

Fundamentals of Computer Systems

Thinking Digitally

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But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

— Matthew 5:37



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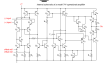
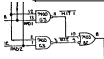
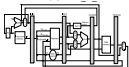
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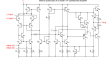
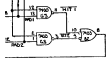
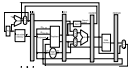
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Application Software COMS 3157, 4156, et al.

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Analog Circuits ELEN 3331

Devices ELEN 3106

Physics ELEN 3106 et al.

Boring Stuff

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Weight	What	When
40%	Homeworks	See Webpage
60%	Final exam	July 1st

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Software You Need



INKSCAPE

The Inkscape SVG File Editor inkscape.org

Do homework by downloading an SVG file from the class website, edit it in Inkscape, and upload it to Courseworks

The Digital Circuit Simulator github.com/hneemann/Digital

Circuit design problems: download (class website) .zip file with .dig files, edit with Digital, upload to Courseworks

SPIM: A MIPS32 Simulator spimsimulator.sourceforge.net

MIPS assembly coding:, download .zip file with .s files, edit in favorite text editor, test and debug in SPIM, upload to Courseworks

Rules and Regulations

Each assignment turned in must be unique; work must ultimately be your own.

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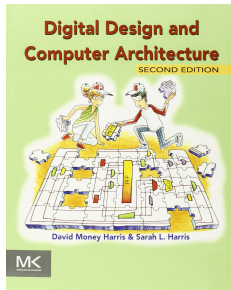
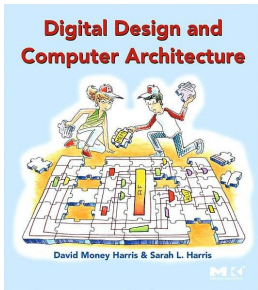
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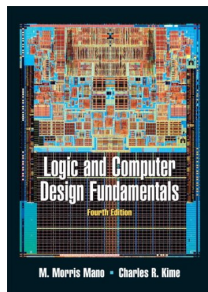
- ▶ David Harris and Sarah Harris. *Digital Design and Computer Architecture*. Either 1st or 2nd ed.

Almost precisely right for the scope of this class: digital logic and computer architecture.

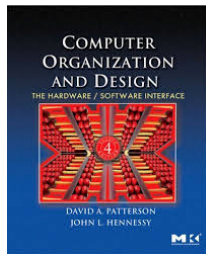


Optional Texts: Alternative 2

- ▶ M. Morris Mano and Charles Kime. *Logic and Computer Design Fundamentals*. 4th ed.



- ▶ David A. Patterson and John L. Hennessy. *Computer Organization and Design, The Hardware/Software Interface*. 4th ed.



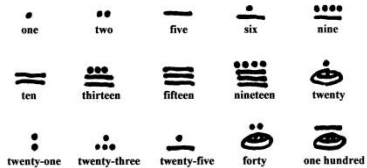
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There are only 10 types
of people in the world:
Those who understand binary
and those who don't.

Which Numbering System Should We Use?



Roman: I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX X



Mayan: base 20, Shell = 0

1	∩	11	<∩	21	<∩∩	31	<∩∩∩	41	<∩∩∩∩	51	<∩∩∩∩∩
2	∩∩	12	<∩∩	22	<∩∩∩	32	<∩∩∩∩	42	<∩∩∩∩∩	52	<∩∩∩∩∩∩
3	∩∩∩	13	<∩∩∩	23	<∩∩∩∩	33	<∩∩∩∩∩	43	<∩∩∩∩∩∩	53	<∩∩∩∩∩∩∩
4	∩∩∩∩	14	<∩∩∩∩	24	<∩∩∩∩∩	34	<∩∩∩∩∩∩	44	<∩∩∩∩∩∩∩	54	<∩∩∩∩∩∩∩∩
5	∩∩∩∩∩	15	<∩∩∩∩∩	25	<∩∩∩∩∩∩	35	<∩∩∩∩∩∩∩	45	<∩∩∩∩∩∩∩∩	55	<∩∩∩∩∩∩∩∩∩
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10	∩	20	<∩	30	<∩∩	40	<∩∩∩	50	<∩∩∩∩	60	<∩∩∩∩∩

