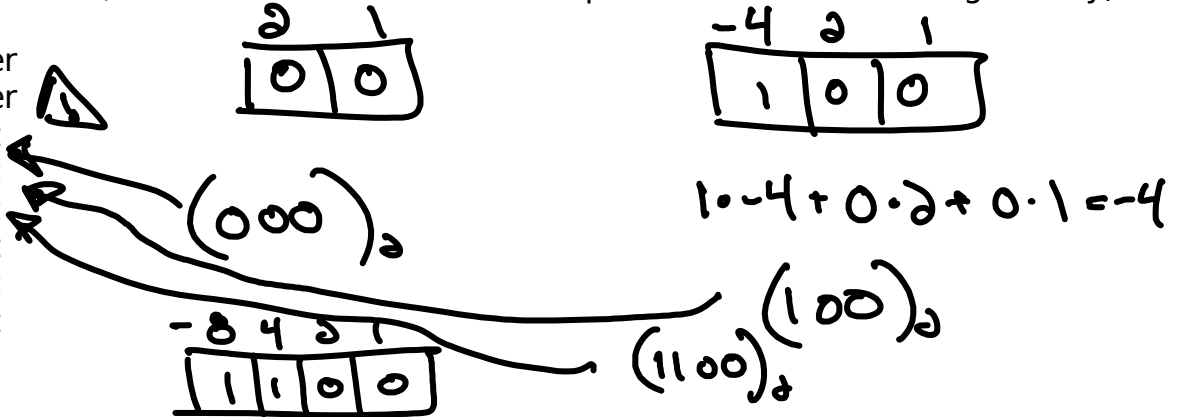
(111)<sub>2</sub>

## In Class Activity:

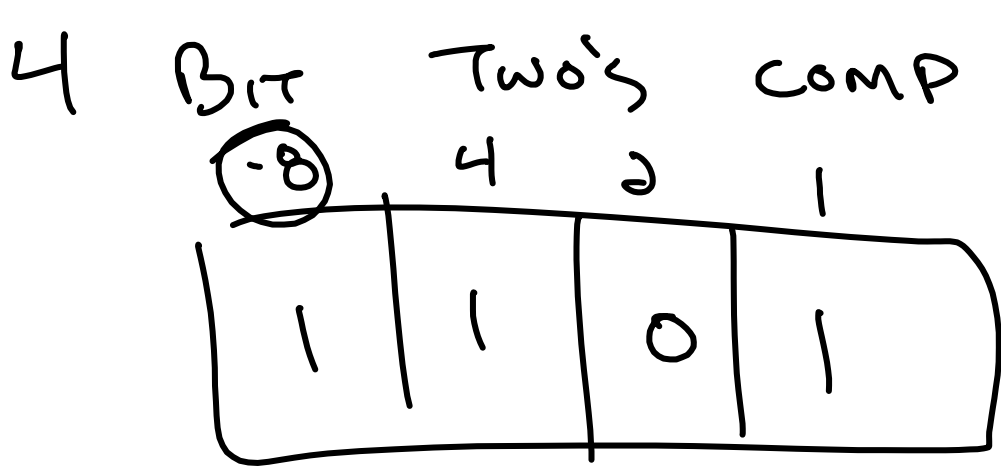
If possible, convert each of the following values to the given number system. If not possible, justify why.

(Use guess-and-check as needed, a reliable decimal-to-2's-complement method coming shortly)

- 0 unsigned 2 bit integer
- 2 unsigned 3 bit integer
- 0 3 bit 2's complement
- 4 3 bit 2's complement
- 4 4 bit 2's complement
- 5 4 bit 2's complement
- 10 4 bit 2's complement
- 3 4 bit 2's complement



(++) What does the 2's complement idea look like in a base which isn't 2? Does it also have the properties we love so much in binary (unique zero, addition operations still work)?

