

numbers

# base-10 numbers

$$12345 = 1 \cdot 10^4 + 2 \cdot 10^3 + 3 \cdot 10^2 + 4 \cdot 10^1 + 5 \cdot 10^0$$

$$987.65 = 9 \cdot 10^2 + 8 \cdot 10^1 + 7 \cdot 10^0 + 6 \cdot 10^{-1} + 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

## base-2 numbers

$$\begin{aligned} 20_{\text{TEN}} \ (\text{or } 20_{10}) &= 11101_{\text{TWO}} \ (\text{or } 11101_2) \\ &= 1 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4_{\text{TEN}} &= 100_{\text{TWO}} \\ &= 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1.25_{\text{TEN}} &= 1.01_{\text{TWO}} \\ &= 1 \cdot 2^0 + 0 \cdot 2^{-1} + 1 \cdot 2^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

# base-16 numbers

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

$$15_{\text{TEN}} = \quad F_{\text{SIXTEEN}} = \quad 15 \cdot 16^0$$

$$100_{\text{TEN}} = \quad 64_{\text{SIXTEEN}} = \quad 6 \cdot 16^1 + 4 \cdot 16^0$$

$$0.5_{\text{TEN}} = \quad 0.8_{\text{SIXTEEN}} = \quad 8 \cdot 16^{-1}$$

# integers in C++

15 <sub>TEN</sub>	15
17 <sub>EIGHT</sub>	017
F <sub>SIXTEEN</sub>	0xF

99 <sub>TEN</sub>	99
143 <sub>EIGHT</sub>	0143
63 <sub>SIXTEEN</sub>	0x63

16 <sub>TEN</sub>	16
20 <sub>EIGHT</sub>	020
10 <sub>SIXTEEN</sub>	0x10

# terminology

base- $X$  number —  $X$  is the **radix**

I will call components of base  $X$  number ‘digits’

but not a great term — digit sometimes implies base-10  
sometimes “radit”

base-2 digit = bit

base-16 digit = nibble (sometimes)

base-10 = decimal

base-2 = binary

base-8 = octal

base-16 = hexadecimal

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$$121 \bmod 11 = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned}uz_{\text{SIXTEEN}} &= u \cdot 16^1 + z \cdot 16^0 \\&= (u_3 \cdot 2^3 + u_2 \cdot 2^2 + u_1 \cdot 2^1 + u_0 \cdot 2^0)2^4 + z_3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots \\&= u_3 \cdot 2^7 + u_2 \cdot 2^6 + u_1 \cdot 2^5 + u_0 \cdot 2^4 + z_3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots \\&= (u_3 u_2 u_1 u_0 z_3 z_2 z_1 z_0)_{\text{TWO}}\end{aligned}$$

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$$17_{\text{NINE}} = ?_{\text{SEVEN}}$$

$$17_{\text{NINE}} = 7 + 9 = 2 \cdot 7 + 2$$

$$17_{\text{NINE}} = 22_{\text{SEVEN}}$$

# on math in other bases

you can do math in other bases

usually makes most sense for base 2...

$$\begin{array}{r} & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 4_{\text{SIXTEEN}} \\ \times & & & 1 & 5_{\text{SIXTEEN}} \\ \hline & 5 & B & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline & 1 & 7 & E & 4 & 9 & 4_{\text{SIXTEEN}} \end{array}$$

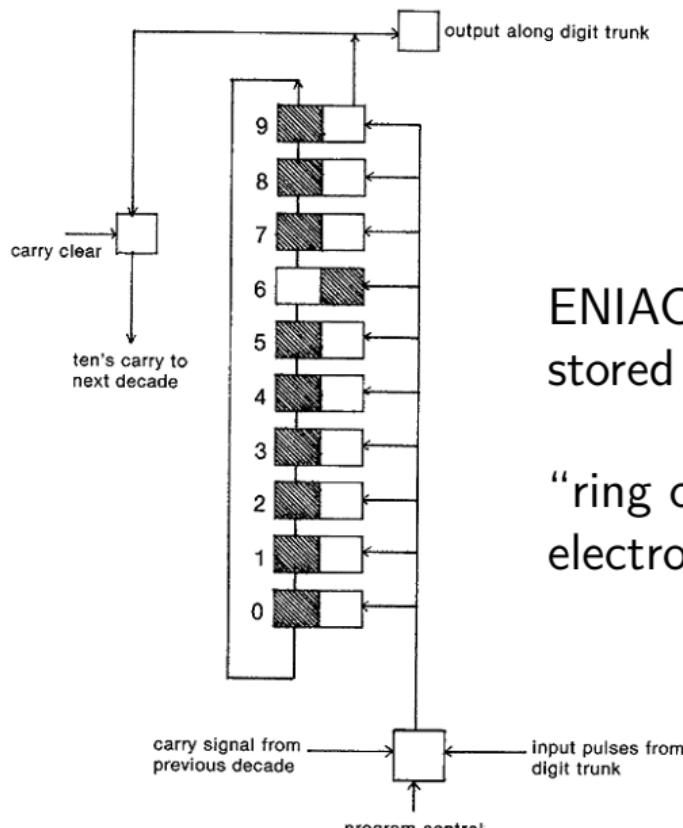
```
$ python3 -c 'print("{:x}".format(0x12344*0x15))'  
17e494
```

# integer representation

modern machine represent integers as series of **bits** (base-2)

why not base-10?

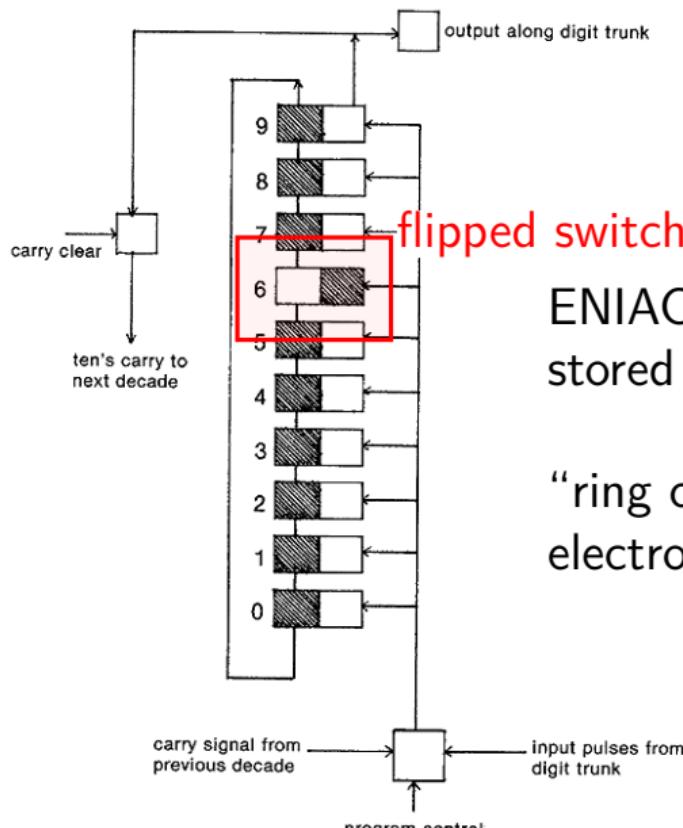
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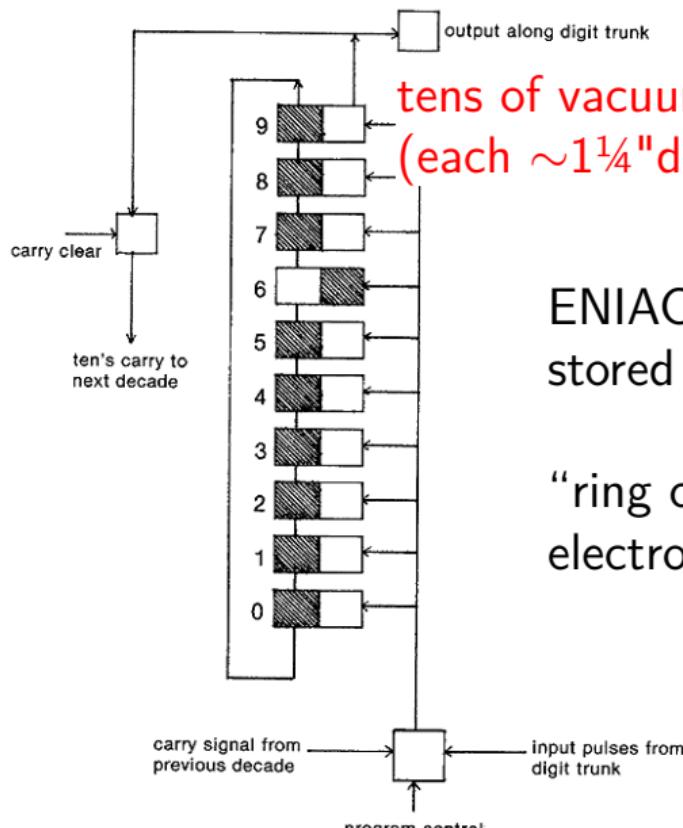


flipped switch indicates digit stored

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tens of vacuum tubes total  
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why not used in ENIAC?

Eckert (ENIAC designer), 1953: “Although [binary-based digit counters] were known at the time of the construction of the ENIAC, it was not used because it required stable resistors, which were then much more expensive than they are now.”

also, important to input/output decimal digits directly

# base-2 bit addition

+	0	1
0	00	01
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both set to 1 — carry is 1; otherwise 0

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“unsigned” — can't be negative (no  $\pm$  sign)

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minimum size required by standard for all C++ compilers  
all allowed to be bigger

# querying sizes in C++

```
#include <climits> // C: <limits.h>
...
ULONG_MAX or UINT_MAX or USHRT_MAX or UCHAR_MAX
// e.g. USHRT_MAX == 65535 on lab machines
```

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```
#include <limits>
...
std::numeric_limits<unsigned long>::max()
    // == ULONG_MAX
...
```

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```
sizeof(unsigned long) // number of *bytes*
    // == 8 on lab machines
...
```

# numbering bits

option 1:  $n$ -bit number:  $b_{n-1}b_{n-2}b_{n-3}\dots b_2b_1b_0$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i \cdot 2^i$$

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do I have a way to ask for bit  $i$ ?

