



Introduction to Digital Design

Week 2: Number System

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Overview

- Common number systems
 - Common number systems include: Decimal, Binary, Octal, Hexadecimal.
- Base conversion
 - For convenience, people use other bases (like decimal, hexadecimal) and we need to know how to convert from one to another.
- Arithmetic
 - How to add, subtract, multiply, etc.
- Negative numbers
 - There are more than one way to express a number in binary. So 1010 could be -2, -5 or -6 and need to know which one.

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Common Number Systems

System	Base	Symbols	Used by humans?	Used in computers?
Decimal	10	0, 1, ... 9	Yes	No
Binary	2	0, 1	No	Yes
Octal	8	0, 1, ... 7	No	No
Hexa-decimal	16	0, 1, ... 9, A, B, ... F	No	No

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Quantities/Counting (1 of 3)

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexa-decimal
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
2	10	2	2
3	11	3	3
4	100	4	4
5	101	5	5
6	110	6	6
7	111	7	7

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Quantities/Counting (2 of 3)

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexa-decimal
8	1000	10	8
9	1001	11	9
10	1010	12	A
11	1011	13	B
12	1100	14	C
13	1101	15	D
14	1110	16	E
15	1111	17	F

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Quantities/Counting (3 of 3)

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexa-decimal
16	10000	20	10
17	10001	21	11
18	10010	22	12
19	10011	23	13
20	10100	24	14
21	10101	25	15
22	10110	26	16
23	10111	27	17

Etc.

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Oct Example: Linux Permissions

- Linux default permissions
 - File (7), directory (6).
 - Each bit in the octal umasks "takes away" a permission.
- Octal umask values
 - 0 : read, write and execute
 - 1 : read and write
 - 2 : read and execute
 - 3 : read only
 - 4 : write and execute
 - 5 : write only
 - 6 : execute only
 - 7 : no permissions

Octal	Perms
0	rwx
1	rw-
2	r-X
3	r--
4	-wX
5	-w-
6	--X
7	---

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Base Sixteen: Another Base Used by Designers

hex	binary	hex	binary
0	0000	8	1000
1	0001	9	1001
2	0010	A	1010
3	0011	B	1011
4	0100	C	1100
5	0101	D	1101
6	0110	E	1110
7	0111	F	1111

- Nice because each position represents four base-two positions
 - Compact way to write binary numbers
- Known as *hexadecimal*, or just *hex*

Q: Write 11110000 in hex

F0

Q: Convert hex A01 to binary

1010 0000 0001

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Hex Example: RFID Tag

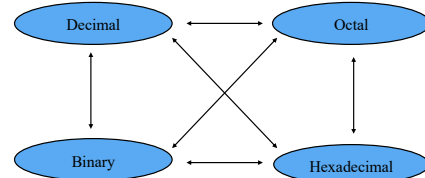
- Batteryless tag powered by radio field
 - Transmits unique identification number
- Example: 32 bit id
 - 8-bit province number, 8-bit country number, 16-bit animal number
 - Tag contents are in binary
 - But programmers use hex when writing/reading



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Conversion Among Bases

- The possibilities:



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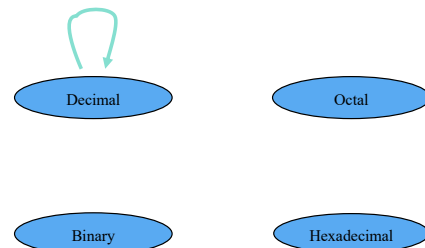
Quick Example

$$25_{10} = 11001_2 = 31_8 = 19_{16}$$

Base

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Decimal to Decimal (just for fun)