Babylonian: base 60

The Decimal Positional Numbering System

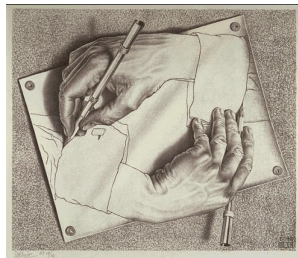


Ten figures: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

$$730_{10} = 7 \times 10^2 + 3 \times 10^1 + 0 \times 10^0$$

$$990_{10} = 9 \times 10^2 + 9 \times 10^1 + 0 \times 10^0$$

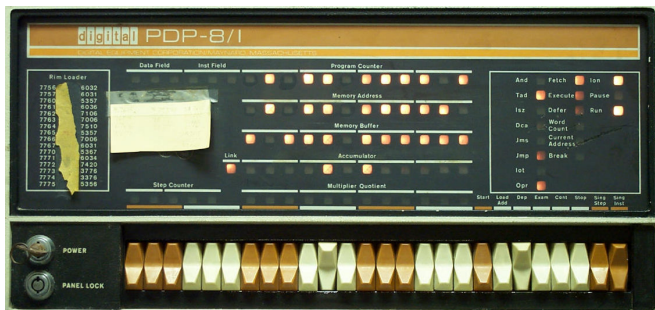
Why base ten?



Hexadecimal, Decimal, Octal, and Binary

Hex	Dec	Oct	Bin
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	10
3	3	3	11
4	4	4	100
5	5	5	101
6	6	6	110
7	7	7	111
8	8	10	1000
9	9	11	1001
A	10	12	1010
B	11	13	1011
C	12	14	1100
D	13	15	1101
E	14	16	1110
F	15	17	1111

Binary and Octal: Electronics Likes Powers of Two



DEC PDP-8/I, c. 1968

Oct	Bin
0	0
1	1
2	10
3	11
4	100
5	101
6	110
7	111

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PC} &= 010110111101_2 \\ &= 0 \times 2^{11} + 1 \times 2^{10} + 0 \times 2^9 + 1 \times 2^8 + 1 \times 2^7 + 0 \times 2^6 + \\ &\quad 1 \times 2^5 + 1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 \\ &= 2675_8 \\ &= 2 \times 8^3 + 6 \times 8^2 + 7 \times 8^1 + 5 \times 8^0 \\ &= 1469_{10} \end{aligned}$$

Hexadecimal Numbers

Base 16: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

Instead of groups of 3 bits (octal), Hex uses groups of 4.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{CAFEEF00D}_{16} &= 12 \times 16^7 + 10 \times 16^6 + 15 \times 16^5 + 14 \times 16^4 + \\ &\quad 15 \times 16^3 + 0 \times 16^2 + 0 \times 16^1 + 13 \times 16^0 \\ &= 3,405,705,229_{10}\end{aligned}$$

| C |	| A |	| F |	| E |	| F |	| 0 |	| 0 |	| D |	|	Hex		
11001010111111101111000000001101									Binary		
| 3 |	| 1 |	| 2 |	| 7 |	| 7 |	| 5 |	| 7 |	| 0 |	| 0 |	| 1 |	| 5 |	Octal

Computers Rarely Manipulate True Numbers

Infinite memory still very expensive

Finite-precision numbers typical

32-bit processor: naturally manipulates 32-bit numbers

64-bit processor: naturally manipulates 64-bit numbers

How many different numbers can you

represent with 5	binary	digits?
	octal	
	decimal	
	hexadecimal	

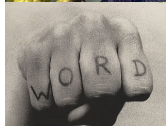
Jargon



Bit Binary digit: 0 or 1



Byte Eight bits



Word Natural number of bits for the processor, e.g., 16, 32, 64



LSB Least Significant Bit ("rightmost")



MSB Most Significant Bit ("leftmost")

Decimal Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 434 \\ + 628 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$4 + 8 = 12$$

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Decimal Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 434 \\ + 628 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

$$4 + 8 = 12$$

$$1 + 3 + 2 = 6$$

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Decimal Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 434 \\ + 628 \\ \hline 62 \end{array}$$

$$4 + 8 = 12$$

$$1 + 3 + 2 = 6$$

$$4 + 6 = 10$$

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Decimal Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \ 1 \\ 434 \\ + 628 \\ \hline 062 \end{array}$$

$$4 + 8 = 12$$

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0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Decimal Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\ 1 \\ 434 \\ +628 \\ \hline 1062 \end{array}$$

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+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Binary Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 10011 \\ +11001 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$1 + 1 = 10$$

