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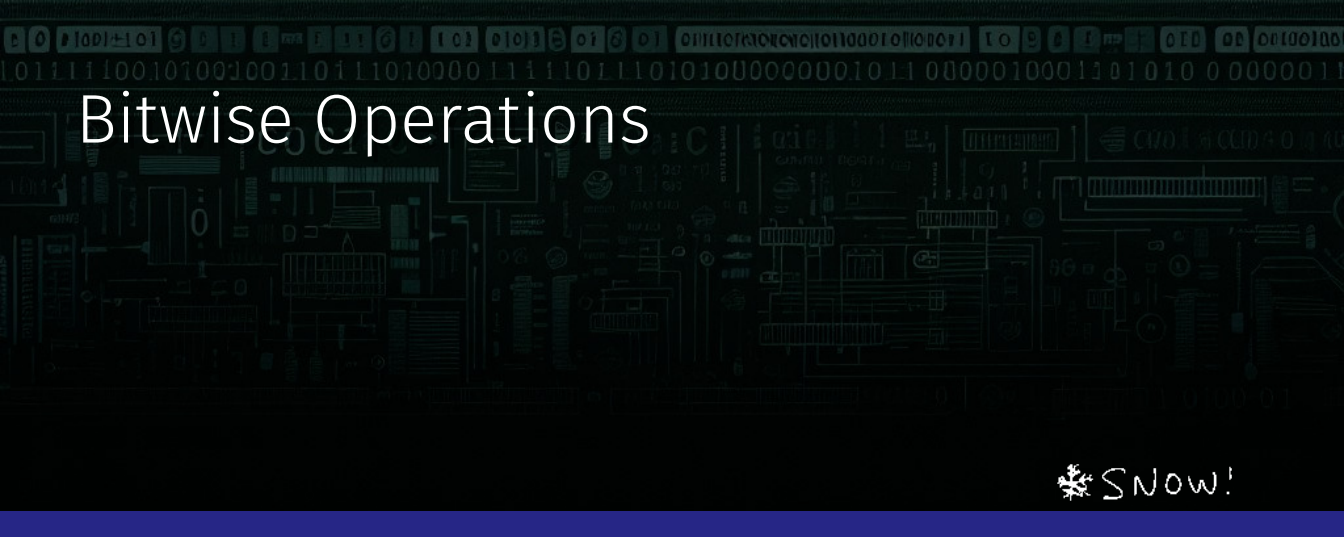

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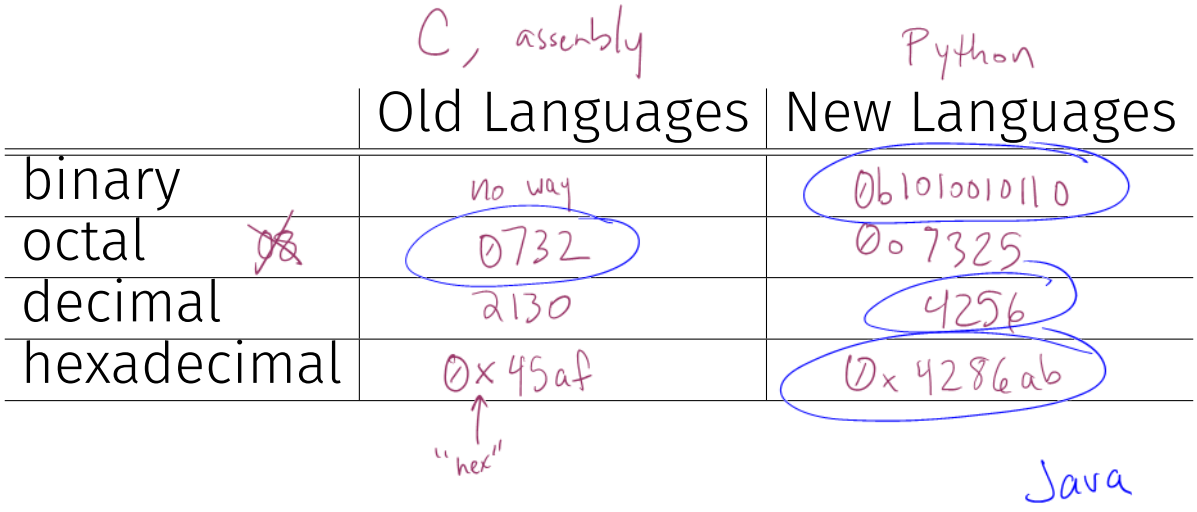

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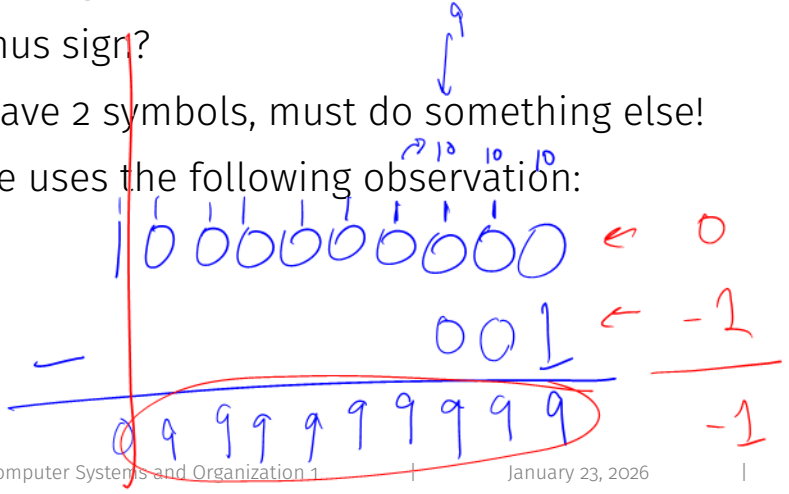

