

Conversions between Decimal and Binary

Binary to Decimal

Technique

- use the definition of a number in a positional number system with base 2
- evaluate the definition formula using decimal arithmetic

Example

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ | & | & | & | & | & | \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \leftarrow \text{position} = \text{corresponding power of 2}$$
$$101011 = 1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 = 43 \text{ (decimal)}$$

$d_5 d_4 d_3 d_2 d_1 d_0$

Decimal to Binary

Technique

- repeatedly divide by 2
- remainder is the next digit
- binary number is developed right to left

Example

173 ÷ 2	86	1	1
86 ÷ 2	43	0	01
43 ÷ 2	21	1	101
21 ÷ 2	10	1	1101
10 ÷ 2	5	0	01101
5 ÷ 2	2	1	101101
2 ÷ 2	1	0	0101101
1 ÷ 2	0	1	10101101

What is going on in the repeated division by 2?

Example

$43 \div 2$	21	1	1
$21 \div 2$	10	1	11
$10 \div 2$	5	0	011
$5 \div 2$	2	1	1011
$2 \div 2$	1	0	01011
$1 \div 2$	0	1	101011

$$43 \text{ (decimal)} = 1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

$43 \div 2$ produces a quotient of 21, with a remainder of 1

$$43 \div 2 = 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 + 1 \times 2^{-1}$$

$$21 \text{ (decimal)} = 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

$21 \div 2$ produces a quotient of 10, with a remainder of 1

$$21 \div 2 = 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 + 1 \times 2^{-1}$$

$$10 \text{ (decimal)} = 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$$

$10 \div 2$ produces a quotient of 5, with a remainder of 0

$$10 \div 2 = 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^{-1}$$

$$5 \text{ (decimal)} = 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

$5 \div 2$ produces a quotient of 2, with a remainder of 1

$$5 \div 2 = 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 + 1 \times 2^{-1}$$

$$2 \text{ (decimal)} = 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$$

$2 \div 2$ produces a quotient of 1, with a remainder of 0

$$2 \div 2 = 1 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ (decimal)} = 1 \times 2^0$$

$1 \div 2$ produces a quotient of 0, with a remainder of 1

$$1 \div 2 = 0 \times 2^0 + 1 \times 2^{-1}$$

Generalization: Conversions between Decimal and base b

base b to Decimal

Technique

- use the definition of a number in a positional number system with base b
- evaluate the definition formula using decimal arithmetic

Decimal to base b

Technique

- repeatedly divide by b
- remainder is the next digit
- base b number is developed right to left

Conversions between Binary and Octal/Hexadecimal

Binary to Octal

Technique

- group bits into threes, right to left
- convert each such group to an octal digit

Example

$$1011010111 = 001\ 011\ 010\ 111 = 1327 \text{ (octal)}$$

Binary to Hexadecimal

Technique

- group bits into fours, right to left
- convert each such group to a hexadecimal digit

Example

$$1011001011 = 0010\ 1100\ 1011 = 2CB \text{ (hexadecimal)}$$

Octal to Binary

Technique

- convert each octal digit to a three-bit binary representation

Example

$$705 = 111\ 000\ 101 = 111000101 \text{ (binary)}$$

Hexadecimal to Binary

Technique

- convert each octal digit to a four-bit binary representation

Example

$$10AF = 0001\ 0000\ 1010\ 1111 = 1000010101111 \text{ (binary)}$$

You need the following tables in the above conversion processes:

(These can easily be reconstructed in the margins of a test paper when needed)

Binary \leftrightarrow Octal

Octal Digits	Binary
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0	000
1	001
2	010
3	011
4	100
5	101
6	110
7	111

Binary \leftrightarrow Hexadecimal

Hex Digits	Binary
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0	0000	8	1000
1	0001	9	1001
2	0010	(10) A	1010
3	0011	(11) B	1011
4	0100	(12) C	1100
5	0101	(13) D	1101
6	0110	(14) E	1110
7	0111	(15) F	1111

What about converting between Octal and Hexadecimal?

Octal to Hexadecimal:

Convert Octal to Binary and then convert Binary to Hexadecimal.

Hexadecimal to Octal:

Convert Hexadecimal to Binary and then convert Binary to Octal.

Chapter 3

Data Representation

Data and computers – Ch. 3.1

- everything inside a computer is stored as patterns of 0s and 1s.
- numbers, text, audio, video, images, graphics, etc.
- how do you convert it to 0s and 1s.
- how do you store the 0s and 1s efficiently.

Representing Numeric data – Ch. 3.2

Representing Natural numbers with a finite number of digits

General Property

Number of digits	Min	Max
n	0	$b^n - 1$

Examples:

$b=10, n=3$	000 to 999
$b=2, n=3$	000 to 111 (equivalent to 0 to 7, in decimal)
$b=8, n=3$	000 to 777 (equivalent to 0 to 511, in decimal)
$b=16, n=3$	000 to FFF (equivalent to 0 to _____, in decimal)

Representing Negative Number (Integers)

Basic Definition

- an integer is a number which has no fractional part

Examples: +123 -67

Integers (Signed, natural numbers)

- previously: unsigned numbers only, i.e. natural numbers
- need mechanism to represent both positive and negative numbers
- two schemes: 1) sign-magnitude, 2) complementary representation

Sign-Magnitude

in binary:

- sign: left-most bit (0 = positive, 1 = negative)
- magnitude: remaining bits

Example: (using 6-bit sign-magnitude representation)

$$+5 = 000101 \qquad -5 = 100101$$

Ranges

Number of bits	Binary			
	Unsigned (Natural Number)		Sign-Magnitude (Integer)	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
1	0	1		
2	0	3	-1	+1
3	0	7	-3	+3
4	0	15	-7	+7
5	0	31	-15	+15
6	0	63	-31	+31
etc.				
n	0	$2^n - 1$	$-(2^{n-1} - 1)$	$+(2^{n-1} - 1)$

Difficulties with Sign-Magnitude

- two representations for zero
 $+0 = 000000$ $-0 = 100000$
- arithmetic is awkward, especially subtraction

Complementary Representation

- positive numbers are represented by their corresponding natural numbers
- negative numbers are represented as (very) large natural numbers
- subtraction reduces to addition

negative numbers: $-x \equiv b^n - x$

Example:

Let $b = 10$ and $n = 2$

Positive numbers	Negative numbers
(+0) 00	
(+1) 01	99 (-1)
(+2) 02	98 (-2)
(+3) 03	97 (-3)
...	...
(+49) 49	51 (-49)
	50 (-50)

Visualization:

