Data representation: Bits, Bytes, Integers

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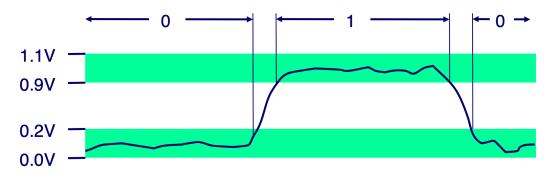
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Everything is bits

- Each bit is 0 or 1
- By encoding/interpreting sets of bits in various ways
 - Computers determine what to do (instructions)
 - ... and represent and manipulate numbers, sets, strings, etc...
- Why bits? Electronic Implementation
 - Easy to store with bistable elements
 - Reliably transmitted on noisy and inaccurate wires



Decimal, binary, octal, and hexadecimal

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexadecimal	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexadecimal
0	0b0000	000	0x0	8	0b1000	0o10	0x8
1	0b0001	001	0x1	9	0b1001	0o11	0x9
2	0b0010	0o2	0x2	10	0b1010	0o12	0xA
3	0b0011	003	0x3	11	0b1011	0o13	0xB
4	0b0100	004	0x4	12	0b1100	0o14	0xC
5	0b0101	005	0x5	13	0b1101	0o15	0xD
6	0b0110	006	0x6	14	0b1110	0o16	0xE
7	0b0111	007	0x7	15	0b1111	0o17	0xF

In C, format specifiers for printf() and fscanf():

- 1. decimal: '%d'
- 2. binary: none
- 3. octal: '%o'
- 4. hexadecimal: '%x'



Decimal, binary, octal, and hexadecimal

How to represent the range of unsigned char in each?

Unsigned char is one byte, 8 bits.

- 1. decimal: 0 to 255
- 2. binary: 0b0 to 0b11111111
- 3. octal: 0 to 0o377 (group by 3 bits)
- 4. hexadecimal: 0x00 to 0xFF (group by 4 bits)

Often encountered use of hexadecimal: RGB colors

Red, green, blue values ranging from 0-255

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#000000	#FFFFFF	#6A757C	#CC0033	
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Representing characters

- char is a 1-byte, 8-bit data type.
- ► ASCII is a 7-bit encoding standard.
- "man ascii" to see Linux manual.
- Compile and run ascii.c to see it in action.
- Some interesting characters: 7 (bell), 10 (new line), 27 (escape).

USASCII code chart

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Figure: ASCII character set. Image credit Wikimedia

Why are bitwise operations important?

- Network and UNIX settings using bit masks (e.g., umask)
- ► Hardware and microcontroller programming (e.g., Arduinos)
- Instruction set architecture encodings (e.g., ARM, x86)

~: bitwise NOT

unsigned char a = 128

$$a = 0b1000_0000$$
 $\tilde{a} = \tilde{a}0b1000_0000$
 $= 0b0111_1111$
 $= 127$

b	~b
0	1
1	0

&: bitwise AND

$$3\&1 = 0b11\&0b01$$

= $0b01$
= 1

a	b	a & b
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

1: bitwise OR

$$3|1 = 0b11|0b01$$
 $= 0b11$
 $= 3$
 $2|1 = 0b10|0b01$
 $= 0b11$
 $= 3$

a	b	a b
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

^: bitwise XOR

$$3 \wedge 1 = 0b11 \wedge 0b01$$
$$= 0b10$$
$$= 2$$

a	b	a^b
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

inplaceSwap.c: Swapping variables without temp variables.

How does it work?

Don't confuse bitwise operators with logical operators

Bitwise operators

- ~
- **&**
- _ ^

Logical operators

- **▶** &&
- ► != (for bool type)

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Representing negative and signed integers

Ways to represent negative numbers

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

Representing negative and signed integers

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             most neg value
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               06111121111
                                 06000000
                                                    = 127
Sign magnitude 2 - [27
Flip leading bit.
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Representing negative and signed integers

1s' complement

- Flip all bits as regation
- sembercer to all for 0 bock the comm →► Addition in 1s' complement is sound
 - In this encoding there are 2 encodings for 0
 - ► -0: 0b1111
 - +0: 0b0000

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Most reg number

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Ob0111_1111

= [27]

060000_000 |

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Representing negative and signed integers

2's complement

signed char	weight in decimal
00000001	1
00000010	2
00000100	4
00001000	8
00010000	16
00100000	32
01000000	64
10000000	-128

Table: Weight of each bit in a signed char type

- what is the most positive value you can represent? 127
- ▶ what is the most negative value you can represent? -128
- ▶ how to represent -1? 11111111
- ▶ how to represent -2? 11111110

