

# Number system and conversions (section 1.4 of textbook)

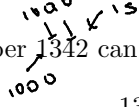
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## 1 Place value number system

A decimal number 1342 can be written as



$$\begin{aligned} 1342 &= 1 \times 1000 + 3 \times 100 + 4 \times 10 + 2 \times 1 \\ &= 1 \times 10^3 + 3 \times 10^2 + 4 \times 10^1 + 2 \times 10^0. \end{aligned}$$

Decimal numbers are said to be of base (or radix) 10. One can generalize this idea to arbitrary base (or radix)  $r$ . The same number expressed in some other base  $r$  will have a very different value:

$$(1342)_r = 1 \times r^3 + 3 \times r^2 + 4 \times r^1 + 2 \times r^0.$$

In general the *value* of a arbitrary  $n$ -digit number  $d_{n-1}d_{n-2} \dots d_1d_0$  in base  $r$  is:

$$(d_{n-1}d_{n-2} \dots d_1d_0)_r = d_{n-1} \times r^{n-1} + d_{n-2} \times r^{n-2} + \dots + d_1 \times r^1 + d_0 \times r^0 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} d_k r^k$$

Each digit value is always smaller than base  $d_k \leq r - 1$ .

## 2 Binary numbers

Numbers with base 2 are called binary numbers. For example, the number  $(10110)_2$  has value:

$$\begin{aligned} (10110)_2 &= 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 \\ &= 22. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 1** Convert the following binary numbers to decimal:  $(11110)_2$ ,  $(100111)_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (11110)_2 &= 1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \\ &= 30_{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (100111)_2 &= 1 \times 2^5 + 0 + 0 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \\ &= 39_{10} \end{aligned}$$

**Conversion from decimal to binary** The value is in decimal because we find it easy to do calculations in decimal numbers. Decimal values can be converted back to Binary representation by *repeated division* by 2 while noting down the remainder. Allow me to use / sign to denote both quotient and remainder after division. Let's convert  $(22)_{10}$  back to binary:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 22/2 = (11, 0) & 11 \text{ is the quotient and } 0 \text{ is the remainder} \\
 11/2 = (5, 1) & 5 \text{ is the quotient and } 1 \text{ is the remainder} \\
 5/2 = (2, 1) & \\
 2/2 = (1, 0) & \\
 1/2 = (0, 1) & 
 \end{array}$$

Read the remainders from bottom to top and write them as left to right, to form the resultant binary number  $(22)_{10} = (10110)_2$ .

**Problem 2** Find the binary representation for decimal numbers: 123 and 89. Show your work.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 123_{10} = (1111011)_2 \\
 89_{10} = (1011001)_2
 \end{array}$$

### 3 Hexadecimal numbers

Numbers with base 16 are called Hexadecimal numbers. From 0 to 9 the symbols are same as decimal numbers. From 10 to 15, Hexadecimal numbers use A to F.

$$A = 10, B = 11, C = 12, D = 13, E = 14, F = 15$$

. Example,  $(10AD)_{16} = 1 \times 16^3 + 10 \times 16^1 + 13 = 4096 + 160 + 13 = 4269$ .

### 4 Octal numbers

Numbers with base 8 are called octal numbers. Example,  $(354)_8 = 3 \times 8^2 + 5 \times 8 + 4 = 192 + 40 + 4 = 236$ .

### 5 Hexadecimal/octal to binary and vice-versa

Normally, if you have to convert between a number of base  $r_1$  to a number of base  $r_2$ , we will have to convert it via decimal numbers. Convert from base  $r_1$  to decimal and then from decimal to  $r_2$ .

Since Hexadecimal base 16 is an exact power of 2 ( $16 = 2^4$ ). Conversion between Hexadecimal to binary is easy. You can group 4 binary digits from right to left and convert each group of 4 binary digits to a single Hexadecimal digit and back. Example,  $(10110)_2 = (0001.0110)_2 = (16)_{16}$ . To convert back. Take example,  $(10AD)_{16} = (0001.0000.1010.1101)_2 = (1.0000.1010.1101)_2$ .

