

# ELEC2041 Microprocessors and Interfacing

## Lecture 7: Number Systems - II

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## Overview

- Signed Numbers: 2's Complement representation
- Addition, Subtraction and Comparison in 2's Complement
- Comparison in signed and unsigned numbers
- Condition code flags
- Characters and Strings

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## Limits of Computer Numbers

- Bits can represent anything!
- Characters?
  - 26 letter => 5 bits
  - upper/lower case + punctuation => 7 bits (in 8) (ASCII)
  - rest of the world's languages => 16 bits (unicode)
- Logical values?
  - 0 -> False, 1 => True
- colors ?
- locations / addresses? commands?
- but N bits => only  $2^N$  things

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## Review: Two's Complement Formula

- Recognizing role of sign bit, can represent positive and negative numbers in terms of the bit value times a power of 2:
  - $d_{31} \times -2^{31} + d_{30} \times 2^{30} + \dots + d_2 \times 2^2 + d_1 \times 2^1 + d_0 \times 2^0$
- Example
  - 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1100<sub>two</sub>
  - $= 1 \times -2^{31} + 1 \times 2^{30} + 1 \times 2^{29} + \dots + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$
  - $= -2^{31} + 2^{30} + 2^{29} + \dots + 2^2 + 0 + 0$
  - $= -2,147,483,648_{ten} + 2,147,483,644_{ten}$
  - $= -4_{ten}$

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## Review: Two's complement shortcut: Negation

- Invert every 0 to 1 and every 1 to 0, then add 1 to the result

- Sum of number and its inverted representation must be  $(111...111)_{\text{two}} = -1_{\text{ten}}$

- Let  $x'$  mean the inverted representation of  $x$

- Then  $x + x' = -1 \Rightarrow x + x' + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x' + 1 = -x$

000011

+111100

111111

- Example: -4 to +4 to -4

X : XXXXXXXXXXXX two  
 X' : XXXXXXXXXXXX two  
 +1 : XXXXXXXXXXXX two  
 ( )' : XXXXXXXXXXXX two  
 +1 : XXXXXXXXXXXX two

## Two's Complement's Arithmetic Example

- Example:  $20 - 4 = 16$

- $20 - 4 == 20 + (-4)$

XXXXXXXXXXXX 0100 two -  
XXXXXXXXXXXX 0100 two

X : XXXXXXXXXXXX two +  
 -Y : XXXXXXXXXXXX two  
 X + (-Y) : XXXXXXXXXXXX two

Ignore Carry out

## Two's Complement's Arithmetic Example

- Example:  $-2,147,483,648 - 2 = -2,147,483,650$  ?

X : XXXXXXXXXXXX two -  
 Y : XXXXXXXXXXXX two

X : XXXXXXXXXXXX two +  
 -Y : XXXXXXXXXXXX two  
 X + (-Y) : XXXXXXXXXXXX two

OVERFLOW

0111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1110 two  
 = 2,147,483,646 ten  
 ≠ -2,147,483,650 ten

## Signed vs. Unsigned Numbers

- C declaration `int`

- Declares a signed number
- Uses two's complement

- C declaration `unsigned int`

- Declares an unsigned number
- Treats 32-bit number as unsigned integer, so most significant bit is part of the number, not a sign bit

- NOTE:

- Hardware does all arithmetic in 2's complement.
- It is up to programmer to interpret numbers as signed or unsigned.
- Hardware provide some information to interpret numbers as signed or unsigned (check Slides 11-13!)

## Overflow for Two's Complement Numbers?

- Adding (or subtracting) 2 32-bit numbers can yield a result that needs 33 bits
  - sign bit set with **value** of result instead of proper **sign** of result
  - since need just 1 extra bit, only sign bit can be wrong

Overflow Conditions

Op	A	B	Result
A + B	>=0	>=0	<0
A + B	<0	<0	>=0
A - B	>=0	<0	<0
A - B	<0	>=0	>=0

- When adding operands with different signs (subtracting with same signs) Overflow cannot occur

## Signed vs. Unsigned Comparisons

- X = 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1100<sub>two</sub>
- Y = 0011 1011 1001 1010 1000 1010 0000 0000<sub>two</sub>

- Is X > Y?

- unsigned: YES
- signed: NO

- Converting to decimal to check

- Signed comparison:  
-4<sub>ten</sub> < 1,000,000,000<sub>ten</sub>?
- Unsigned comparison:  
4,294,967,292<sub>ten</sub> > 1,000,000,000<sub>ten</sub>?