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125₁₀ =>

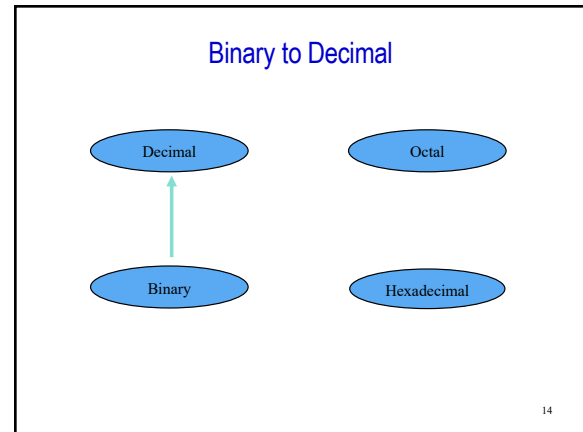
5	$\times 10^0$	=	5
2	$\times 10^1$	=	20
1	$\times 10^2$	=	100
			125

Weight

Base

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- Binary to Decimal
- Technique
 - Multiply each bit by 2^n , where n is the "weight" of the bit
 - The weight is the position of the bit, starting from 0 on the right
 - Add the results
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- Technique Explained
- Just add weights
 - 1₂ is just 1×2^0 , or 1₁₀.
 - 110₂ is $1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$, or 6₁₀. We might think of this using base ten weights: $1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 0 \times 1$, or 6.
 - 10000₂ is $1 \times 16 + 0 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1$, or 16₁₀.
 - 10000111₂ is $1 \times 128 + 1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 = 135$ ₁₀. Notice this time that we didn't bother to write the weights having a 0 bit.
 - 00110₂ is the same as 110₂ above — the leading 0's don't change the value.
- Useful to know powers of 2:
- | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2^8 | 2^7 | 2^6 | 2^5 | 2^4 | 2^3 | 2^2 | 2^1 | 2^0 |
| 512 | 256 | 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
- Practice counting up by powers of 2:
- | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 512 | 256 | 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
- 16

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Example

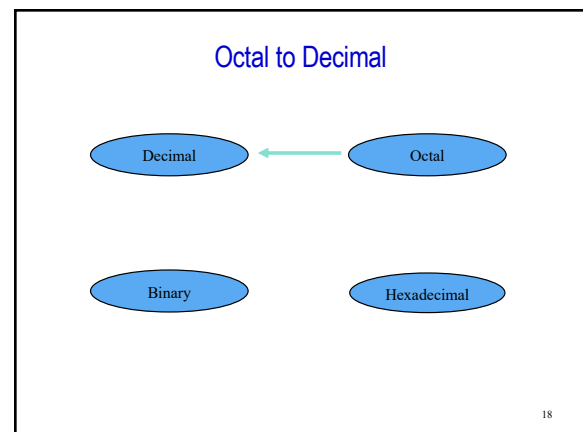
101011₂ =>

1	$\times 2^0$	=	1
1	$\times 2^1$	=	2
0	$\times 2^2$	=	0
1	$\times 2^3$	=	8
0	$\times 2^4$	=	0
1	$\times 2^5$	=	32
			43 ₁₀

Bit "0"

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Octal to Decimal

- Technique
 - Multiply each bit by 8^n , where n is the “weight” of the bit
 - The weight is the position of the bit, starting from 0 on the right
 - Add the results

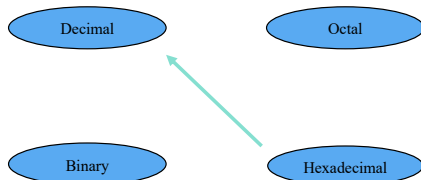
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Example

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 724_8 \Rightarrow & 4 \times 8^0 = & 4 \\
 & 2 \times 8^1 = & 16 \\
 & 7 \times 8^2 = & \underline{448} \\
 & & 468_{10}
 \end{array}$$

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Hexadecimal to Decimal



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Hexadecimal to Decimal

- Technique
 - Multiply each bit by 16^n , where n is the “weight” of the bit
 - The weight is the position of the bit, starting from 0 on the right
 - Add the results

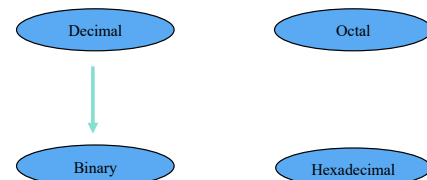
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Example