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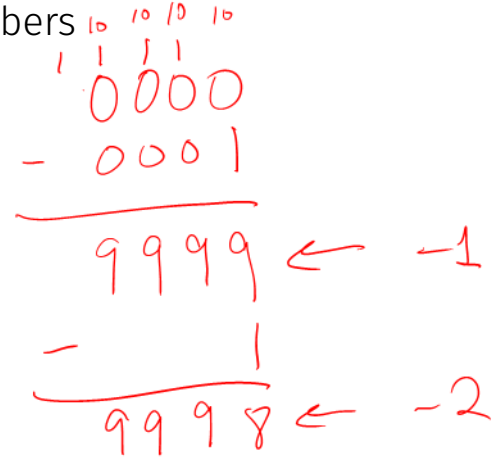

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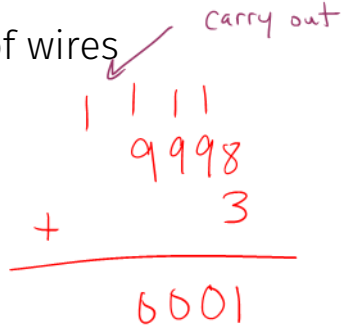

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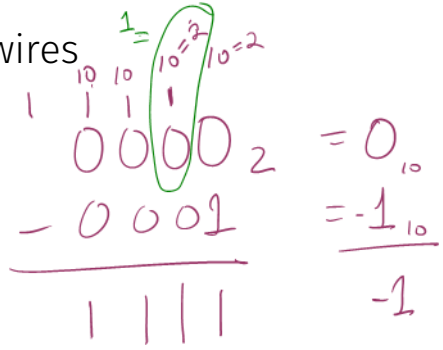
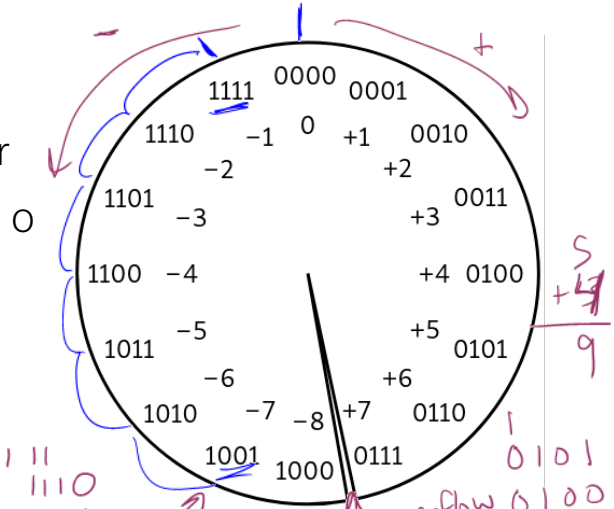


Two's Complement

This scheme is called **Two's Complement**

- More generically, a *signed* integer
- There is a break as far away from 0 as possible
- First bit acts vaguely like a minus sign
- Works as long as we do not pass number too large to represent



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Values of Two's Complement Numbers

Consider the following 8-bit binary number in Two's Complement:

11010011

What is its value in decimal?

- how far is it from 0?
- how far is it from -1?

1111 1111 − 1101 0011 = 0010 1100

-1 − 45 = 44

0010 1100 + 1 = 0010 1101 = 45

32 16 8 4 2 1

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Consider the following 8-bit binary number in Two's Complement:

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What is its value in decimal?

1. Flip all bits
2. Add 1

Addition

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  1111
  01001010
+ 01111100
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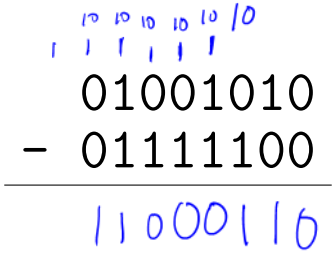
 11000110
```

overflow

Subtraction



Operations

So far, we have discussed:

- Addition: $x + y$
  - Can get multiplication
- Subtraction: $x - y$
  - Can get division, but more difficult
- Unary minus (negative): $-x$
  - Flip the bits and add 1

Operations (on Integers)

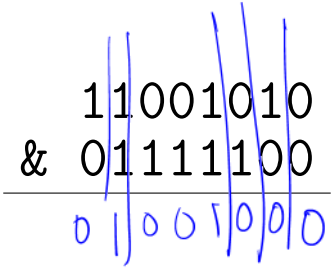
Bit vector: fixed-length sequence of bits (ex: bits in an integer)

- Manipulated by bitwise operations

Bitwise operations: operate over the bits in a bit vector

- Bitwise not: `~x` - flips all bits (unary)
- Bitwise and: `x & y` - set bit to 1 if x, y have 1 in same bit
- Bitwise or: `x | y` - set bit to 1 if either x or y have 1
- Bitwise xor: `x ^ y` - set bit to 1 if x, y bit differs

Example: Bitwise AND



Example: Bitwise OR

```
  11001010
| 01111100
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```

Example: Bitwise XOR

```
  11001010
^ 01111100
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```

Your Turn!

What is: `0x1a ^ 0x72`