## Signed v. Unsigned Comparisons (Hardware Help)

- X = 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1100<sub>two</sub>
- Y = 0011 1011 1001 1010 1000 1010 0000 0000<sub>two</sub>
- Is X > Y? Do the Subtraction X - Y and check result

$$\begin{array}{r}
 X = 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1100_{two} \\
 Y = 0011\ 1011\ 1001\ 1010\ 1000\ 1010\ 0000\ 0000_{two} \\
 \hline
 X = 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1100_{two} \\
 - Y = 1100\ 0100\ 0110\ 0101\ 0111\ 0110\ 0000\ 0000_{two} \quad \text{---Y in 2's complement} \\
 \hline
 R = 1100\ 0100\ 0110\ 0101\ 0111\ 0101\ 1111\ 1100_{two} \quad \text{Result in 2's complement}
 \end{array}$$

Carry out

1 -ve sign indicates X is NOT greater than Y  
 carry out indicates X is greater than Y if numbers were unsigned.

## Status Flags in Program Status Register CPSR



Copies of the ALU status flags (latched for some instructions).

### \* Condition Code Flags

N = Negative result from ALU flag.

Z = Zero result from ALU flag.

C = ALU operation Carried out

V = ALU operation oVerflowed (carry into the msb ≠ carry out of msb)

### ARM Terminology:

GT (Greater)

X > Y (signed Arithmetic)

HI (Higher)

X > Y (unsigned Arithmetic)

## Condition Flags

Flags	Arithmetic Instruction
Negative (N='1')	Bit 31 of the result has been set Indicates a negative number in signed operations
Zero (Z='1')	Result of operation was zero
Carry (C='1')	Result was greater than 32 bits
Overflow (V='1')	Result was greater than 31 bits Indicates a possible corruption of the sign bit in signed numbers

31      28 27                      8 7 6 5 4      0  
 N Z C V      unused      I F T      mode

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## “What’s This Stuff Good For?”

- **Bow-Lingual Dog Translator coming:**  
Dog lovers can finally discover what their dogs were saying with a US\$120 gadget called Bowlingual, a device that translates a dog's barks into words.  
Home Alone Mode records your dog's emotions while you're out at work all day. Also includes a Body Language Translation Mode, a Training Mode and a Medical Reference Mode. Uses 5 "AAA" batteries, included.



Although inventions such as this may seem unnecessary and frivolous, they're often based on serious science. For example, Bowlingual uses voiceprint technology to create digital representations of sounds.

**What inventions, whether serious or silly, would you like to see in the next 10 years?**

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/biztech/03/24/tech.dogs.language.reut/>

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## Kilo, Mega, Giga, Tera, Peta, Exa, Zetta, Yotta

[physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/binary.html](http://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/binary.html)

- **Common use prefixes (all SI, except K [= k in SI])**

Name	Abbr	Factor	SI size
Kilo	K	2 <sup>10</sup> = 1,024	10 <sup>3</sup> = 1,000
Mega	M	2 <sup>20</sup> = 1,048,576	10 <sup>6</sup> = 1,000,000
Giga	G	2 <sup>30</sup> = 1,073,741,824	10 <sup>9</sup> = 1,000,000,000
Tera	T	2 <sup>40</sup> = 1,099,511,627,776	10 <sup>12</sup> = 1,000,000,000,000
Peta	P	2 <sup>50</sup> = 1,125,899,906,842,624	10 <sup>15</sup> = 1,000,000,000,000,000
Exa	E	2 <sup>60</sup> = 1,152,921,504,606,846,976	10 <sup>18</sup> = 1,000,000,000,000,000,000
Zetta	Z	2 <sup>70</sup> = 1,180,591,620,717,411,303,424	10 <sup>21</sup> = 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
Yotta	Y	2 <sup>80</sup> = 1,208,925,819,614,629,174,706,176	10 <sup>24</sup> = 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000

- **Confusing!** Common usage of “kilobyte” means 1024 bytes, but the “correct” SI value is 1000 bytes
- **Hard Disk manufacturers & Telecommunications** are the only computing groups that use SI factors, so what is advertised as a 30 GB drive will actually only hold about 28 x 2<sup>30</sup> bytes, and a 1 Mbit/s connection transfers 10<sup>6</sup> bps.