Representing negative and signed integers

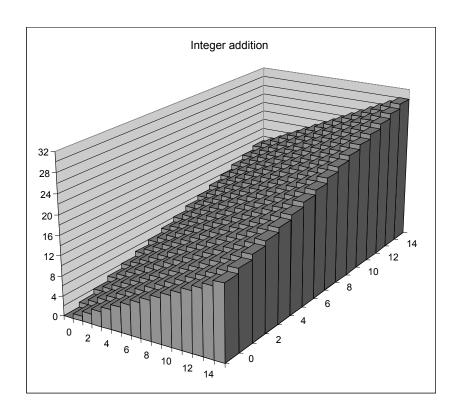
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Table: Weight of each bit in a signed char type

- ► MSB: 1 for negative
- ► To make a number negative: flip all bits and add 1.
- ► Addition in 2's complement is sound

Importance of paying attention to limits of encoding

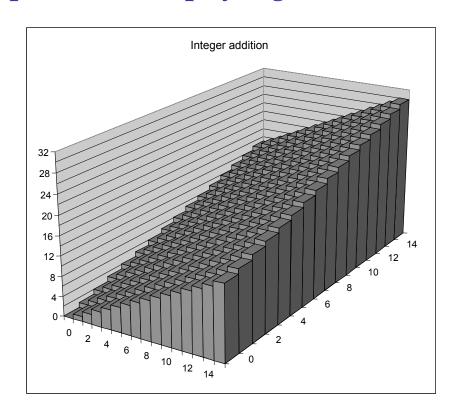


Unsigned addition (4-bit word) Overflow Normal

Figure: Image credit: CS:APP

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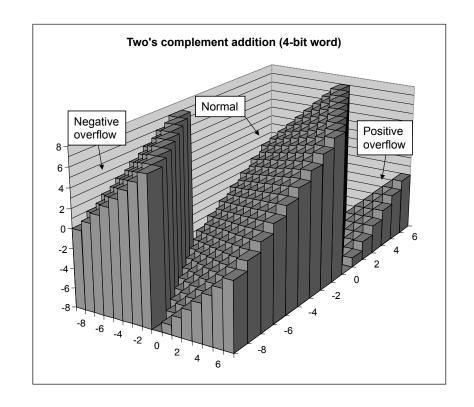


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Unsigned fixed-point binary for fractions

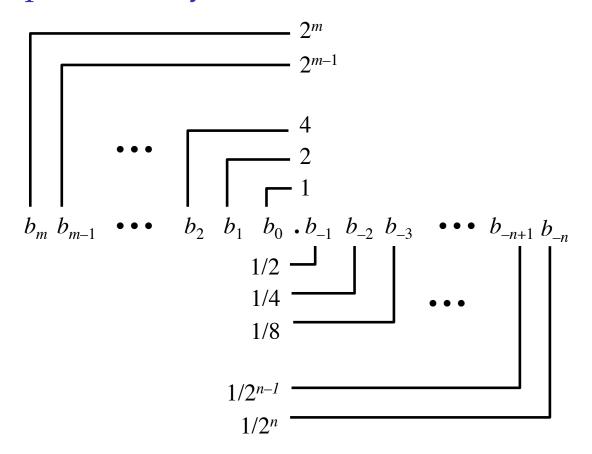


Figure: Fractional binary. Image credit CS:APP

Unsigned fixed-point binary for fractions

unsigned fixed-point char example	weight in decimal
1000.0000	8
0100.0000	4
0010.0000	2
0001.0000	1
0000.1000	0.5
0000.0100	0.25
0000.0010	0.125
0000.0001	0.0625

Table: Weight of each bit in an example fixed-point binary number

- ightharpoonup $.625 = .5 + .125 = 0000.1010_2$
- ightharpoonup 1001.1000₂ = 9 + .5 = 9.5

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Table: Weight of each bit in an example fixed-point binary number

$$-.625 = -8 + 4 + 2 + 1 + 0 + .25 + .125 = 1111.0110_2$$

$$ightharpoonup 1001.1000_2 = -8 + 1 + .5 = -6.5$$

Limitations of fixed-point

- \triangleright Can only represent numbers of the form $x/2^k$
- ► Cannot represent numbers with very large magnitude (great range) or very small magnitude (great precision)

Bit shifting

<< *N* Left shift by N bits

- ightharpoonup multiplies by 2^N
- \triangleright 2 << 3 = 0000_0010₂ << 3 = 0001_0000₂ = 16 = 2 * 2³
- $-2 << 3 = 1111_1110_2 << 3 = 1111_0000_2 = -16 = -2 * 2^3$

>> *N* Right shift by N bits

- ightharpoonup divides by 2^N
- $ightharpoonup 16 >> 3 = 0001_0000_2 >> 3 = 0000_0010_2 = 2 = 16/2^3$
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Programming assignment 2: Graphs, trees, queues, hashes

Programming Assignment 2 parts

- 1. hashTable: implementing a separate-chaining hash table.
- 2. edgelist: loading and printing a graph
- 3. isTree: needs either DFS (stack) or BFS (queue)
- 4. mst: a greedy algorithm
- 5. findCycle: needs either DFS (stack) or BFS (queue)
- 6. matChainMul: a dynamic programming approach to multiplying matrices with minimal operations using recursion

Using graphutils.h

- ► The adjacency list representation
- ► The edgelist representation
- ► The query

Binary search tree

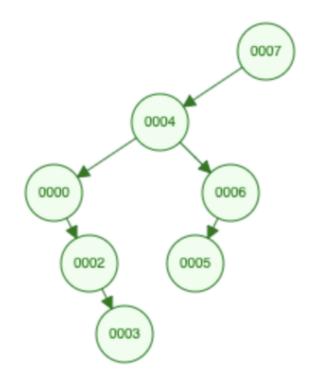


Figure: BST with input sequence 7, 4, 7, 0, 6, 5, 2, 3. Duplicates ignored.