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in memory, yes — each byte needs an address (number)

# memory

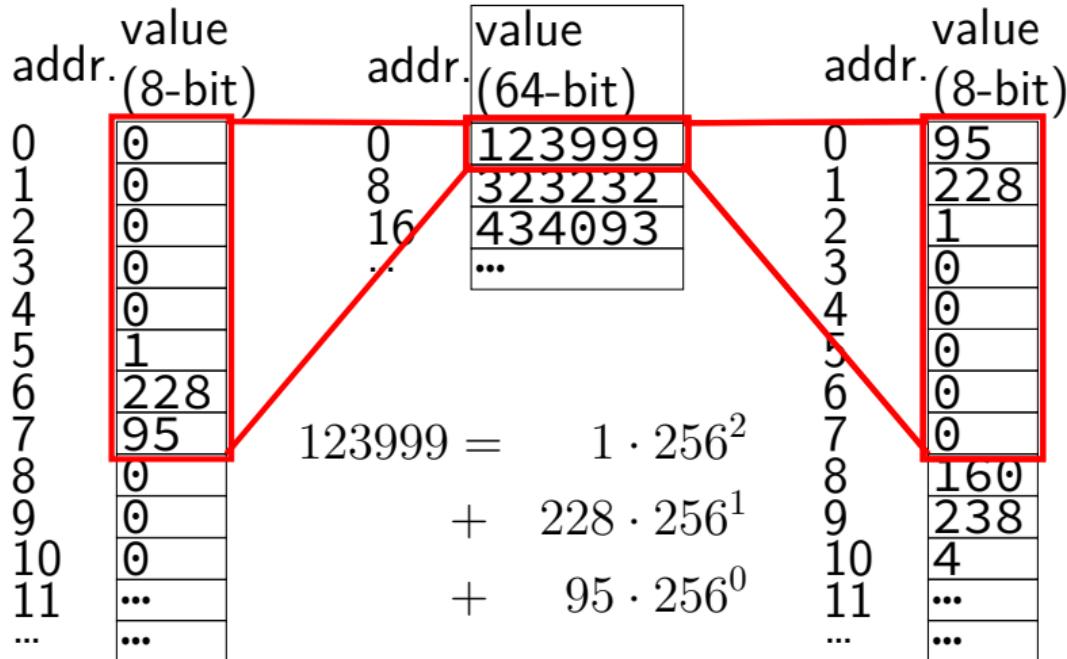
## memory (as 64-bit values)

addr.	value (64-bit)
0	123999
8	323232
16	434093
...	...

$$\begin{aligned}123999 = & \quad 1 \cdot 256^2 \\& + \quad 228 \cdot 256^1 \\& + \quad 95 \cdot 256^0\end{aligned}$$

# memory

if big endian      memory      if little endian  
(as 8-bit values) (as 64-bit values) (as 8-bit values)



# finding endianness in C++

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::hex; using std::endl;
int main() {
    unsigned long value = 0x0123456789ABCDEF;
    cout << hex << value << endl;
    unsigned char *ptr = (unsigned char*) &value;
    for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(unsigned long); ++i) {
        cout << (int) ptr[i] << " ";
    }
    ...
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little endian (e.g. lab machine):

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get pointer to byte with

little endian (e.g. lab m lowest address in value

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unless you do something like this

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use pointer to get *i*th byte of value

(cast to int to output as number, not character)

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but we don't write numbers in a different order  
based on which end we call "part 0"

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# little versus big endian

little endian — least significant part has lowest address

i.e. index 0 is the one's place

big endian — most significant part has the lowest address

i.e. index  $n - 1$  is the one's place

# endianness in the real world

today and this course: little endian is dominant

e.g. x86, *typically* ARM

historically: big endian was dominant

e.g. *typically* SPARC, POWER, Alpha, MIPS, ...

still commonly used for networking because of this

many architectures have switchable endianness

e.g. ARM, SPARC, POWER, MIPS

usually, OS chooses one endianness

# middle endian

sometimes not just big/little endian

e.g. number bytes most to least significant as  
5, 6, 7, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4

e.g. doubles on little-endian ARM

generally some sort of historical accident

e.g. ARM floating point designed for big endian?

# endianness is about addresses

endianness is about numbering,  
not (necessarily) placement on the page

but, probably assume English order (left to right, etc.) if not  
otherwise specified

addr.	value
0	95
1	228
2	1
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	160
9	238
10	4
11	...

==

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# endianness and bit-order

we won't talk about **bit order**

because bits don't have addresses

if I say "bit 0", question: "numbering from least significant or most significant"?

nothing about how pointers, etc. work suggests either answer is correct

# endianness and writing out bytes

0x0102 in binary: 00000001000000010

English's order — most significant first

bytes of 0x0102 in big endian:

(byte 0) 00000001 (byte 1) 00000010

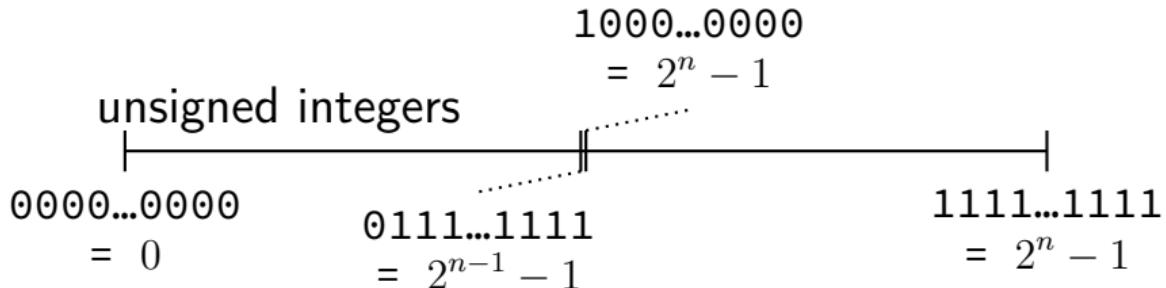
bytes of 0x0102 in little endian:

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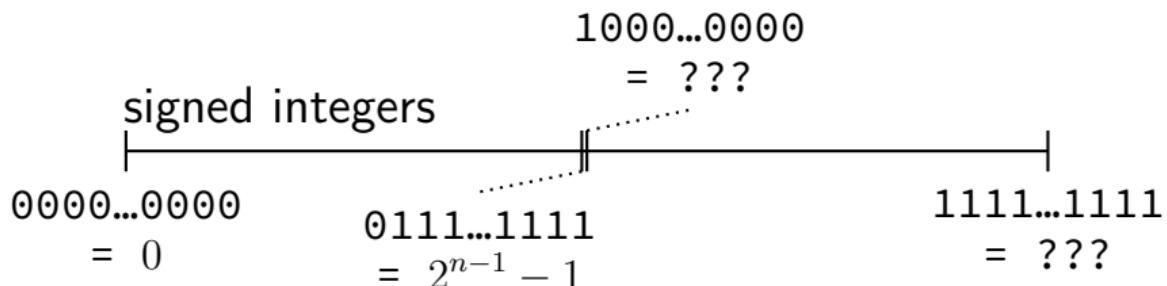
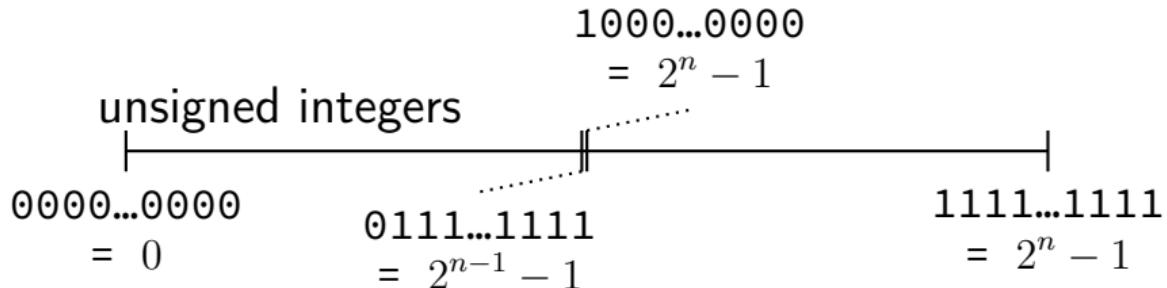
*usually*, we don't change the order we write bits

if writing out bytes, first in reading order is usually lowest address  
(we'll specify if not)