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 ABC_{16} \Rightarrow & C \times 16^0 = 12 \times 1 = & 12 \\
 & B \times 16^1 = 11 \times 16 = & 176 \\
 & A \times 16^2 = 10 \times 256 = & \underline{2560} \\
 & & 2748_{10}
 \end{array}$$

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Decimal to Binary



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Using Sum

- Put 1 in leftmost place without sum exceeding number
- Track sum

	Desired decimal number: 12	Current sum	Binary number
(a)	16 > 12, too big; Put 0 in 16's place	0	$\frac{0}{16} \frac{8}{8} \frac{4}{4} \frac{2}{2} \frac{1}{1}$
(b)	8 ≤ 12, so put 1 in 8's place, current sum is 8	8	$\frac{0}{16} \frac{1}{8} \frac{4}{4} \frac{2}{2} \frac{1}{1}$
(c)	8+4=12 ≤ 12, so put 1 in 4's place, current sum is 12	12	$\frac{0}{16} \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{4} \frac{2}{2} \frac{1}{1}$
(d)	Reached desired 12, so put 0s in remaining places	done	$\frac{0}{16} \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{4} \frac{0}{2} \frac{0}{1}$

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Using Sum

- Example using a more compact notation

Desired decimal number: 23	Binary number
sum: 0	$\frac{1}{16} \frac{0}{8} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1}$
(a) 16	
(b) 16	
(c) 20	
(d) 22	
(e) 23	

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Using Long Division

- Technique
 - Divide by two, keep track of the remainder
 - First remainder is bit 0 (LSB, least-significant bit)
 - Second remainder is bit 1
 - Etc.

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Example

$125_{10} = ?_2$

2	125	
2	62	1
2	31	0
2	15	1
2	7	1
2	3	1
2	1	1
2	0	1

$125_{10} = 1111101_2$

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Example: DIP-Switch Controlled Channel

- Ceiling fan receiver should be set in factory to respond to channel "73"
- Convert 73 to binary, set DIP switch accordingly

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Octal to Binary

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Octal to Binary

- Technique
 - Convert each octal digit to a 3-bit equivalent binary representation

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Example

$$705_8 = ?_2$$

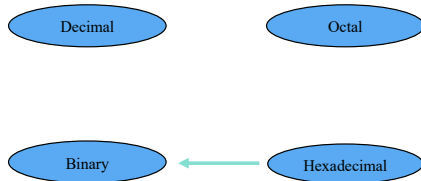
7 0 5
 ↓ ↓ ↓
 111 000 101

$$705_8 = 111000101_2$$

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Hexadecimal to Binary



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Hexadecimal to Binary

- Technique
 - Convert each hexadecimal digit to a 4-bit equivalent binary representation

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Example

$$10AF_{16} = ?_2$$

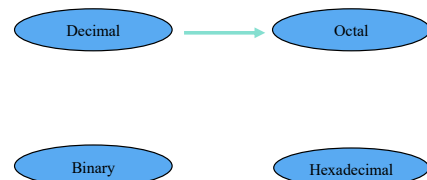
1 0 A F
 ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
 0001 0000 1010 1111

$$10AF_{16} = 0001000010101111_2$$

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Decimal to Octal



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Decimal to Octal

- Technique
 - Divide by 8
 - Keep track of the remainder

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Example

$$1234_{10} = ?_8$$

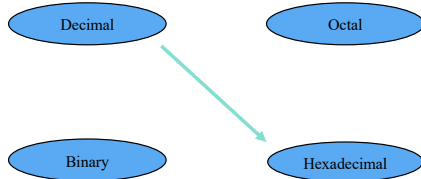
8		1234	
8		154	2
8		19	2
8		2	3
		0	2

$$1234_{10} = 2322_8$$

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Decimal to Hexadecimal



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Decimal to Hexadecimal

- Technique
 - Divide by 16
 - Keep track of the remainder

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Example

$$1234_{10} = ?_{16}$$

16		1234	
16		77	2
16		4	13 = D
		0	4

$$1234_{10} = 4D2_{16}$$

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Decimal to Hexadecimal

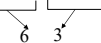
- Easy method: convert to binary first, then binary to hex