**Problem 3** Find the binary and decimal values of the following Hexadecimal numbers  $(A25F)_{16}$ ,  $(F0F0)_{16}$ .

Handwritten notes for Problem 3:

- $16 = 2^4$
- $16^3 = 4096$
- $16^2 = 256$
- $F = 1111$
- $5 = 0101$
- $2 = 0010$
- $A = 1010$
- $F0F0_2 = 1111000011110000$
- $(1010 \ 0010 \ 0101 \ 1111)_2$
- 20 831
- 4567

$$16 = 2^4$$

$$8 = 2^3$$

Similarly octal to binary can proceed by grouping 3-binary digits at a time. Example,  $(354)_8 = (011\ 101\ 100)_2$ .

**Problem 4** Find the binary and decimal values of the following Octal numbers  $(3751)_8$  and  $(722)_8$ .

$$(3751)_8 = (011\ 111\ 101\ 001)_2$$

0-7

$$= 3 \times 8^3 + 7 \times 8^2 + 5 \times 8^1 + 1 \times 8^0$$

Binary  $\rightarrow$  ? Octal

$$101\ 000$$

## 6 Signed binary numbers

Signed numbers include both negative and positive numbers. There three common signed number representations

1. Sign magnitude representation  $\longrightarrow$
2. One's complement
3. Two's complement



### 6.1 Sign-magnitude representation

The Most significant (left most) bit (binary digit) represents sign (0 = + and 1 = -), the rest represent the magnitude. Example, a 5-bit number  $(11010)_2$  in signed magnitude representation has the value of  $(-1010)_2 = -10$ . Note that +10 has to be represented by a leading 0 at the most significant bit (MSB)  $+10 = (01010)_2$ . Hence, the number of bits have to be specified.

**Problem 5** • Write down all possible 4-digit binary numbers and corresponding decimal values if they are in signed magnitude format? What is the minimum and maximum value?

- What is the minimum and maximum value of n-digit signed binary number in sign-magnitude format?

| 4-digit Binary | Decimal |
|----------------|---------|
| 0000           | = +0    |
| 0001           | = +1    |
| 0010           | = +2    |
| 0011           | = +3    |
| 0100           | = +4    |
| 0101           | = +5    |
| 0110           | = +6    |
| 0111           | = +7    |
| 1000           | = -0    |
| 1001           | = -1    |
| 1010           | = -2    |
| 1011           | = -3    |
| 1100           | = -4    |
| 1101           | = -5    |
| 1110           | = -6    |
| 1111           | = -7    |

$(0000)_2 = (1000)_2$   
 n-digit  $2^{n-1} - 1$   
 Max  $2^3 - 1$   
 Min  $-(2^3 - 1)$   $-(2^{n-1} - 1)$

$$\left( \underline{1101} \ \underline{1100} \right)_2 \longrightarrow \left( \quad \right)_{8=2^3}$$

$$\left( \underbrace{011}_3 \ \underbrace{011}_3 \ \underbrace{100}_4 \right)_2 \longrightarrow \left( 3 \ 3 \ 4 \right)_8$$

Number system to the base 3

0, 1, 2

$$(13)_{10} = (111)_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 + 4 \\ 3^2 + 3^1 + 1 \\ 1 \cdot 3^2 + 1 \cdot 3^1 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

|   |    |   |
|---|----|---|
| 3 | 13 |   |
| 3 | 4  | 1 |
| 3 | 1  | 1 |
|   | 0  | 1 |

$$(13)_{10} = \left( \quad \right)_8$$

$$\left( 111 \right)_{(62)} = 8^2 \longrightarrow \left( \quad \right)_{10}$$

## 6.2 One's complement representation

In one's complement representation, the negative number is obtained by flipping all the bits of the corresponding positive number. Example, a 5-bit one's complement of  $+10 = (01010)_2$  is  $(10101)_2 = -10$ . Note that flipping bits is equivalent to subtracting the number from  $(11111)_2$ , hence the name.

$$+10 = (01010)_2$$

**Problem 6** • Write down all possible 4-digit binary numbers and corresponding decimal values if they are in sign magnitude format? What is the minimum and maximum value?