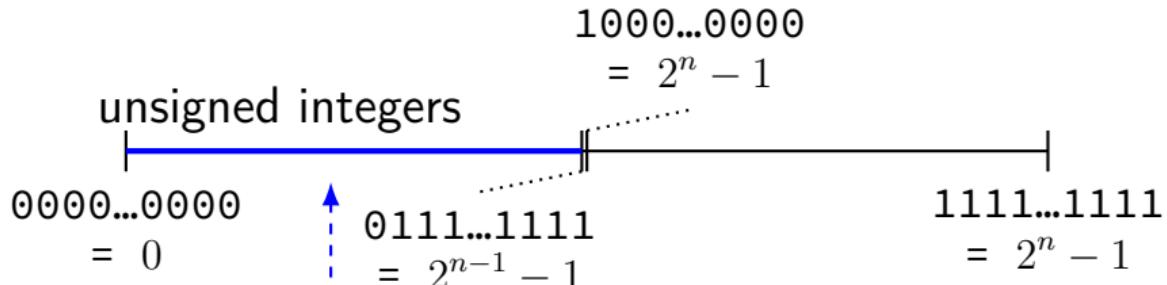
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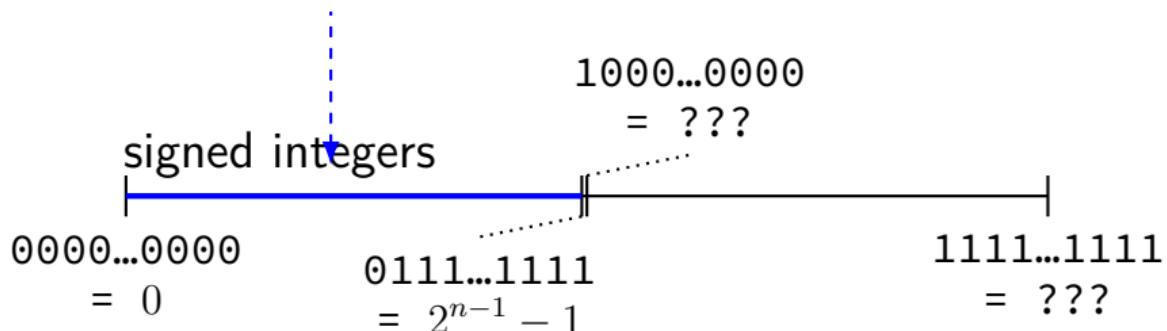


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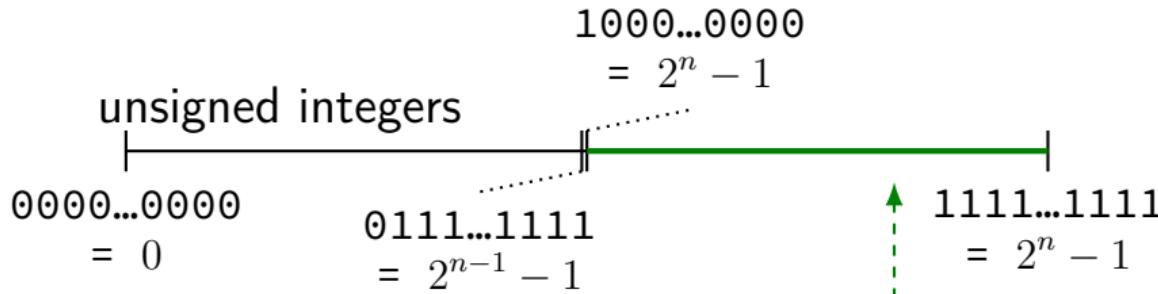


positive numbers up to  $2^n - 1$

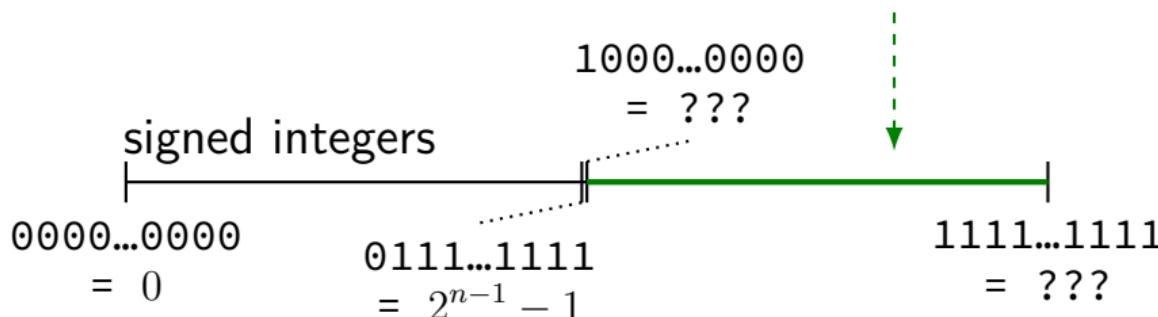
goal: same bits, signed or not



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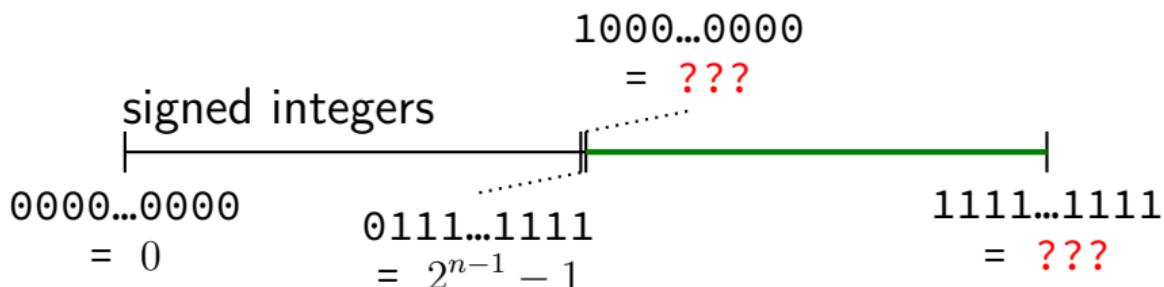


unsigned:  $2^{n-1}$  and bigger  
signed: negative numbers, but how?



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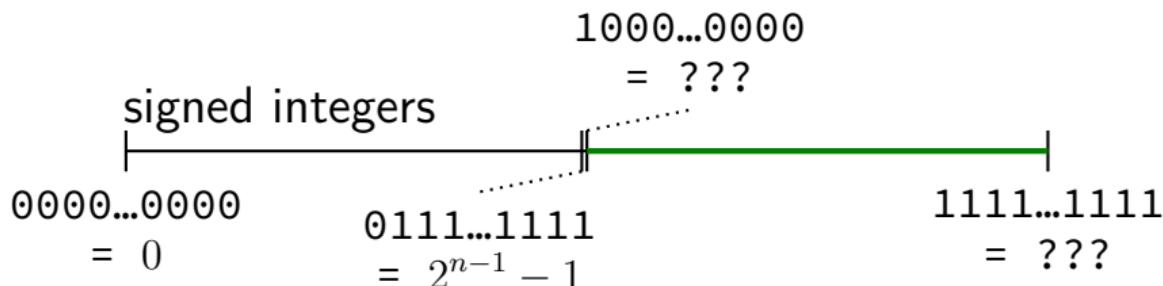