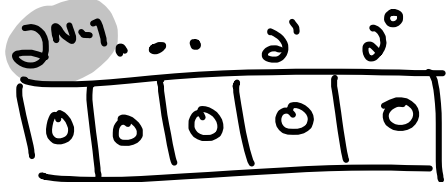


5 (0101)<sub>2</sub>  
 10  $\triangle$   
 -3 (1101)<sub>2</sub>

(0111)<sub>2</sub> = 7 is BIGGEST  
 4 BIT 2'S COMP

# What values can we represent with N bits?

Unsigned Integers



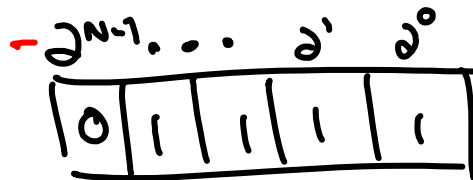
SMALLEST VALUE

$$(00000000)_2 = 0$$

LARGEST VALUE

$$(11111111)_2 = 2^N - 1$$

Two's Complement



SMALLEST VALUE

$$-2^{N-1}$$

LARGEST VALUE

$$(01111111)_2 = 2^{N-1} - 1$$

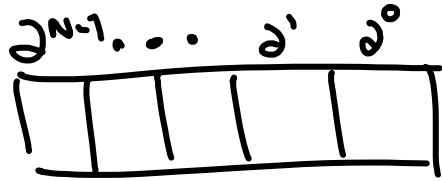
$$2^{N-1} + \dots + 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + \underline{1} + \underline{1}$$

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$$= 2 \cdot 2^{N-1} = 2^N$$

# What values can we represent with N bits? (representability)

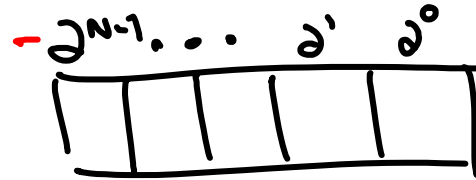
Unsigned Integers



SMALLEST VALUE  
0

LARGEST VALUE  
 $2^N - 1$

Two's Complement



SMALLEST VALUE  
 $-2^{N-1}$

LARGEST VALUE  
 $2^{N-1} - 1$

4 BIT  
2's COMP

$$-2^{4-1} = -8$$

$$2^{4-1} - 1 = 7$$

We can represent all whole values from smallest to largest (including smallest & largest)  
(we won't justify this)

# Overflow

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 4 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (111)_2 = 7$$

Overflow: the outcome of an operation can't be represented in the given number system

example from earlier in lesson:

$$(111)_2 + (001)_2 = (\text{X}000)_2$$

7 + 1 = 8 as 3 bit values

$$7 + 1 = 8 \quad \text{Discard}$$

overflow since 8 can't be represented as a 3-bit value

$$-1 + 1 = 0$$

UNSIGNED

2's COMP



Common misconception:

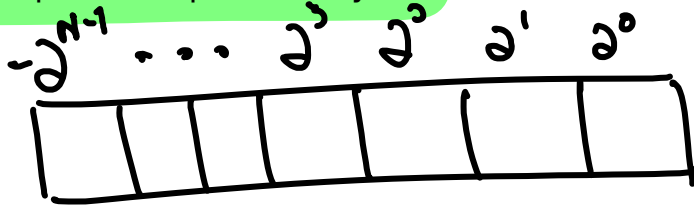


There are times when we discard a bit but result is correct (no overflow occurs)

punchline: don't conflate discarding the bit with overflow

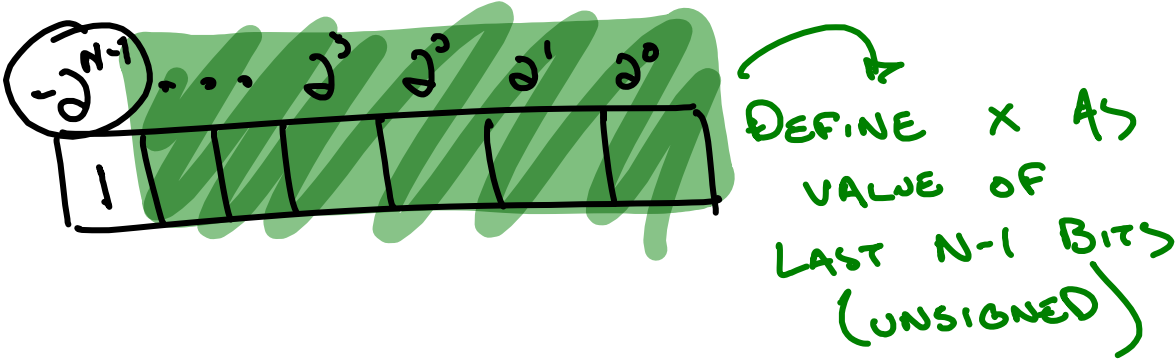


## Decimal to N-bit two's complement: preliminary



1. Validate that value can be represented as N-bit two's complement (see "representability")
2. If value is non-negative, its the same as N bit unsigned integer methods:
  - subtract largest power of two
  - Euclid's Division Algorithm
3. If value is negative: see "x" method on next slide