Convert 99 base 10 to hex

First convert to binary:

0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

Then binary to hex:

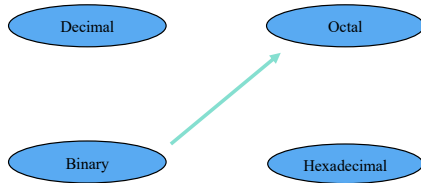


(Quick check: $6 \times 16 + 3 \times 1 = 96 + 3 = 99$)

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Binary to Octal



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Binary to Octal

- Technique
 - Group bits in threes, starting on right
 - Convert to octal digits

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Example

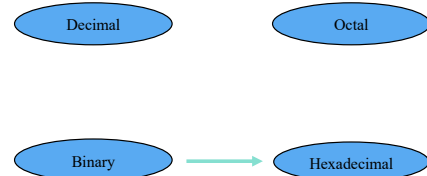
 $1011010111_2 = ?_8$

 $1011010111_2 = 1327_8$

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Binary to Hexadecimal



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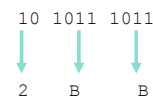
Binary to Hexadecimal

- Technique
 - Group bits in fours, starting on right
 - Convert to hexadecimal digits

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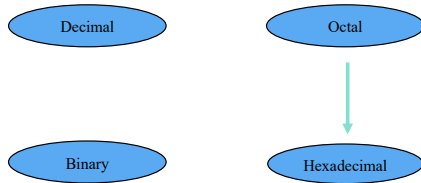
Example

 $1010111011_2 = ?_{16}$

 $1010111011_2 = 2BB_{16}$

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Octal to Hexadecimal



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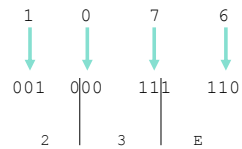
Octal to Hexadecimal

- Technique
 - Use binary as an intermediary

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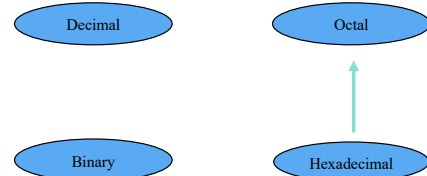
Example

 $1076_8 = ?_{16}$  $1076_8 = 23E_{16}$

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Hexadecimal to Octal



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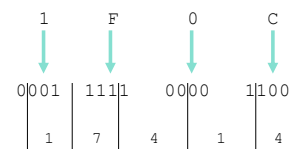
Hexadecimal to Octal

- Technique
 - Use binary as an intermediary

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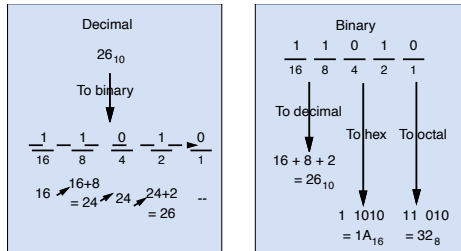
Example

 $1F0C_{16} = ?_8$  $1F0C_{16} = 17414_8$

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Converting To/From Binary by Hand: Summary



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Example Video: Convert from Hex to Binary

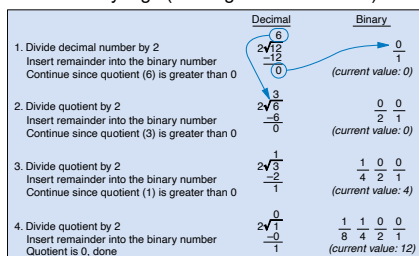
- [Video link.](#)

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Divide-By-2 Method Common in Automatic Conversion

- Repeatedly divide decimal number by 2, place remainder in current binary digit (starting from 1s column)



Note:
Works for
any base
N—just
divide by
N instead

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Example Video: Convert from Decimal to Binary

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Exercise – Convert ...