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## kibi, mebi, gibi, tebi, pebi, exbi, zebi, yobi

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary\\_prefix](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary_prefix)

- **New IEC Standard Prefixes [only to exbi officially]**

Name	Abbr	Factor
kibi	Ki	2 <sup>10</sup> = 1,024
mebi	Mi	2 <sup>20</sup> = 1,048,576
gibi	Gi	2 <sup>30</sup> = 1,073,741,824
tebi	Ti	2 <sup>40</sup> = 1,099,511,627,776
pebi	Pi	2 <sup>50</sup> = 1,125,899,906,842,624
exbi	Ei	2 <sup>60</sup> = 1,152,921,504,606,846,976
zebi	Zi	2 <sup>70</sup> = 1,180,591,620,717,411,303,424
yobi	Yi	2 <sup>80</sup> = 1,208,925,819,614,629,174,706,176

**As of this writing, this proposal has yet to gain widespread use...**

- **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in 1999 introduced these to specify binary quantities.**
  - Names come from shortened versions of the original SI prefixes (same pronunciation) and *bi* is short for “binary”, but pronounced “bee” :-)
  - Now SI prefixes only have their base-10 meaning and never have a base-2 meaning.

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## The way to remember #s

- How much is  $2^{34}$  Bytes? **Answer!  $2^{XY}$  means...  $2^Y \times 2^X$**

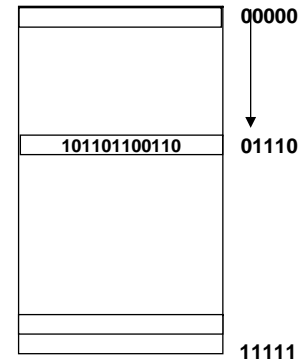
$X=0 \Rightarrow \text{---}$	$Y=0 \Rightarrow 1$
$X=1 \Rightarrow \text{kibi} = 2^{10} \sim 10^3$	$Y=1 \Rightarrow 2$
$X=2 \Rightarrow \text{mebi} = 2^{20} \sim 10^6$	$Y=2 \Rightarrow 4$
$X=3 \Rightarrow \text{gibi} = 2^{30} \sim 10^9$	$Y=3 \Rightarrow 8$
$X=4 \Rightarrow \text{tebi} = 2^{40} \sim 10^{12}$	$Y=4 \Rightarrow 16$
$X=5 \Rightarrow \text{pebi} = 2^{50} \sim 10^{15}$	$Y=5 \Rightarrow 32$
$X=6 \Rightarrow \text{exbi} = 2^{60} \sim 10^{18}$	$Y=6 \Rightarrow 64$
$X=7 \Rightarrow \text{zebi} = 2^{70} \sim 10^{21}$	$Y=7 \Rightarrow 128$
$X=8 \Rightarrow \text{yobi} = 2^{80} \sim 10^{24}$	$Y=8 \Rightarrow 256$
	$Y=9 \Rightarrow 512$

**$2^{34}$  Bytes =  $2^4 \times \text{gibi Bytes} = 16\text{Gi Bytes}$**

- How many bits do we need for 2.5 Ti Bytes? (i.e., what's  $\text{ceil } \log_2 = \lg$  of 2.5 Ti Bytes)

**$2.5 \text{ Ti Bytes} \rightarrow \lg(2.5 \times \text{Ti Bytes}) = \lg(2.5) + \lg(\text{Ti})$   
 $= 2 + 40 = 42 \text{ bits}$**

## Numbers are stored at addresses



- Memory is a place to store bits
- A word is a fixed number of bits (eg, 32) at an address
  - also fixed no. of bits
- Addresses are naturally represented as unsigned numbers

## Sign Extension

- Consider:

**$1111 = -1$  in 4-bit representation**

**$1111 \ 1111 = -1$  in 8-bit representation**

**$1111 \ 1111 \ 1111 \ 1111 = -1$  in 16-bit representation**

**2's comp. negative number has infinite 1s**

**$0111 = 7$  in 4-bit representation**

**$0000 \ 0111 = 7$  in 8-bit representation**

**$0000 \ 0000 \ 0000 \ 0111 = 7$  in 16-bit representation**

**• 2's comp. positive number has infinite 0s**

**Bit representation hides leading bits**

## Two's comp. shortcut: Sign extension

- Convert 2's complement number using  $n$  bits to more than  $n$  bits
- Simply replicate the most significant bit (sign bit) of smaller to fill new bits
  - 2's comp. positive number has infinite 0s
  - 2's comp. negative number has infinite 1s
  - Bit representation hides leading bits; sign extension restores some of them
  - 16-bit  $-4_{\text{ten}}$  to 32-bit:

$1111 \ 1111 \ 1111 \ 1100_{\text{two}}$   
 $1111 \ 1111 \ 1111 \ 1111 \ 1111 \ 1111 \ 1111 \ 1100_{\text{two}}$

## Beyond Integers (Characters)

- 8-bit bytes represent characters, nearly every computer uses American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)