## Decimal to N-bit two's complement: "x" method for negative representable values



$$\text{VALUE} = -2^{N-1} + X$$

SO THAT

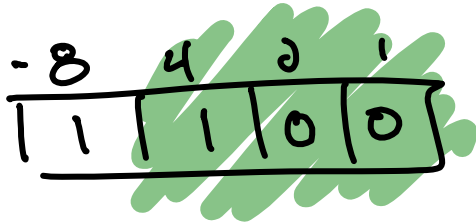
$$X = \text{VALUE} + 2^{N-1}$$

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- Solve for X
- Represent X as N-1 bit unsigned int
- Append a leading 1 to indicate the  $-2^{N-1}$

"X" METHOD EXAMPLE

Express -4 AS 4 BIT TWO'S COMPLEMENT



$$-4 = -8 + x$$

$$4 = x$$

## In Class Activity 2

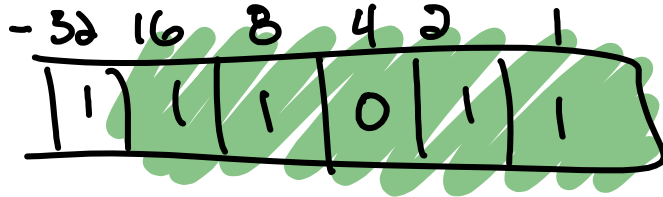
If possible, express each of the following as a 6 bit two's complement value. Use the "x" method where possible.

SMALLEST  
LARGEST

$$-2^{N-1} = -2^{6-1} = -32$$

$$2^{N-1} - 1 = 2^{6-1} - 1 = 31$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \\ 5 \\ \hline 32 \end{array}$$



$$-32 + X = -5$$

$$X = 27$$

$$= 16 + 8 + 2 + 1$$

$$(000101)_2$$

① REPRESENTABLE?

② IF NON-NEG,  
USE UNSIGNED  
(ITS SAME)

③  $-2^{N-1} + X = \text{VALUE}$

$$(111011)_2 = -5$$

(floating point if time)

## Floating Point: Representing non-whole values

To express 12.345, rewrite it as:

$$12.345 = \underbrace{12345}_{\substack{\text{significantand} \\ \text{(AKA MANTISSA)}}} \times \underbrace{10^{-3}}_{\text{base}}^{\text{exponent}}$$

big idea: the significand and exponent will always be whole values and we can store those!

A few notes about the "base"

- isn't the same base the number system for significand & exponent number system  
(you can use base 10, as shown, and still store significand & exponent in binary)
- no need to store floating point base per individual value

192.123

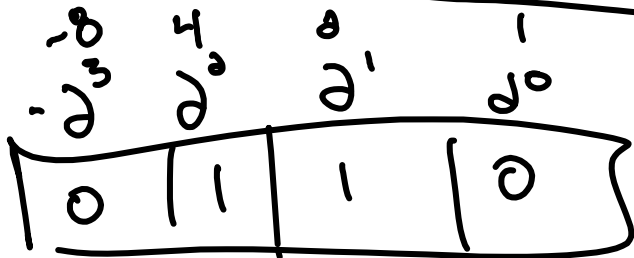
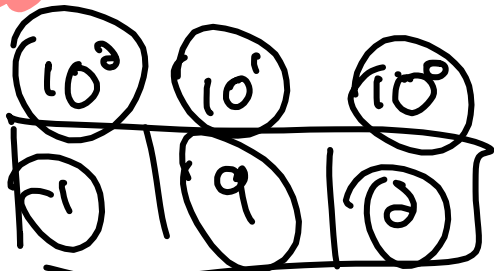
| $10^2$ | $10^1$ | $10^0$ | $10^{-1}$ | $10^{-2}$ | $10^{-3}$ |
|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1      | 9      | 2      | 1         | 2         | 3         |

A.BC  $16^0$   $16^{-1}$   $16^{-2}$

|  |  |  |
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$$10 + \frac{11}{16} + \frac{12}{256}$$

$$192 = 1 \cdot 100 + 9 \cdot 10 + 2 \cdot 1$$



$$0 + 4 + 2 + 0 = 6 = (0110)_2$$