Bitwise Operations
Floating Point Numbers

CS 2130: Computer Systems and Organization 1

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Announcements

- Homework 1 due February 2, 2026
- Lab 2 tomorrow! (watch Canvas announcements for updates)

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

Your Turn!

What is: `0x1a ^ 0x72`

Operations (on Integers)

- Logical not: $!x$
  - $!0 = 1$ and $!x = 0, \forall x \neq 0$
  - Useful in C, no booleans
  - Some languages name this one differently

Operations (on Integers)

- Left shift: $x << y$ - move bits to the left
  - Effectively multiply by powers of 2
- Right shift: $x >> y$ - move bits to the right
  - Effectively divide by powers of 2
  - Signed (extend sign bit) vs unsigned (extend 0)

Left Bit-shift Example

`01011010 << 2`

Right Bit-shift Example

`01011010 >> 3`

Bit-shift

Computing bit-shift effectively multiplies/divides by powers of 2

Consider decimal:

$$2130 <<_{10} 2 = 213000 = 2130 \times 100$$

$$2130 >>_{10} 1 = 213 = 2130 \;/\; 10$$

Right Bit-shift Example 2

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11001010 >> 1
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For **signed** integers, extend the sign bit (1)

- Keeps negative value (if applicable)
- Approximates divide by powers of 2

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Bit fiddling example

subtract: Given x and y, set z to x - y without using - or multi-bit constants.

What about other kinds of numbers?

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Challenge! only 2 symbols in binary

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  - First digit can only be 1

Floating Point in Binary

We must store 3 components

- **sign** (1-bit): 1 if negative, 0 if positive
- **fraction** or **mantissa**: (?-bits): bits after binary point
- **exponent** (?-bits): how far to move binary point

We do not need to store the value before the binary point. Why?

Floating Point in Binary

How do we store them?

- Originally many different systems
- IEEE standardized system (IEEE 754 and IEEE 854)
- Agreed-upon order, format, and number of bits for each

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Example

A rough example in Decimal:

$$6.42 \times 10^3$$

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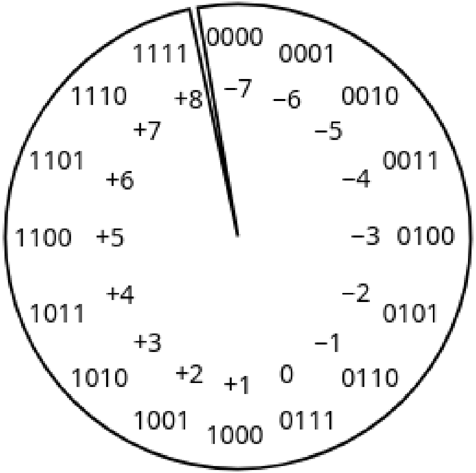
- Biased integers
  - Make comparison operations run more smoothly
  - Hardware more efficient to build
  - Other valid reasons

Biased Integers

Similar to Two's Complement, but add **bias**

- **Two's Complement**: Define 0 as 00...0
- **Biased**: Define 0 as 0111...1
- Biased wraps from 000...0 to 111...1



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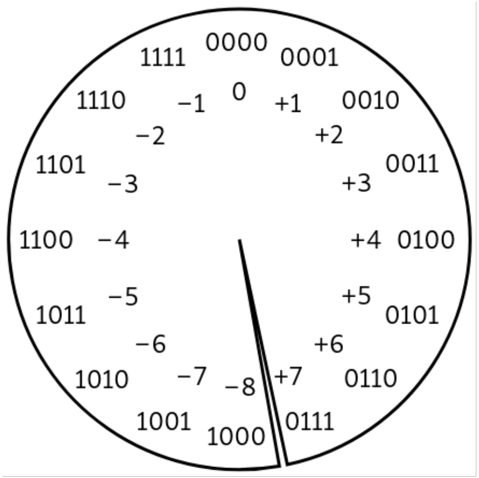
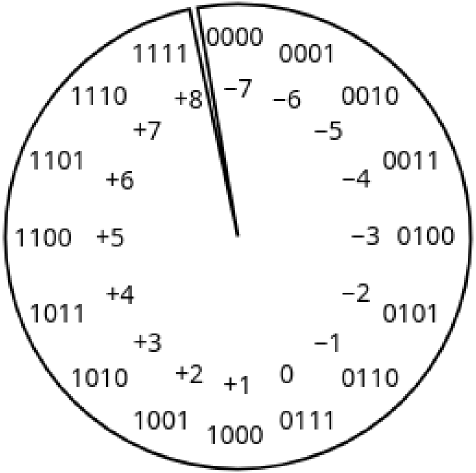


Two’s Complement



Biased

Biased Integers Example

Calculate value of biased integers (4-bit example)

0010

Biased Integers

Floating Point Example

$$101.011_2$$

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Floating Point Example

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What about 0?

Floating Point Numbers

Four cases:

- **Normalized**: What we have seen today

$$s\ eeee\ ffff = \pm 1.ffff \times 2^{eeee - \text{bias}}$$

- **Denormalized**: Exponent bits all 0

$$s\ eeee\ ffff = \pm 0.ffff \times 2^{1 - \text{bias}}$$

- **Infinity**: Exponent bits all 1, fraction bits all 0 (i.e., $\pm\infty$)
- **Not a Number (NaN)**: Exponent bits all 1, fraction bits not all 0