Binary search tree level order traversal

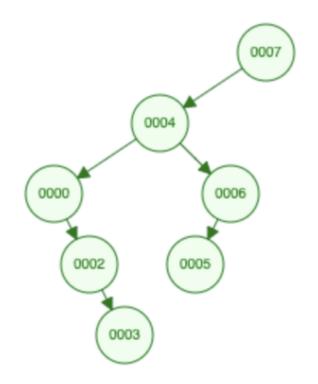


Figure: Level order, left-to-right traversal would return 7, 4, 0, 6, 2, 5, 3.

Binary search tree traversal orders

Breadth-first

- ► For example: level-order.
- ► Needs a queue (first in first out).
- Today in class we will build a BST and a Queue.

Depth-first

- ► For example: in-order traversal, reverse-order traversal.
- Needs a stack (first in last out).
- But in the example code implementation, where is the stack data structure?

typedef

Why types are important

- Natural language has nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs.
- ► Type safety.
- ► Interpretation vs. compilation.

BSTNode

```
typedef struct BSTNode BSTNode;
struct BSTNode {
   int key;
   BSTNode* l_child; // nodes with smaller key will be in left s
   BSTNode* r_child; // nodes with larger key will be in right s
};
```

QueueNode, Queue

```
// queue needed for level order traversal
typedef struct QueueNode QueueNode;
struct QueueNode {
    BSTNode* data;
    QueueNode* next; // pointer to next node in linked list
};
typedef struct Queue {
    QueueNode* front; // front (head) of the queue
    QueueNode* back; // back (tail) of the queue
} Queue;
```

Let's implement enqueue ()

https://visualgo.net/en/queue

- First, consider if queue is empty.
- ▶ Then, consider if queue is not empty. Only need to touch back (tail) of the queue.

Let's implement dequeue ()

https://visualgo.net/en/queue

- First, consider if queue will become empty.
- ▶ Then, consider if queue will not not empty. Only need to touch front (head) of the queue.

Subtle point: why are the function signatures (return, parameters) of enqueue () and dequeue () the way they are?

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Learning objectives

- ▶ Review and master recursion.
- Array subsetting using pointer arithmetic.
- Using pass-by-reference to return computed results.
- ▶ A new algorithm that most classmates have not seen before.

Cost of multiplying matrices: the number of multiplies

- $ightharpoonup A_{l \times m} \times B_{m \times n}$
- ▶ Needs $l \times m \times n$ number of multiplies
- (Well-kept secret: fewer multiplications possible, see Strassen's algorithm)

$$A \times B \times C = \begin{bmatrix} a_{0,0} & a_{0,1} \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 2} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_{0,0} \\ b_{1,0} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 1} \times \begin{bmatrix} c_{0,0} & c_{0,1} \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 2}$$

Parenthesization 1: 4+4 = 8 multiplies

$$A \times (B \times C) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{0,0} & a_{0,1} \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 2} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_{0,0}c_{0,0} & b_{0,0}c_{0,1} \\ b_{1,0}c_{0,0} & b_{1,0}c_{0,1} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \left(a_{0,0}b_{0,0}c_{0,0} + a_{0,1}b_{1,0}c_{0,0} \right) & \left(a_{0,0}b_{0,0}c_{0,1} + a_{0,1}b_{1,0}c_{0,1} \right) \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 2}$$

Parenthesization 2: 2+2 = 4 multiplies

$$(A \times B) \times C = \left(a_{0,0}b_{0,0} + a_{0,1}b_{1,0}\right) \times \left[c_{0,0} \quad c_{0,1}\right]_{1 \times 2}$$
$$= \left[\left(a_{0,0}b_{0,0} + a_{0,1}b_{1,0}\right)c_{0,0} \quad \left(a_{0,0}b_{0,0} + a_{0,1}b_{1,0}\right)c_{0,1}\right]_{1 \times 2}$$

$$A \times B \times C \times D$$

First partitioning

- ightharpoonup A(BCD); but what is cost of finding (BCD)? Needs decomposition.
- ightharpoonup (AB)(CD)
- ► (*ABC*)*D*; but what is cost of finding (ABC)? Needs decomposition.

Second partitioning

- ightharpoonup A(B(CD))
- ightharpoonup A((BC)D)
- ► (*AB*)(*CD*)
- ightharpoonup (A(BC))D
- ► ((*AB*)*C*)*D*