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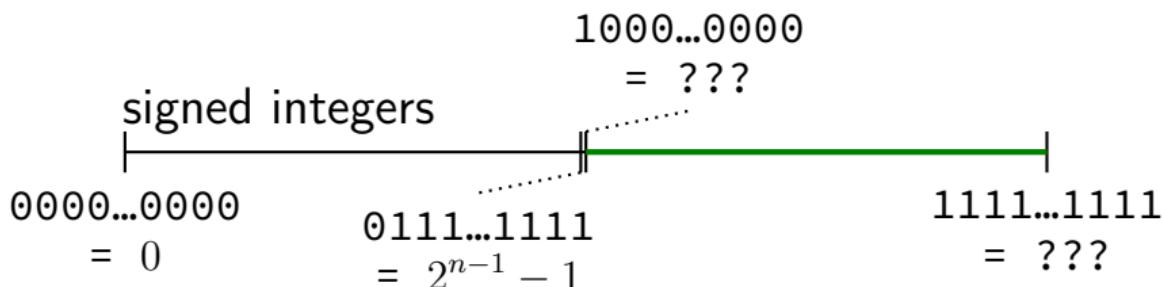
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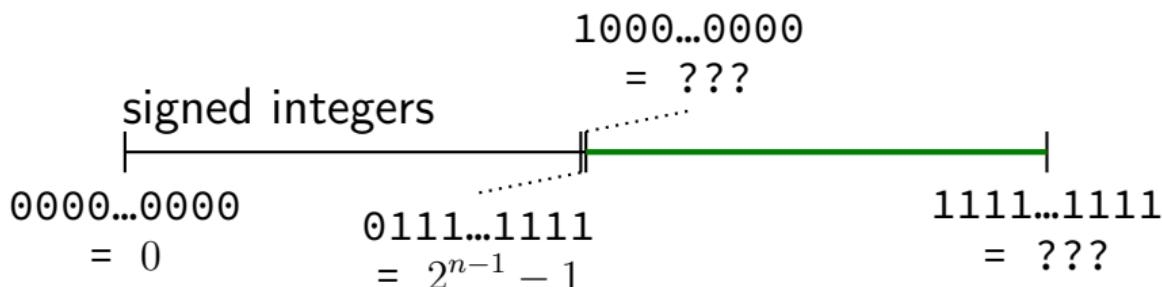
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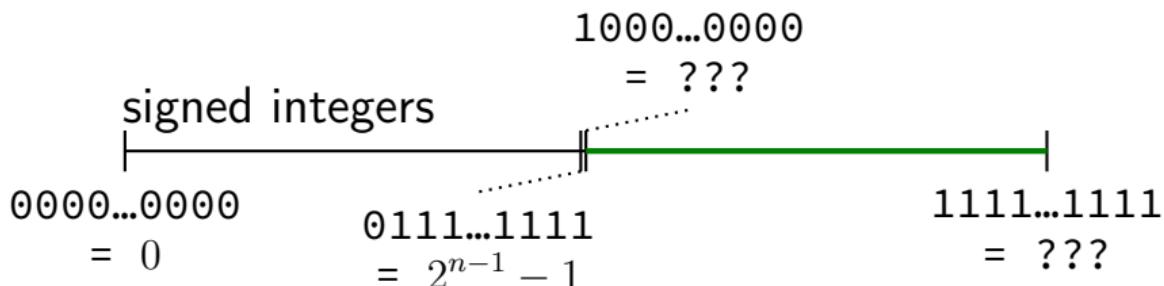
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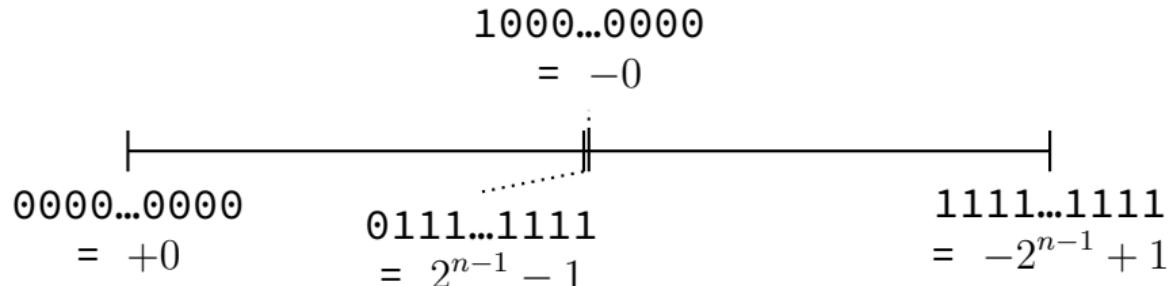
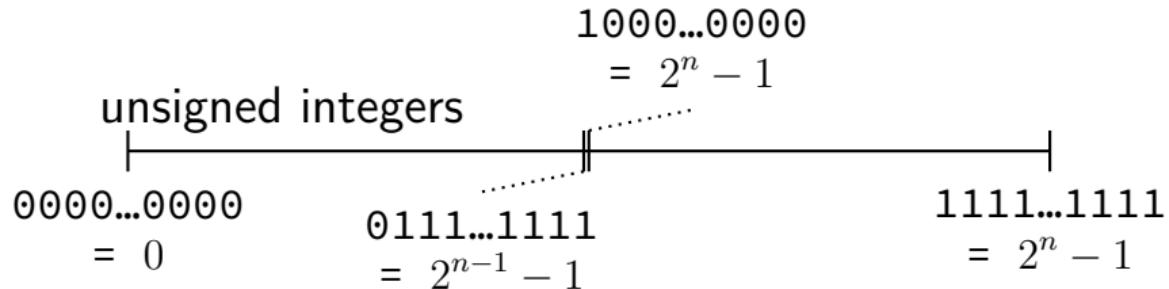
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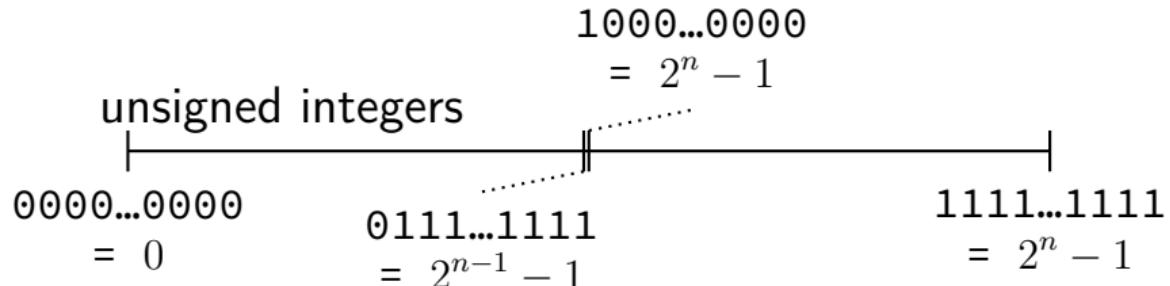
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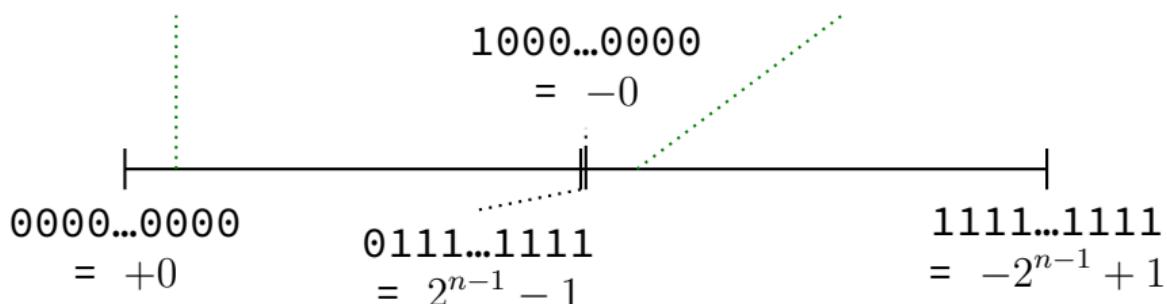
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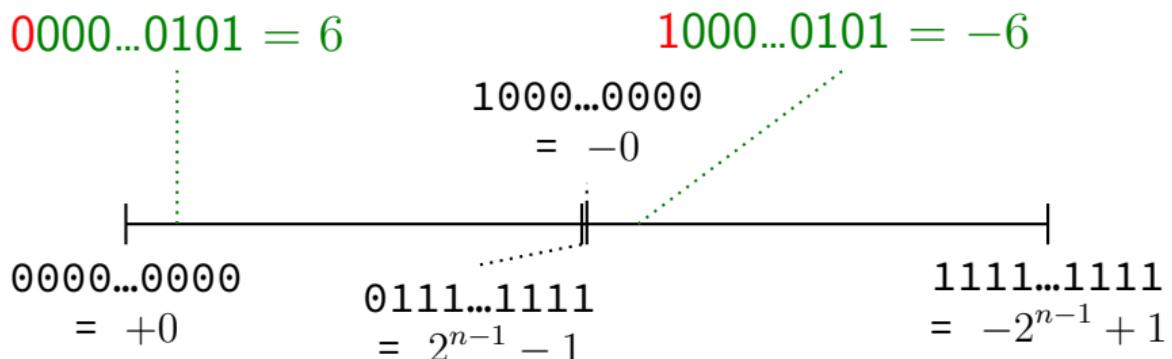


$$0000..0101 = 6 \quad 1000..0101 = -6$$



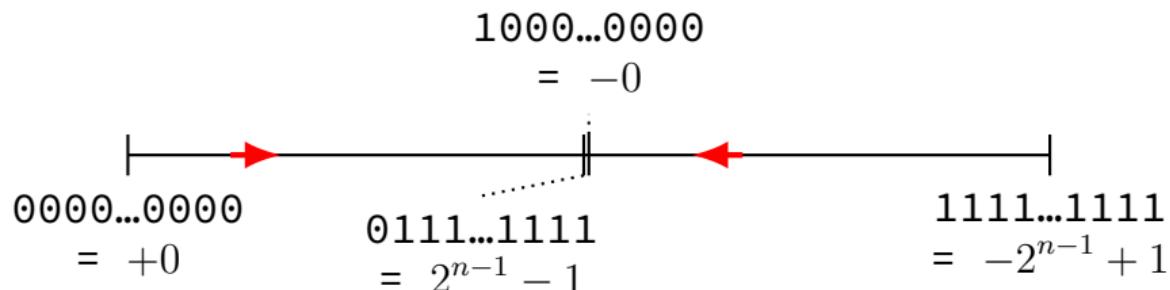
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first bit is “sign bit” — 0 = positive, 1 = negative  
flip sign bit to negate number

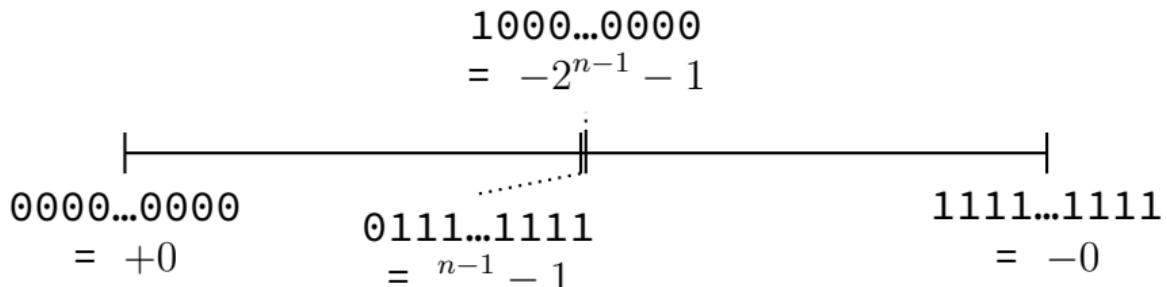
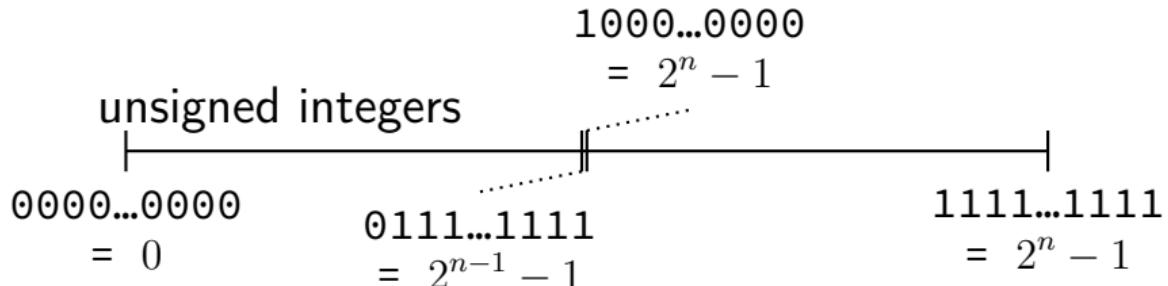