+	0	1
0	00	01
1	01	10
10	10	11

Binary Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 10011 \\ +11001 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$1 + 1 = 10$$

$$1 + 1 + 0 = 10$$

+	0	1
0	00	01
1	01	10
10	10	11

Binary Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 10011 \\ +11001 \\ \hline 00 \end{array}$$

$$1 + 1 = 10$$

$$1 + 1 + 0 = 10$$

$$1 + 0 + 0 = 01$$

+	0	1
0	00	01
1	01	10
10	10	11

Binary Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 011 \\ 10011 \\ +11001 \\ \hline 100 \end{array}$$

$$1 + 1 = 10$$

$$1 + 1 + 0 = 10$$

$$1 + 0 + 0 = 01$$

$$0 + 0 + 1 = 01$$

+	0	1
0	00	01
1	01	10
10	10	11

Binary Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 0011 \\ 10011 \\ +11001 \\ \hline 1100 \end{array}$$

$$1 + 1 = 10$$

$$1 + 1 + 0 = 10$$

$$1 + 0 + 0 = 01$$

$$0 + 0 + 1 = 01$$

$$0 + 1 + 1 = 10$$

+	0	1
0	00	01
1	01	10
10	10	11

Binary Addition Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 10011 \\ 10011 \\ +11001 \\ \hline 101100 \end{array}$$

$$1 + 1 = 10$$

$$1 + 1 + 0 = 10$$

$$1 + 0 + 0 = 01$$

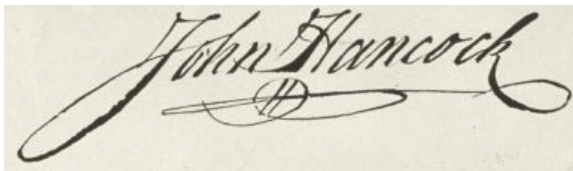
$$0 + 0 + 1 = 01$$

$$0 + 1 + 1 = 10$$

+	0	1
0	00	01
1	01	10
10	10	11

Signed Numbers: Dealing with Negativity

How should we represent negative numbers?

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Hancock". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, aged paper background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish under the "o" in "Hancock".

Binary Signed Magnitude Numbers

The familiar notation: negative numbers have a leading –

Binary signed-magnitude encoding: leading 1 indicates negative; remaining bits treated as binary.

$$0000_2 = 0$$

$$0010_2 = 2$$

$$1010_2 = -2$$

$$1111_2 = -7$$

$$1000_2 = -0?$$

Can be made to work, but addition is annoying:

If the signs match, add the magnitudes and use the same sign.

If the signs differ, subtract the smaller number from the larger; return the sign of the larger.

One's Complement Numbers

Like Signed Magnitude, a leading 1 indicates a negative One's Complement number. However, number magnitude is *complement* of remaining bits interpreted as binary.

To negate a number, complement (flip) each bit.

$$0000_2 = 0$$

$$0010_2 = 2$$

$$1101_2 = -2$$

$$1000_2 = -7$$

$$1111_2 = -0?$$

Addition is nicer: just add the one's complement numbers as if they were normal binary.

Really annoying having a -0 : two numbers are equal if their bits are the same or if one is 0 and the other is -0 .



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Two's Complement Numbers



Really neat trick: just make only the most significant bit represent a *negative* number instead of positive; treat the rest as binary.

$$1101_2 = -8 + 4 + 1 = -3$$

$$1111_2 = -8 + 4 + 2 + 1 = -1$$

$$0111_2 = 4 + 2 + 1 = 7$$

$$1000_2 = -8$$

Easy addition: just add in binary and discard any carry.

Negation: complement each bit (as in one's complement) then add 1.

Subtraction done with negation and addition.

Very good property: no -0

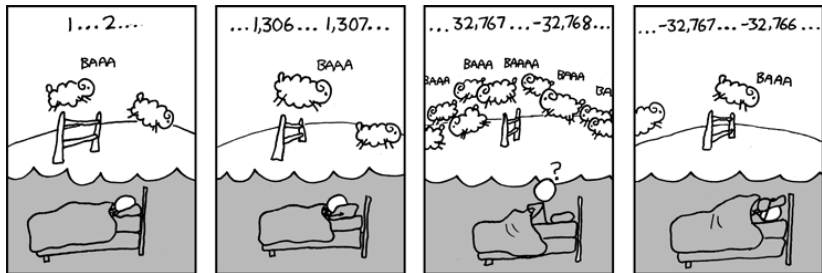
Two's complement numbers are equal if and only if all their bits are the same.

Number Representations Compared

Code	Binary	Signed Mag.	One's Comp.	Two's Comp.
0000	0	0	0	0
0001	1	1	1	1
⋮				
0111	7	7	7	7
1000	8	-0	-7	-8
1001	9	-1	-6	-7
⋮				
1110	14	-6	-1	-2
1111	15	-7	-0	-1

Smallest number

Largest number



<https://xkcd.com/571/>

How many bits in his brain?

Fixed-point Numbers



How to represent fractional numbers? In decimal, we continue with negative powers of 10:

$$31.4159 = 3 \times 10^1 + 1 \times 10^0 + \\ 4 \times 10^{-1} + 1 \times 10^{-2} + 5 \times 10^{-3} + 9 \times 10^{-4}$$

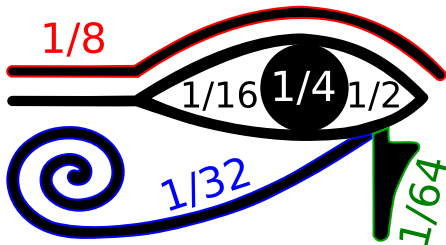
Also works in binary:

$$1011.0110_2 = 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 + \\ 0 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2} + 1 \times 2^{-3} + 0 \times 2^{-4} \\ = 8 + 2 + 1 + 0.25 + 0.125 \\ = 11.375$$

Addition and subtraction algorithms the same.

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Interesting

The ancient Egyptians used binary fractions:



The Eye of Horus

Binary-Coded Decimal



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Humans prefer reading decimal numbers; computers prefer binary.

BCD is a compromise: every four bits represents a decimal digit.

Dec	BCD
0	0000 0000
1	0000 0001
2	0000 0010
⋮	⋮
8	0000 1000
9	0000 1001
10	0001 0000
11	0001 0001
⋮	⋮
18	0001 1000
19	0001 1001
20	0010 0000
⋮	⋮

BCD Addition

Binary addition
followed by a possible
correction.

Any four-bit group
greater than 9 must
have 6 added to it.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 158 \\ +242 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 00010101\ 1000 \\ +001001000010 \\ \hline 1010 \text{ First group} \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 158 \\ +242 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 00010101\ 1000 \\ +001001000010 \\ \hline 1010 \text{ First group} \\ + 0110 \text{ Correction} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

BCD Addition

Binary addition followed by a possible correction.

Any four-bit group greater than 9 must have 6 added to it.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 158 \\ +242 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 000101011000 \\ +001001000010 \\ \hline 1010 \quad \text{First group} \\ +0110 \quad \text{Correction} \\ \hline 10100000 \quad \text{Second group} \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

BCD Addition

Binary addition followed by a possible correction.

Any four-bit group greater than 9 must have 6 added to it.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 158 \\ +242 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 000101011000 \\ +001001000010 \\ \hline 1010 \quad \text{First group} \\ +0110 \quad \text{Correction} \\ \hline 10100000 \quad \text{Second group} \\ +0110 \quad \text{Correction} \\ \hline \hline \end{array}$$

BCD Addition

Binary addition followed by a possible correction.

Any four-bit group greater than 9 must have 6 added to it.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 158 \\ +242 \\ \hline 00 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 1 \\ 000101011000 \\ +001001000010 \\ \hline \quad \quad 1010 \quad \text{First group} \\ \quad \quad +0110 \quad \text{Correction} \\ \hline \quad 10100000 \quad \text{Second group} \\ \quad +0110 \quad \text{Correction} \\ \hline 01000000 \quad \text{Third group} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

BCD Addition

Binary addition followed by a possible correction.

Any four-bit group greater than 9 must have 6 added to it.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 158 \\ +242 \\ \hline 400 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ +001001000010 \\ \hline 1010 \text{ First group} \\ +0110 \text{ Correction} \\ \hline 10100000 \text{ Second group} \\ +0110 \text{ Correction} \\ \hline 01000000 \text{ Third group} \\ \text{ (No correction)} \\ \hline 010000000000 \text{ Result} \end{array}$$

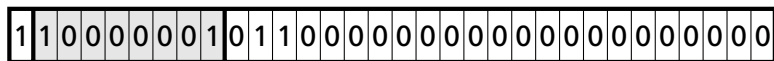
Floating-Point Numbers: "Scientific Notation"

Greater dynamic range at the expense of precision
Excellent for real-world measurements

IEEE 754 Single-Precision (32-bit)

Sign 8-bit Exponent

23-bit Fraction



implicit

"excess 127"

$$= - 1.0110000_2 \times 2^{10000001_2 - 127}$$

$$= -1.375 \times 2^2$$

$$= -5.5$$

ASCII For Representing Characters and Strings

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	NUL	DLE	SP	0	@	P	'	p
1	SOH	DC1	!	1	A	Q	a	q
2	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	b	r
3	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	c	s
4	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t
5	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
6	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	v
7	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g	w
8	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h	x
9	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i	y
A	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	z
B	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k	{
C	FF	FS	,	<	L	\	l	|
D	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m	}
E	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n	~
F	SI	US	/	?	O	_	o	DEL
