

Binary Arithmetic

CS 2130: Computer Systems and Organization 1

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Announcement

- My Office Hours (Rice 310 Or Zoom: https://virginia.zoom.us/j/3627787726)
 - Monday: 1 PM 2 PM
 - Wednesday: 1 PM 3 PM
- TA Office Hours starting today
- Homework 1 available Friday, due September 15, 2025



Binary

2 digits: 0, 1

Try to turn 1100101₂ into base-10



Binary method 2:

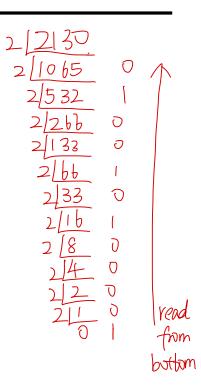
Any downsides to binary?

Turn 2130_{10} into base-2:

hint: find largest power of 2 and subtract

method 1:

$$2'' 2'' 2^9 2^8 2^7 2^6 2^5 2^4 2^3 2^2 2' 2^9$$
 $2048 1924 512 245 128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1$
 $1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0$
 $2130 -2048 = 82$
 $82 - 64 = 18$
 $18 - 16 = 2$





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- In decimal, use commas:,
- Numbers between commas: 000 999
- Effectively base-1000

$$\Rightarrow |x|000^2 + 234 \times |000'| + 567 \times |000'|$$

- Typical to group by 3 or 4 bits
- No need for commas *Why?*

In binary, grouping by 3 or 4 already gives us a fix-size block that maps to another digit system.



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- How many do we need for groups of $3? 2^3 = 8 (000 | | |)$

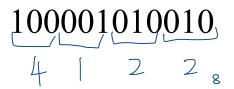
binary	decimal	octal
000	0	0
001		
010	2	2
011	3	3
100	4	4
101	5	5
110	6	6
	7	7



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- How many symbols do we need for groups of 4?
- Converts binary to hexadecimal
- Base-16 is very common in computing



Hexadecimal

Need more than 10 digits. What next?

bnam	deamal	hez decima	nl
0000	O	V	
0001	1		
0010	2	2	
0011	3	3	
0100	4	4	
0 1 0 1	5	<u> </u>	
0110	6	0	
0 1	7		
1000	8	8	
1001	9	9	
1010	(0	A	
1011	1	<u> </u>	
1100	(2	<u></u>	
1101	13	D	
1110	14	Ē	
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2 exercises:

1. hexderimal to binary:

2. broary to herdeamal



Hexadecimal Exercise

Consider the following hexadecimal number:

852dab1e

Is it even or odd?

check the right-most bit!



Using Different Bases in Code

	like C	like Java, Python, C#	
	Old Languages	New Languages	
binary	no way	0b 01010011	
octal	073	00 735 (zero and a letter 'o')	
decimal	2 30	2130	
hexadecimal	Ox 3af	Ox 3af	



Binary Addition

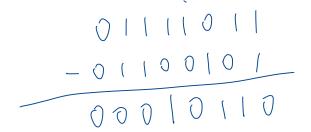
$$01101011 + 01100101$$

Range for an 8-bit number:



Binary Subtraction

01111011 - 01100101





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- Is there something missing?



Negative Integers

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- Can we use the minus sign?
- In binary we only have 2 symbols, must do something else!



Two's Complement

The scheme is called Two's Complement

Why do we need Two's Complement?

- We want the computer to represent both positive and negative numbers.
- And we want addition and subtraction to use the *same* hardware (just one adder), instead of building a separate "subtractor."

How does it work?

- The **leftmost bit (MSB)** is treated as negative.
 - In normal binary: the leftmost bit is +128 (for 8-bit).
 - In two's complement: the leftmost bit is -128.
- That's why $10000000_2 = -128$ instead of +128.