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexa-decimal
33			
	1110101		
		703	
			1AF

Don't use a calculator!

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Exercise – Convert ...

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexa-decimal
33	100001	41	21
117	1110101	165	75
451	111000011	703	1C3
431	110101111	657	1AF



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Common Powers (1 of 2)

- Base 10

Power	Preface	Symbol	Value
10^{12}	pico	p	.000000000001
10^9	nano	n	.000000001
10^6	micro	μ	.000001
10^3	milli	m	.001
10^3	kilo	k	1000
10^6	mega	M	1000000
10^9	giga	G	1000000000
10^{12}	tera	T	1000000000000

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Common Powers (2 of 2)

- Base 2

Power	Preface	Symbol	Value
2^{10}	kilo	k	1024
2^{20}	mega	M	1048576
2^{30}	Giga	G	1073741824

- What is the value of “k”, “M”, and “G”?
- In computing, particularly w.r.t. memory, the base-2 interpretation generally applies

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Review – multiplying powers

- For common bases, add powers

$$a^b \times a^c = a^{b+c}$$

$$2^6 \times 2^{10} = 2^{16} = 65,536$$

or...

$$2^6 \times 2^{10} = 64 \times 2^{10} = 64k$$

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Binary Addition (1 of 2)

- Two 1-bit values

A	B	A + B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	10

"two"

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Binary Addition (2 of 2)

- Two n -bit values
 - Add individual bits
 - Propagate carries
 - E.g.,

$$\begin{array}{r} \overset{1}{10101} \quad \overset{1}{21} \\ + \overset{1}{11001} \quad + \overset{1}{25} \\ \hline 101110 \quad 46 \end{array}$$

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Multiplication (1 of 3)

- Decimal (just for fun)

$$\begin{array}{r} 35 \\ \times 105 \\ \hline 175 \\ 000 \\ \hline 35 \\ \hline 3675 \end{array}$$

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Multiplication (2 of 3)

- Binary, two 1-bit values

A	B	A × B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

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Multiplication (3 of 3)

- Binary, two n -bit values
 - As with decimal values
 - E.g.,

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1110 \\
 \times 1011 \\
 \hline
 1110 \\
 1110 \\
 0000 \\
 1110 \\
 \hline
 10011010
 \end{array}$$

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Fractions

- Decimal to decimal (just for fun)

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 3.14 \Rightarrow & 4 \times 10^{-2} = & 0.04 \\
 & 1 \times 10^{-1} = & 0.1 \\
 & 3 \times 10^0 = & 3 \\
 & \hline
 & & 3.14
 \end{array}$$

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Fractions

- Binary to decimal

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 10.1011 \Rightarrow & 1 \times 2^{-4} = & 0.0625 \\
 & 1 \times 2^{-3} = & 0.125 \\
 & 0 \times 2^{-2} = & 0.0 \\
 & 1 \times 2^{-1} = & 0.5 \\
 & 0 \times 2^0 = & 0.0 \\
 & 1 \times 2^1 = & 2.0 \\
 & \hline
 & & 2.6875
 \end{array}$$

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Fractions

- Decimal to binary

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 3.14579 & \xrightarrow{\text{integer part}} & 11.001001\dots \\
 & \xrightarrow{\text{fractional part}} & .14579 \\
 & \xrightarrow{\text{fractional part}} & .29158 \\
 & \xrightarrow{\text{fractional part}} & .58316 \\
 & \xrightarrow{\text{fractional part}} & .16632 \\
 & \xrightarrow{\text{fractional part}} & .33264 \\
 & \xrightarrow{\text{fractional part}} & .66528 \\
 & \xrightarrow{\text{fractional part}} & .33056 \\
 & & \text{etc.}
 \end{array}$$

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Exercise – Convert ...

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexa-decimal
29.8			
	101.1101		
		3.07	
			C.82

Don't use a calculator!

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Exercise – Convert ...