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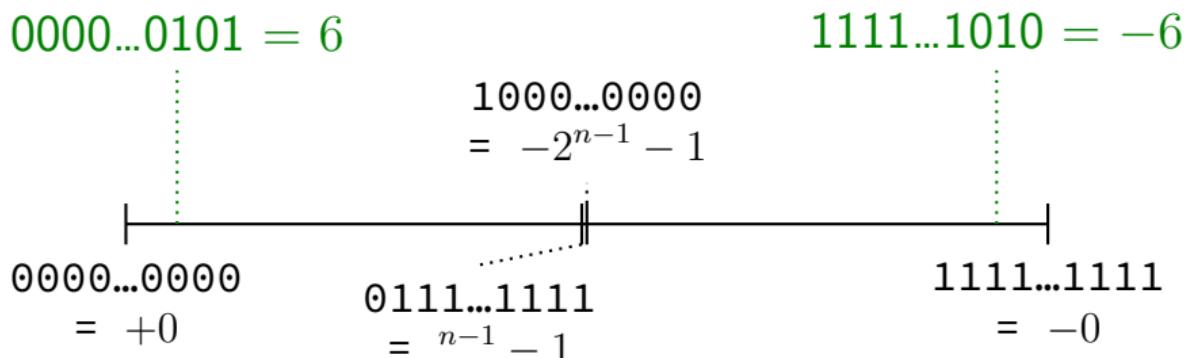
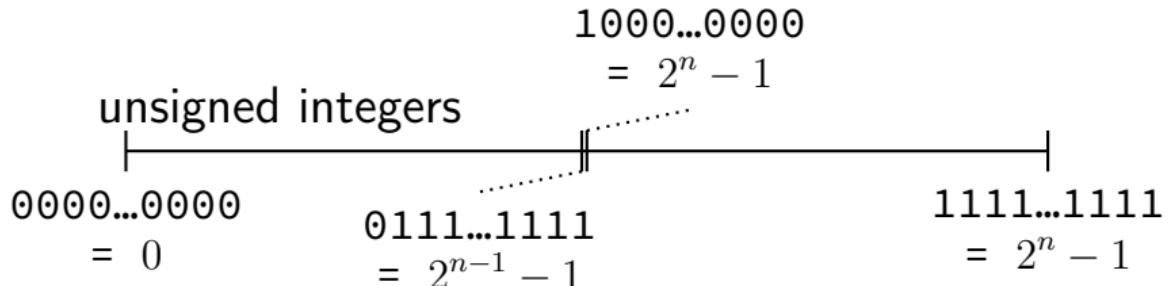
adding 1  
different direction if negative



# 1's complement



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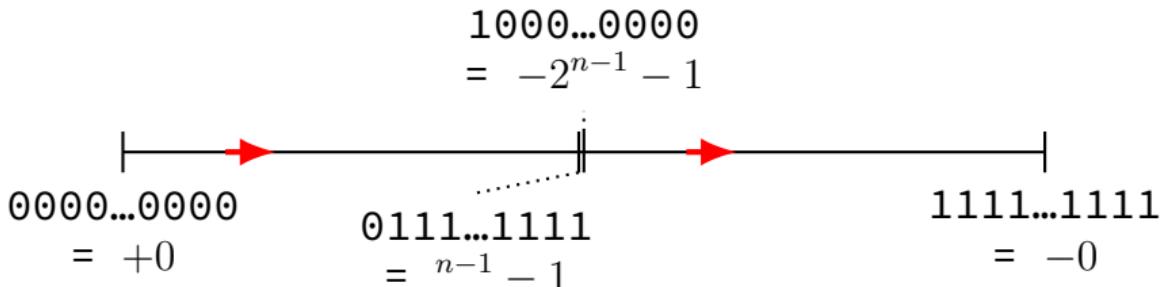
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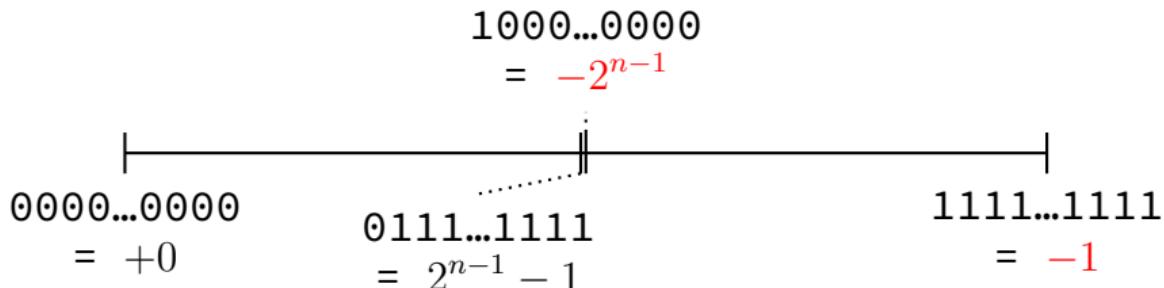
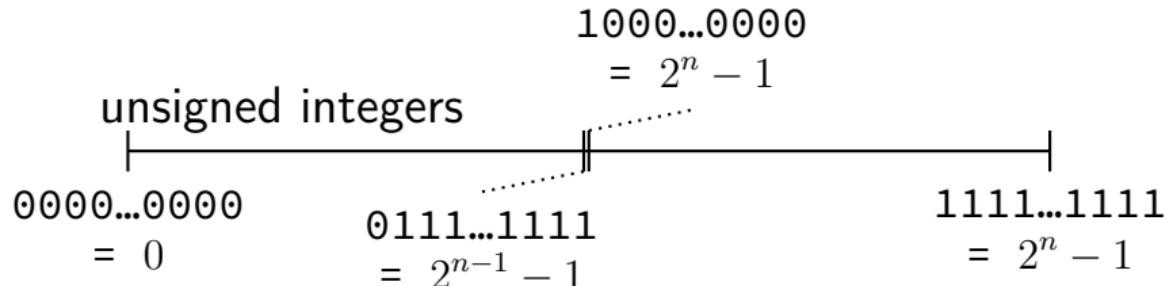
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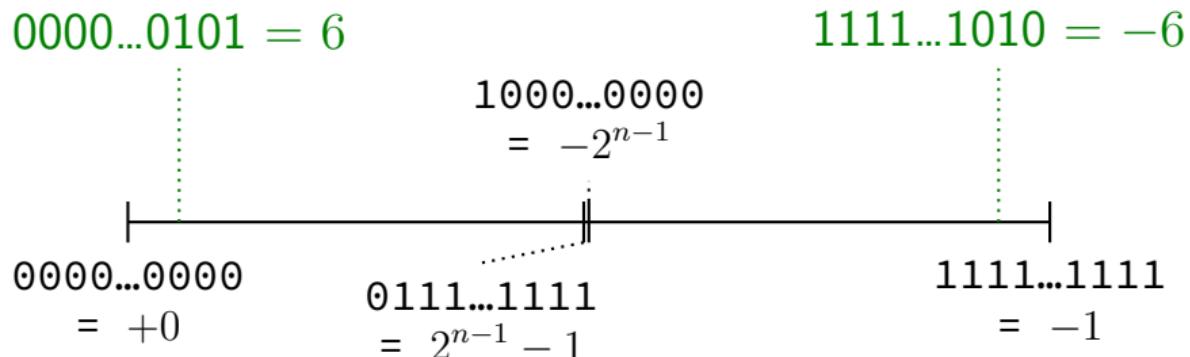
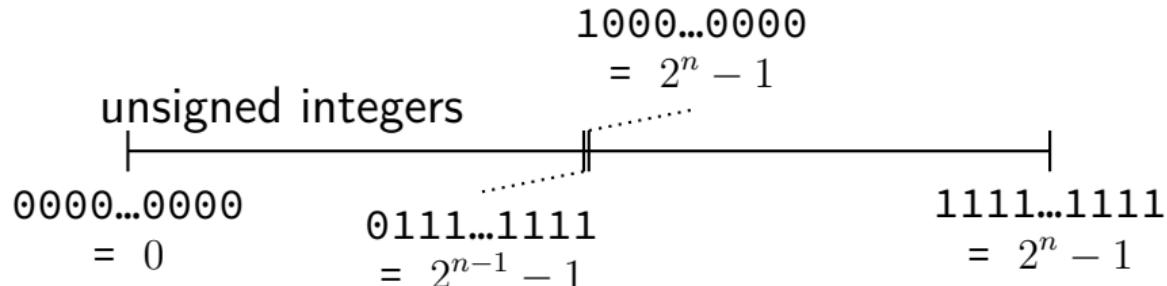
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# two's complement



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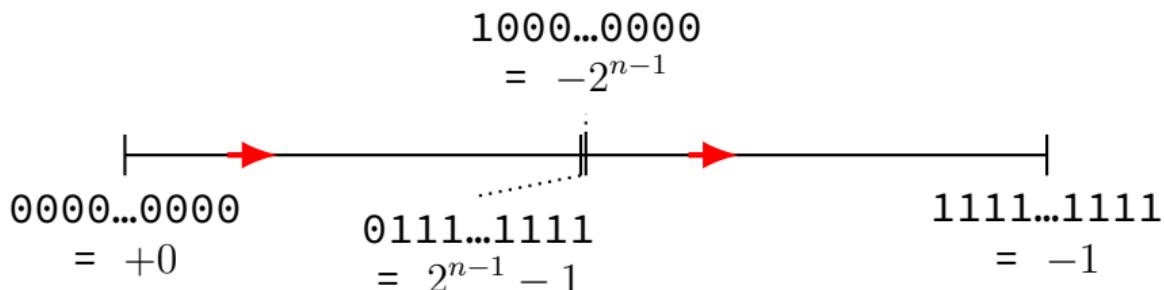
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# 2's complement (alt. perspective)

2's complement (5 bit)

