Lecture 1

Number Systems

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Number Systems

• We are familiar with decimal number system.

Ex) $19 = 1 \times 10^{1} + 9 \times 10^{0} = (19)_{10}$

- 1 and 9 are called coefficients and 10 is called the base.
- Bin, oct and hex means 2, 8 and 16, respectively.
- Binary systems have a base 2. Octal and hexadecimal systems have base 8 and 16, respectively.

 $(101)_2 = 1x2^2 + 0x2^1 + 1x2^0$

Notes on Number Systems

• A coefficient cannot be larger than or equal to base.

Ex) $(201)_2$ is a wrong representation.

• To represent a hexadecimal number, we need new symbols for 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. For them, we use A, B, C, D, E, and F.

Ex) $(26)_{10} = (1A)_{16}$

- In this class, we will use binary number most frequently. So if a number does not have a base, that means the number is a binary number in this class.
- Later, we will use hexadecimal number frequently too.

Conversion across Different Number Systems

• The conversion from decimal number to a binary number ?

Ex) Convert 144_{10} to a binary number.

1) Find the largest power of 2 < 144. $2^5 = 32$ (too small), $2^6 = 64$ (too small), $2^7 = 128$ (maybe), $2^8 = 256$ (too large). Yes! The answer is $1x2^7 + ?$.

2) Find the largest power of $2 < 144 - 2^7 = 16$ $2^4 = 16$. Yes! The answer is $1x2^7 + 1x2^4 + ?$.

3) Find the largest power of $2 < 144 - 2^7 - 1x2^4 = 0$. We are done.

4) The final answer is $10010000 = 1x2^7 + 1x2^4$

• This is ok but there is a better way.

Systematic Conversion across Different Number Systems

• The conversion from decimal number to a binary number ?

Ex) Convert 144_{10} to a binary number.



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Conversion Examples

- Convert 1011 to a decimal number.
- Convert 201₁₀ to a binary number.
- Convert 110011 to a hexadecimal number. (This is very easy)

Conversion of numbers smaller than 1

• Ex) Convert 0.5₁₀ to a binary number.

$$0.5_{(10)} = 0.a_{-1}a_{-2}a_{-3}... = 2^{-1}a_{-1} + 2^{-2}a_{-2} + 2^{-3}a_{-3} + ...$$
$$0.5_{(10)} = 2^{-1} * 1 = (0.1)_2$$

Interesting observation!

0.5 * 2 = 1, this 1 corresponds to a_{-1}

How to find a_{-i}'s systematically?

Systematic Conversion of numbers smaller than 1

$$(0.6875)_{10} = ()_2$$

$$0.3750^{*}2 = 0 + 0.7500$$
 $a_{-2} = 0$

$$0.7500^{*}2 = 1 + 0.5000$$
 $a_{-3} = 1$

$$(0.6875)_{10} = (0.1011)_2$$

Unsigned Numbers and Signed Numbers

- Unsigned numbers are all positive numbers.
- Unsigned numbers cannot express a negative number.
- Signed number can express both positive and negative numbers.
- Then, how to express negative numbers?







Signed-Magnitude Numbers

• A signed-magnitude number consists of one sign bit and magnitude bits. You have to determine the number of magnitude bits.



• Typically, MSB (Most Significant Bit) is used for the sign bit and if MSB is 1, that means the number is negative.

0001 (+1) 1001 (-1)

- It looks simple.
- But subtraction is not so simple to implement as a hardware.
- There is a better way.

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Two's Complement

• In two's complement system, there is still a sign bit.



- For positive numbers, there are no difference between signed-maginitude representation and two's complement representation.
- For negative numbers, take its magnitude and do the following. Let's assume that we want to represent -9.



Arithmetic Operations Using Two's Complement

• We can ignore the sign during operations just like they are unsigned numbers.



Subtractions Using Two's Complement

- Because A B = A + (-B), we can use addition for subtraction instead.
- Instead of A B, compute A + (-B). Here (-B) is the two's complement of B.



Overflow

• For two *n* magnitude digit number's addition/subtraction, if the result occupies more than *n* digit, we say an overflow is occurred.

0111	7	1001	-7
+ 0110	+ 6	+ 1110	+ - 2
1101	13	0111	-9
3 mag. digit		3 mag. digit	

- How do you know if there was an overflow?
 - An addition of two numbers with different sign cannot result in an overflow.
 - A subtraction of two numbers with same sign cannot result in an overflow.

Overflow Detection

If the carry into the sign-bit and the carry out of the sign-bit are different, an overflow occurs.



Sign-Extension of a Two's Complement Number

• Suppose you have two numers of different bits.

	1101	-3
+	1100 0000	+ - 64
	1100 1101	-51 (X)

• Why? You changed the sign of small bit numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1101 \\ + 1100 \ 0000 \\ \hline 1100 \ 1101 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 0000 \ 1101 \\ + 1100 \ 0000 \\ \hline 1100 \ 1101 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 13 \\ - 64 \\ \hline -51 \end{array}$$

• How to fix it? You have to move the sign bit to new position and fill the empty bits with the sign bit.