No.	char	No.	char	No.	char	No.	char	No.	char	No.	char
32		48	0	64	@	80	P	96	`	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
...		...		...		...		...		...	
47	/	63	?	79	O	95	_	111	o	127	DEL

- Uppercase + 32 = Lowercase (e.g, B+32=b)
- tab=9, carriage return=13, backspace=8, Null=0

(Table in CD-ROM)

## Strings

- Characters normally combined into strings, which have variable length
  - e.g., "Cal", "M.A.D", "ELEC2041"
- How represent a variable length string?
  - 1st position of string reserved for length of string (Pascal)
  - an accompanying variable has the length of string (as in a structure)
  - last position of string is indicated by a character used to mark end of string (C)
- C uses 0 (Null in ASCII) to mark end of string

## Example String

- How many bytes to represent string "Popa"?
- What are values of the bytes for "Popa"?

No.	char	No.	char	No.	char	No.	char	No.	char	No.	char
32		48	0	64	@	80	P	96	`	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
...		...		...		...		...		...	
47	/	63	?	79	O	95	_	111	o	127	DEL

- 80, 111, 112, 97, 0      DEC
- 50, 6F, 70, 61, 0      HEX

## Strings in C: Example

- String simply an array of char
- ```
void strcpy (char x[], char y[]){
    int i = 0; /* declare, initialize i*/

    while ((x[i] = y[i]) != '\0') /* 0 */
        i = i + 1; /* copy and test byte */
}
```

## What about non-Roman Alphabet?

### ◦ **Unicode**, universal encoding of the characters of most human languages

- Java uses Unicode
- needs 16 bits to represent a character
- 16-bits called **half word** in ARM

## ASCII v. Binary

### ◦ Why not ASCII computers vs. binary computers?

- Harder to build hardware for add, subtract, multiply, divide
- Memory space to store numbers

### ◦ How many bytes to represent 1 billion?

### ◦ ASCII: “1000000000” => 11 bytes

### ◦ Binary: 0011 1011 1001 1010 1000 0000 0000 0000 => 4 bytes

### ◦ up to 11/4 or almost 3X expansion of data size

## What else is useful to represent?

### ◦ Numbers, Characters, logicals, ...

### ◦ Addresses

### ◦ Commands (operations)

#### • example:

- 0 => clap your hands
- 1 => snap your fingers
- 2 => slap your hands down

#### • execute: 1 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 2 0

#### • another example

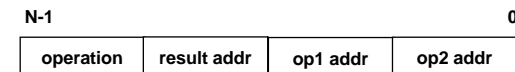
- 0 => add
- 1 => subtract
- 2 => compare
- 3 => multiply

## How can we represent a machine instruction?

### ◦ Some bits for the operation

### ◦ Some bits for the address of each operand

### ◦ Some bits for the address of the result

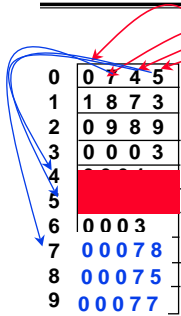


$d = x + y$

add  $d \ x \ y$

### ◦ Where could we put these things called instructions?

## The Stored Program Computer



|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 3 |
| 2 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 4 |   |   |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |

- Memory holds instructions and data as bits
- Instructions are fetched from memory and executed
  - operands fetched, manipulated, and stored
- Example 4-digit Instruction
 

| operation | result addr | op1 addr | op2 addr |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|

  - operation: 0 => add, 1 => sub
  - result address
  - op1 address
  - op2 address
- Example Data
  - 4 digit unsigned value
- What's in memory after executing 0,1,2?

0 => add  
1 => subtract  
2 => compare  
3 => multiply

## So what's it all mean?

- We can write a program that will translate strings of 'characters' into 'computer instructions'
  - called a compiler or an assembler
- We can load these particular bits into the computer and execute them.
  - may manipulate numbers, characters, pixels... (application)
  - may translate strings to instructions (compiler)
  - may load and run more programs (operating system)

## To remember

- We represent "things" in computers as particular bit patterns
  - numbers, characters, ... (data)
    - base, digits, positional notation
    - unsigned, 2s complement, 1s complement
  - addresses (where to find it)
  - instructions (what to do)
- Computer operations on the representation correspond to real operations on the real thing
  - representation of 2 plus representation of 3 = representation of 5
- two big ideas already!
  - Pliable Data: a program determines what it is
  - Stored program concept: instructions are just data

## And in Conclusion...

- Computers do arithmetic in 2's complement
- Interpretation of numbers can be signed or unsigned
- The Arithmetic operation results should be interpreted depending the signed or unsigned interpretation of the operands.