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$$0 + 2^3 + 0 + 2^1 + 0 = 10$$

$$-10 = \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

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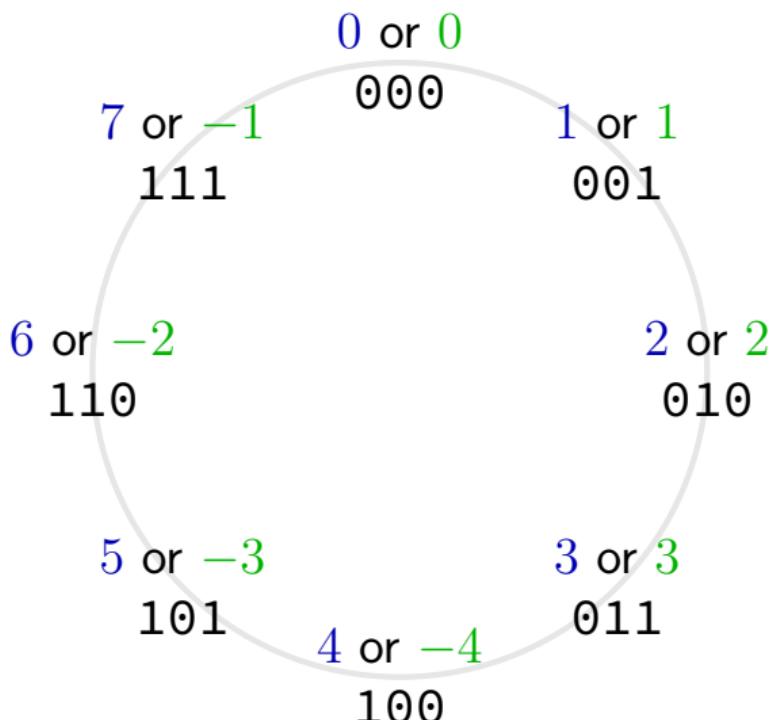
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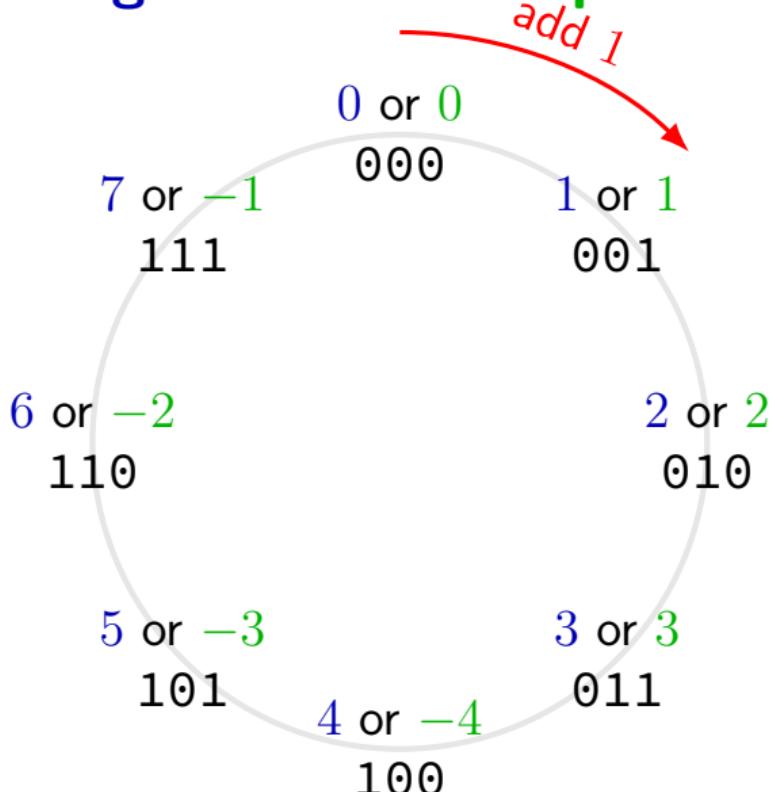
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“ $-2^4$ s place”

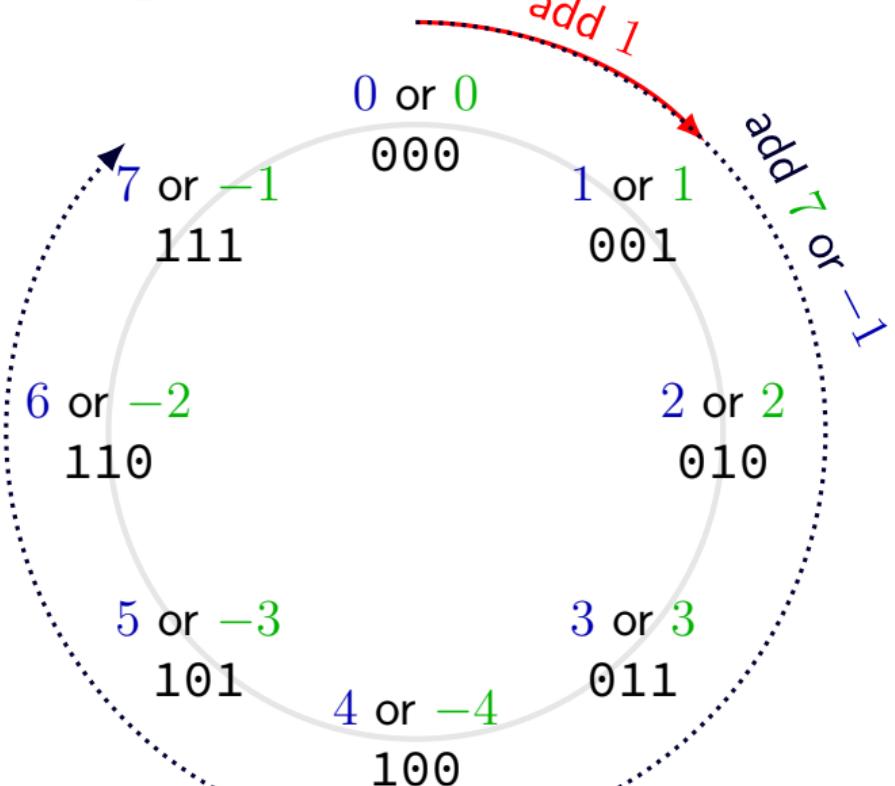
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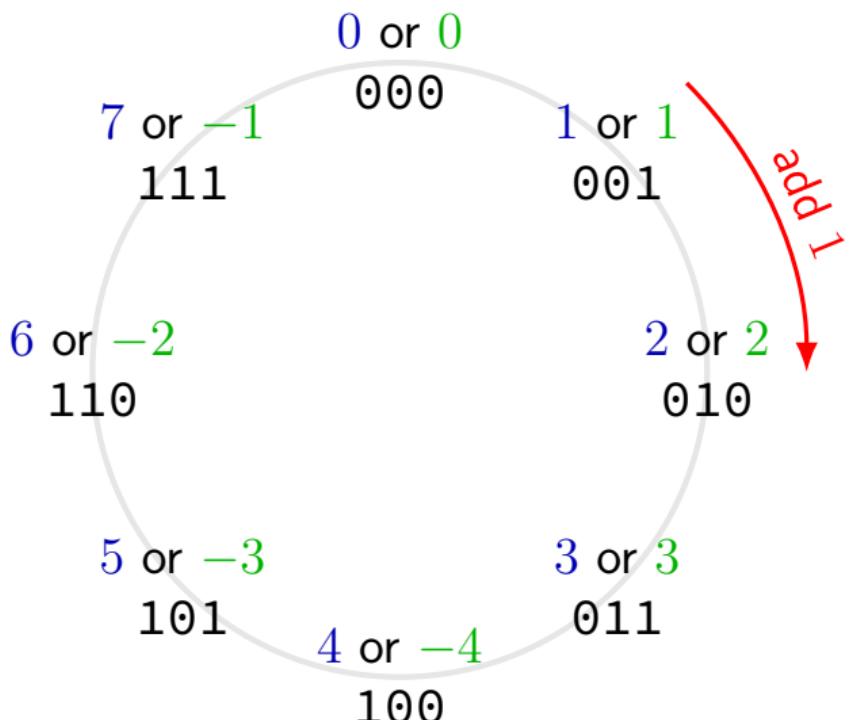
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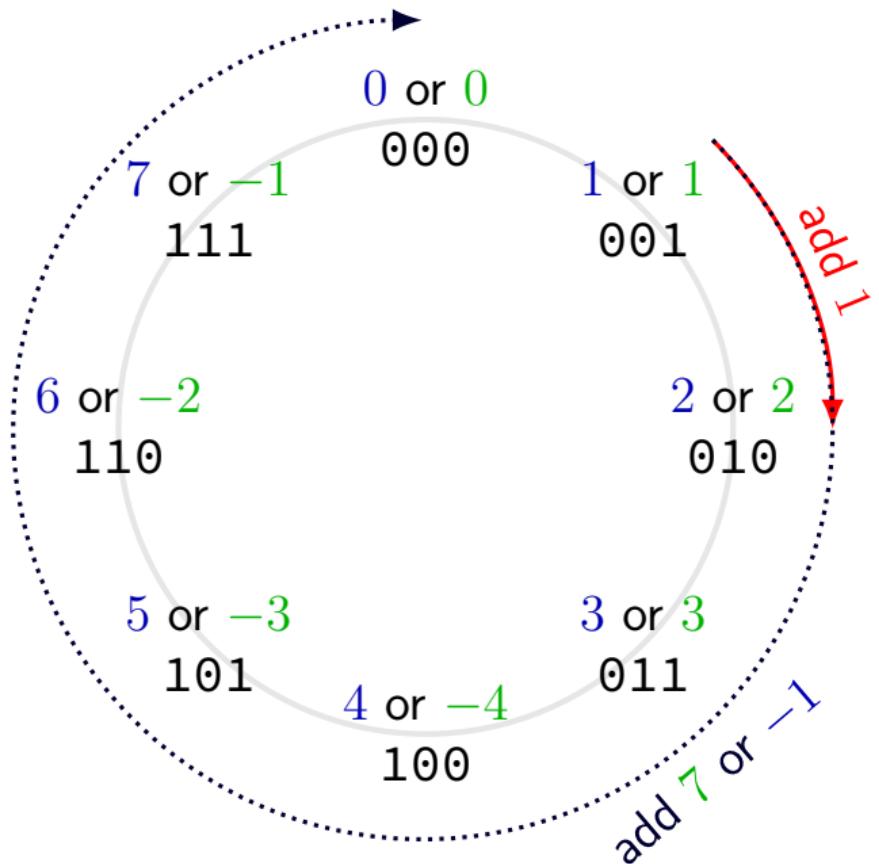
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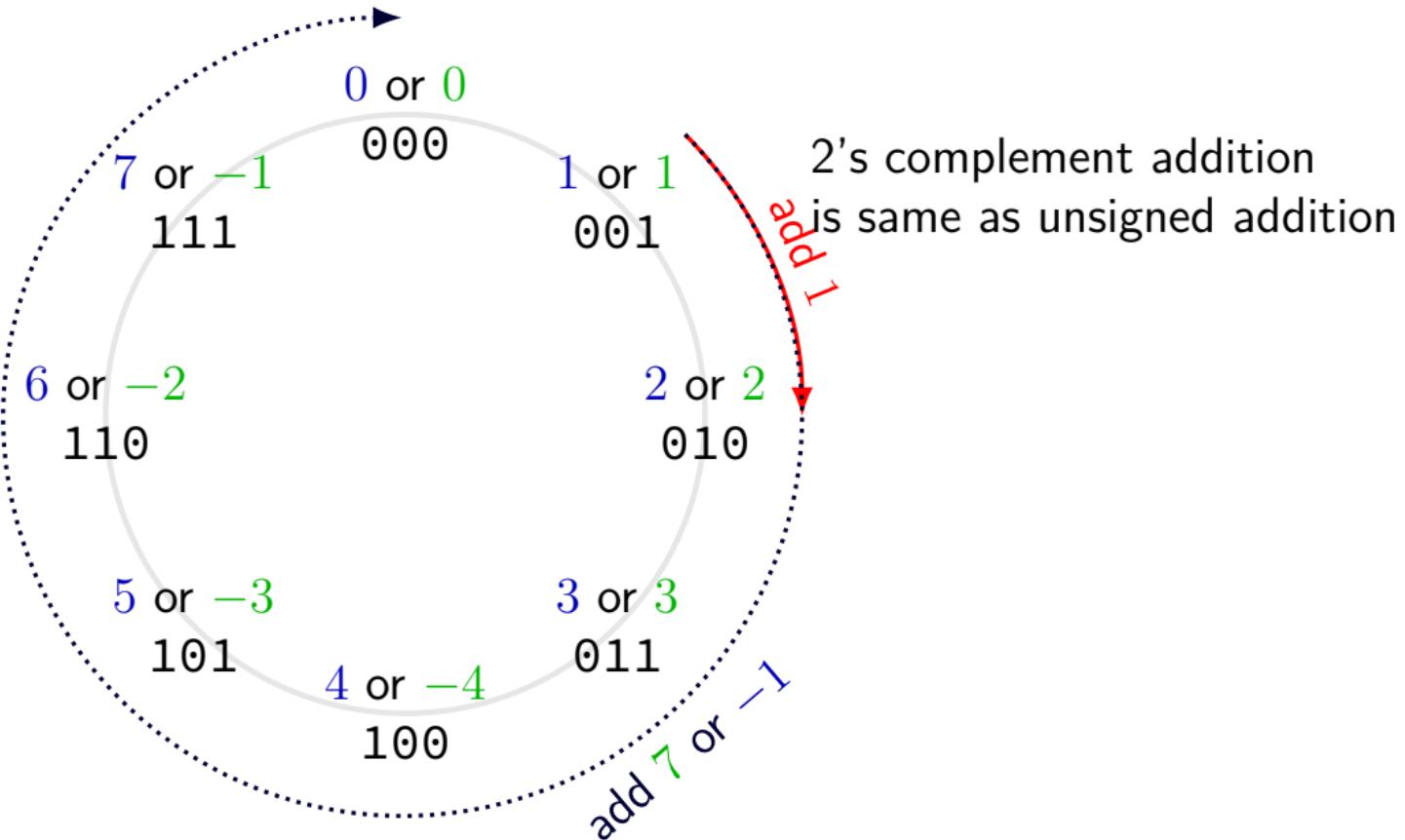
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## other 2's complement arithmetic