- What is the minimum and maximum value of  $n$ -digit signed binary number in one's complement?

|      |      |
|------|------|
| 0000 | = +0 |
| 0001 | = +1 |
| 0010 | = 2  |
| 0011 | .    |
| 0100 | = 4  |
| 0101 | .    |
| 0110 | .    |
| 0111 | = +7 |
| 1000 | = -7 |
| 1001 | = -6 |
| 1010 | = -5 |
| 1011 | = -4 |
| 1100 | = -3 |

$$\begin{aligned} 1101 &= -2 \\ 1110 &= -1 \\ 1111 &= -0 \end{aligned}$$

$$4 + (-5) = -1$$

$$0100 + 1010$$

$$= 1110 = -1$$

$$(1010)_2 = -(0101)_2 = -5$$

1's comp

## 6.3 Two's complement representation

In two's complement representation, the  $n$ -digit negative number is obtained by subtracting the positive number from  $2^n$ . Example, two's complement of 5-digit binary number  $+10 = (01010)_2$  is  $2^5 - 10 = 22 = (11000)_2$ . An easier algorithm to get two's complement goes via one's complement. Note that  $(11111)_2 = 2^5 - 1$ . We can get two's complement by adding 1 to one's complement. To get two's complement:

1. Flip all the bits
2. Add 1 to the number

**Problem 7** • Write down all possible 4-digit binary numbers and corresponding decimal values if they are in two's complement format? What is the minimum and maximum value?

- What is the minimum and maximum value of  $n$ -digit signed binary number in two's complement?

**Problem 8** Determine the decimal values of the following 1's complement 6-digit binary numbers :

1. 01101110
2. 10101101

**Problem 9** Determine the decimal values of the following 2's complement 6-digit numbers :

1. 01011110
2. 10010111

**Problem 10** Convert the decimal numbers 73, 23, -17, and -163 into signed 8-bit numbers in the following representations:

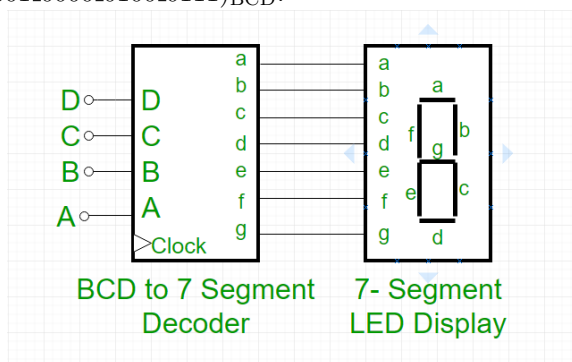
1. Sign and magnitude
2. 1's complement
3. 2's complement

## 7 Addition and subtraction of different signed representations

**Problem 11** Convert the decimal numbers  $-17$  and  $+23$  into the three different representations of 6-digit signed binary numbers and try adding them. What adjustments will you need to make to get the right result's ( $23-17=6$ ) binary representation.

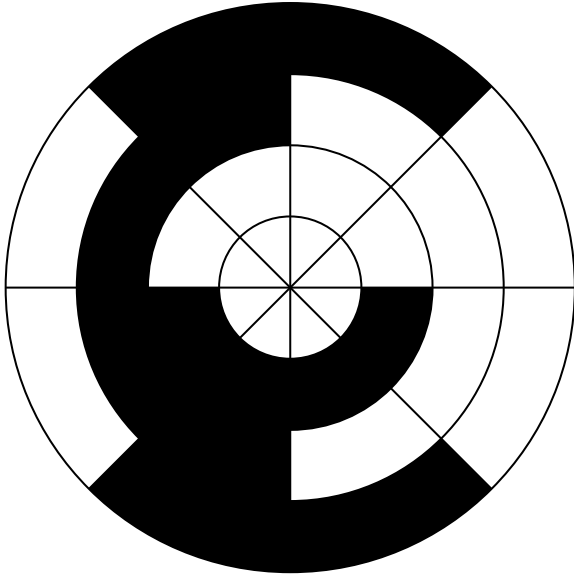
## 8 Binary coded decimal

In Binary coded decimal (BCD), each decimal digit is represented by 4 bits. For example,  $1047 = (0001_0000_0100_0111)_{\text{BCD}}$ .



## 9 Gray code

A sequence of binary numbers that only change by 1 bit with increment of 1.



**Problem 12** Write all possible 3-bit binary numbers in gray-code