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexa-decimal
29.8	11101.110011...	35.63...	1D.CC...
5.8125	101.1101	5.64	5.D
3.109375	11.000111	3.07	3.1C
12.5078125	1100.10000010	14.404	C.82



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Negative Numbers

- How do we write negative binary numbers?
- Historically: 3 approaches
 - Sign-and-magnitude
 - Ones-complement
 - Twos-complement
- For all 3, the most-significant bit (MSB) is the sign digit
 - 0 $\equiv$ positive
 - 1 $\equiv$ negative
- twos-complement is the important one
 - Simplifies arithmetic
 - Used almost universally

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Sign-and-magnitude

- The most-significant bit (MSB) is the sign digit
 - 0 $\equiv$ positive
 - 1 $\equiv$ negative
- The remaining bits are the number's magnitude
- Problem 1: Two representations for zero
 - 0 = 0000 and also -0 = 1000

Add		Subtract		Compare and subtract	
4	0100	4	0100	0100	- 4
+ 3	+ 0011	- 3	+ 1011	- 0011	+ 3
= 7	= 0111	= 1	$\neq$ 1111	= 0001	- 1
					$\neq$ 1111
					= 1001

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Ones-complement

- Negative number: Bitwise complement positive number
 - 0011 $\equiv$ 3₁₀
 - 1100 $\equiv$ -3₁₀

- Solves the arithmetic problem

Add	Invert, add, add carry	Invert and add
4 0100	4 0100	- 4 1011
+ 3 + 0011	- 3 + 1100	+ 3 + 0011
= 7 = 0111	= 1 1 0000	- 1 1110
	add carry: +1	
	= 0001	

- Remaining problem: Two representations for zero
 - 0 = 0000 and also -0 = 1111

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Twos-complement

- Negative number: Bitwise complement **plus one**
 - 0011 $\equiv$ 3₁₀
 - 1101 $\equiv$ -3₁₀

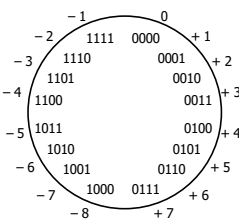
- Number wheel

◆ Only one zero!

◆ MSB is the sign digit

■ 0 $\equiv$ positive

■ 1 $\equiv$ negative



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Twos-complement (con't)

- Complementing a complement $\rightarrow$ the original number
- Arithmetic is easy
 - Subtraction = negation and addition
 - Fast to implement in hardware

Add	Invert and add	Invert and add
4 0100	4 0100	- 4 1100
+ 3 + 0011	- 3 + 1101	+ 3 + 0011
= 7 = 0111	= 1 1 0001	- 1 1111
	drop carry = 0001	

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Miscellaneous

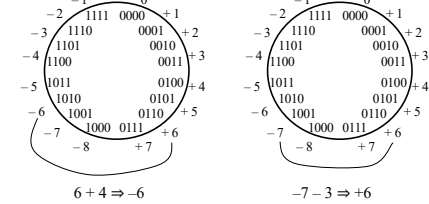
- Two's-complement of non-integers
 - $1.6875_{10} = 01.1011_2$
 - $-1.6875_{10} = 10.0101_2$
- Sign extension
 - Write +6 and -6 as two's complement
 - 0110 and 1010
 - Sign extend to 8-bit bytes
 - 0000110 and 11111010
- Can't infer a representation from a number
 - 11001 is 25 (unsigned)
 - 11001 is -9 (sign magnitude)
 - 11001 is -6 (ones complement)
 - 11001 is -7 (two's complement)

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Two's-complement overflow

- Summing two positive numbers gives a negative result
- Summing two negative numbers gives a positive result



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Gray and BCD codes

Decimal Symbols	Gray Code
0	0000
1	0001
2	0011
3	0010
4	0110
5	0111
6	0101
7	0100
8	1100
9	1101

Decimal Symbols	BCD Code
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111
8	1000
9	1001

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- Base conversion
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- Arithmetics
 - How to add, subtract, multiply, etc.
- Negative numbers
 - There are more than one way to express a number in binary. So 1010 could be -2, -5 or -6 and need to know which one.

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