subtraction also the same as unsigned

multiplication — repeated addition — mostly the same  
(but need some extra precision)

## converting to 2's complement (version 1)

take absolute value, convert to bits

if negative, flip all the bits and add one

$$-14 \rightarrow -00001110 \rightarrow 11110001 + 1 \rightarrow 11110010$$

$$-127 \rightarrow -01111111 \rightarrow 10000000 + 1 \rightarrow 10000001$$

$$-128 \rightarrow -10000000 \rightarrow 01111111 + 1 \rightarrow 10000000$$

## converting to 2's complement (version 2)

if negative, take absolute value, subtract from  $2^n$ , encode that

$$-14 \rightarrow 2^8 - 14 = 242 \rightarrow 11110010$$

$$-127 \rightarrow 2^8 - 127 = 129 \rightarrow 10000001$$

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general rule: extend by copying the *sign bit*:

1101 0111 → 1111 1111 1101 0111

0010 1111 → 0000 0000 0010 1111

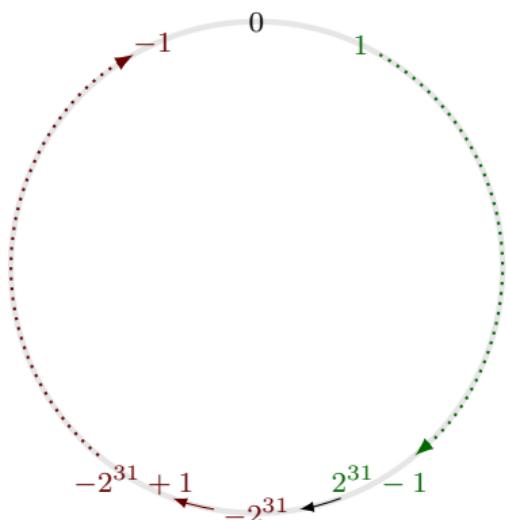
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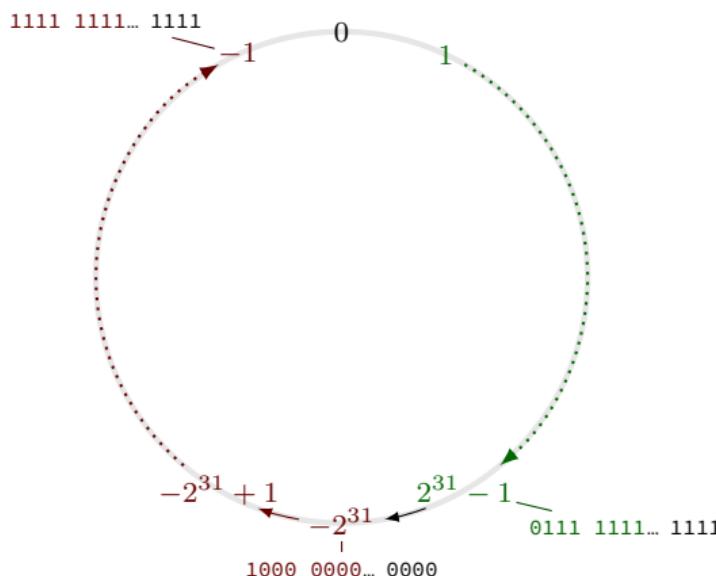
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# integer overflow

“wrap around”

8-bit signed:  $127 + 1 \rightarrow -128$

8-bit unsigned:  $255 + 1 \rightarrow 0$

16-bit signed:  $32\,767 + 1 \rightarrow -32\,768$

16-bit unsigned:  $65\,536 + 1 \rightarrow 0$

32-bit signed: around 2 billion

64-bit signed: around  $9 \times 10^{18}$

...

# on integer overflow in C++ (1)

```
unsigned int x; // lab machines: 32-bit unsigned
x = 4294967295; // (2 to the 32) minus 1
x += 10;
cout << x << endl; // OUTPUT: 9
```

# on integer overflow in C++ (1)

```
int x; // lab machines: 32-bit signed
x = 2147483647; // maximum integer
x += 10; // UNDEFINED!
cout << x << endl; // EXPECT big negative number,
                     // but not guaranteed
```

in practice: usually get wraparound behavior...

but compiler is not required to do this for signed numbers  
and takes advantage of this to optimize, sometimes

# some real numbers

$\frac{1}{3}$

$-\frac{100}{7}$

$\pi$

0.1

$\sqrt{2}$

...

want to represent these: accurately? compactly? efficiently?

# fixed point

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$x \approx y/2^K$  — represent with fixed-sized signed integer  $y$   
this case:  $y/2^4$  and  $y$  is 9 bits.

# why fixed-point?

$x \approx y/2^K$  ( $y$  fixed-sized singed integer)

math similar to integer math:

addition/subtraction — same

multiplication — same except divide by  $2^K$

division — same except multiply by  $2^K$

easy to understand what values are represented well

# why not fixed-point?

pretty small range of numbers for space used

hard to choose a  $2^K$  that works for lots of applications

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## base-2 scientific notation

$$\frac{1}{3} = 0.101010101\dots_{\text{TWO}}$$

$$\approx 0.1010101010_{\text{TWO}} = +1.0101010101_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{-1}$$

$$-\frac{125}{4} = -111111.01\dots_{\text{TWO}}$$

$$= -1.1111101_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^2$$

$$-\frac{100}{7} = -1110.01001001\dots_{\text{TWO}}$$

$$\approx -1110.010010_{\text{TWO}} = -1.1100100101_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^3$$

# IEEE half-precision floating point

-1. $1100100101_{\text{two}}$ . $2^3$

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on typical little endian system:

byte 0: 00100101

byte 1: 11001011

# IEEE half precision float

1 sign bit (1 for negative)

5 exponent bits

bias of 15 — if bits as unsigned are  $e$ , exponent is  $E = e - 15$

10 mantissa bits

leading “1.” not stored

$$\text{value} = (1 - 2 \cdot \text{sign}) \cdot (1.\text{mantissa}_{\text{TWO}}) \cdot 2^{\text{exponent}-15}$$

# approximation

example: represented  $\frac{100}{7} \approx 14.285$  as  $\frac{1829}{128} \approx 14.289$

too large by  $\frac{3}{896}$

10 bits mantissa + implicit “1” — about  $\log_{10}(2^{11}) \approx 3.3$  decimal digits

# other IEEE precisions

	half	single	double	quad
C++*/Java type	—	float	double	—
sign bits	1	1	1	1
exponent bits	5	8	11	15
exponent bias	$15 (2^5 - 1)$	$127 (2^7 - 1)$	$1023 (2^{10} - 1)$	$16383 (2^{14} - 1)$
mantissa bits	10	23	52	112
total bits	16	32	64	128

(\* = typical C++ type; might vary in some implementations)

## on exponent bias

general rule:  $2^{\text{exponent bits}-1} - 1$

i.e. 0111...1 means  $2^0$

idea: best at representing numbers around 1

## diversion: 25.25 to binary

$$\begin{aligned} 25.25 &= 25 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{101}{4} \\ &= \frac{1100101_{\text{TWO}}}{2^2} \\ &= 11001.01_{\text{TWO}} \end{aligned}$$

## diversion: 25.25 to binary

$$\begin{aligned} 25.25 &= 2^4 + (25.25 - 2^4) = 2^4 + 9.25 \\ &= 2^4 + 2^3 + (9.25 - 2^3) = 2^4 + 2^3 + 1.25 \\ &= 2^4 + 2^3 + (9.25 - 2^3) = 2^4 + 2^3 + 1.25 \\ &\quad (1.25 < 2^2) \\ &\quad (1.25 < 2^1) \\ &= 2^4 + 2^3 + (1.25 - 2^0) = 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^0 + 0.25 \\ &\quad (0.25 < 2^{-1}) \\ &= 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^0 + 2^{-2} + (0.25 - 2^{-2}) = 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^0 + 2^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

## float example: manually (1)

$$25.25 = \frac{101}{4} = \frac{101}{2^2}$$

largest power of two < 25.25?  $16 = 2^4$

(means  $1 < 25.25/16 < 2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{101}{4} \cdot \frac{2^4}{2^4} &= \frac{101 \cdot 2^4}{2^6} \\&= \frac{101}{2^6} \times 2^4 \\&= \frac{1100101_{\text{two}}}{2^6} \times 2^4 \\&= 1.100101_{\text{two}} \times 2^4\end{aligned}$$

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# float example: from C++

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::hex; using std::endl;
// union: all elements use the *same memory*
union floatOrInt {
    float f;
    unsigned int u;
};
int main() {
    union floatOrInt x;
    x.f = 25.25;
    cout << hex << x.u << endl;
// OUTPUT: 41ca0000
}
```

4	1	c	a	0	0	0	0
0100	0001	1100	1010	0000	0000	0000	0000

## float example 2: manually

$$\begin{aligned}0.1_{\text{TEN}} &= \frac{1}{16} + 0.0375 = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + 0.00625 = \\&\quad \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{256} + 0.00234375 = \dots \\&\dots = 0.00011001100110011\dots_{\text{two}} \approx \\&\quad + 1.1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 1001\ 101_{\text{two}} \cdot 2^{-4}\end{aligned}$$

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closest float to 0.1 between 0.1 and 0.1000001

## aside: binary long division

## float example 2: inaccurate (1)

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;

int main(void) {
    int count;
    float base = 0.1f;
    for (count = 0; base * count < 10000000; ++count) {}
    cout << count << endl;
    // OUTPUT: 99999996
    return 0;
}
```

## float example 2: inaccurate (2)

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;

int main(void) {
    int count = 0;
    for (float f = 0; f < 2000.0; f += 0.1) {
        ++count;
    }
    cout << count << endl;
    // OUTPUT: 20004
    return 0;
}
```

## float example 2: inaccurate (3)

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;
int main(void) {
    cout.precision(30);
    for (float f = 0; f < 2000.0; f += 0.1) {
        cout << f << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

---

```
0
0.100000001490116119384765625
0.20000000298023223876953125
...
2.2000000476837158203125
2.299999523162841796875
...
```

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## float to number (2)

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# float addition

1 sign bit

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23 mantissa bits

```
0 1000 0000 1000 1000 0000 0000 0000 000 +  
0 0111 1111 0001 0000 0000 0000 0000 000 = ???
```

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$$1.10001_{\text{Two}} \cdot 2^1 + 1.0001 \cdot 2^0 = (11.0001 + 1.0001) \cdot 2^0 = \\ 100.0010 \cdot 2^0 = 4.125_{\text{TEN}}$$

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use difference between exponents to ‘shift’ mantissa; then add

# floating point is not uniform

in half-precision, next number after:

$$1 = 1.000\ 000\ 000\ 0_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^0 \text{ is } 1.000\ 000\ 000\ 1_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^0 \approx 1.0010_{\text{TEN}} \\ \sim +.001$$

$$100 = 1.100\ 100\ 000\ 0_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^6 \text{ is } 1.100\ 100\ 000\ 1_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^6 \approx 100.06_{\text{TEN}} \\ \sim +.06$$

possible numbers are **unevenly spaced**

same as with ‘normal’ scientific notation:

$$1 = 1.00 \cdot 10^0 \rightarrow 1.01 \cdot 10^0 = 1.01 \text{ versus } 1.00 \cdot 10^2 \rightarrow 1.01 \cdot 10^2 = 101$$

## don't compare with == / !=

```
double x = 0.3;
double y = 0.1;
double y3 = y * 3;
if (x != y3) {
    cout << "not_equal" << endl;
}
cout.setprecision(30);
cout << x << endl;
cout << y3 << endl;
```

---

not equal

0.29999999999999988897769753748  
0.30000000000000044408920985006

# on comparing floats

```
#include <cmath>
using std::fabs;
// or #include <math.h> and use fabs
    // without a using statement
...
    // chose based on expected accuracy
const float EPSILON = 1e-6;
float x, y;
...
if (fabs(x - y) < EPSILON) {
    ...
}
```

# floating point accuracy

float — about 7 decimal places

double — about 15 decimal places

# rounding errors (1)

$$2^{100} + 1$$

$2^{100} + 1$  cannot be represented exactly

would need 99 mantissa bits  
rounds to  $2^{100}$

(but  $2^{100}$  and 1 can)

## rounding errors (2)

$$(2^{100} + 1) - 2^{100}$$

$$2^{100} - 2^{100}$$

0

---

$$(2^{100} - 2^{100}) + 1$$

$$0 + 1$$

1

# dealing with rounding errors

avoid: adding and subtracting values of very different magnitudes

- tend to have big errors

- tend to have errors in one direction (compound over a calculation)

...by reordering and rearranging calculations

# the problem of 0

0 is a very important number

can't be represented with implicit "1."

solution: special cases

# IEEE float special cases

exponent bits	mantissa bits	meaning
00000000	000...000	$\pm 0$
00000000	non-zero	<i>denormal</i> number
11111111	000...000	$\pm \infty$
11111111	non-zero	not a number (NaN)
	(+1/1000000000) $\div$ huge positive number	= +0
	(-1/1000000000) $\div$ huge positive number	= -0
	(+1000000000) $\times$ huge positive number	= $+\infty$
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	1 $\div$ 0	= $+\infty$
	0 $\div$ 0	= NaN
	$\sqrt{-1}$	= NaN

## float min magnitude value

exponent of 0000 0001 (not 0 since that's special)

mantissa of 000...000

$$1.000000\dots_{\text{two}} \cdot 2^{1-\text{bias}} = 2^{-126}$$

## float max magnitude value

exponent of 1111 1110 (not all 1s since that's special)

mantissa of 111...111

$$1.111111\dots11_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{254-\text{bias}} = 1.11111\dots1_{\text{TWO}} \cdot 2^{127} = 2^{128} - 2^{104}$$

## on denormals

denormals — minimum exponent bits, non-zero mantissa

smaller in magnitude than “normal” minimum value

ignore the “implicit 1.” rule

notorious for being superslow on some systems

some CPUs take 100s of times longer to compute on them

we won’t ask you about them

# decimal floating point

if storing 0.001 exactly is important?

floating point formats base of 10 instead of 2

$$1.000 \times 10^{-3}$$

example: IEEE decimal floating point

32, 64, 128-bit formats

still store exponent+mantissa

no leading “1.” trick (doesn’t work with  $10^x$ )

# binary-coded decimal

if integer conversion to/from base-10 is important?

but want to use binary hardware

one option: every 4 bits is a decimal digit

not all possible bit patterns used

e.g. represent  $147_{\text{TEN}}$  as 0001 0100 0111

part of family on decimal-in-binary encodings

some more compact than this (e.g. store 2 digits at a time)

# backup slides

# optimizing with overflow example

```
void foo(int x) {  
    while (--x < 0) {  
        bar();  
    }  
}
```

in latest version of clang++ or g++  
compiles into an infinite loop if  $x$  is initially negative  
if maximum optimizations are enabled (-O3 command-line option, not default)

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# IEEE single precision float

1 sign bit (1 for negative)

10 exponent bits

bias of 127 — if bits as unsigned are  $e$ , exponent is  $E = e - 127$

23 mantissa bits

leading “1.” not stored

$$\text{value} = (1 - 2 \cdot \text{sign}) \cdot (1.\text{mantissa}_{\text{TWO}}) \cdot 2^{\text{exponent}-127}$$