Computer Mathematics

Week 3 Unsigned integer arithmetic





last week

positional number representations

- digit positions have weights (significance)
- related by the radix (base)
- weight \times digit = value
- number is the sum of the values

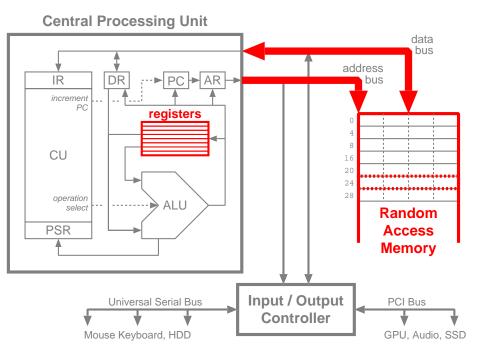
converting an integer to radix \boldsymbol{r}

 divide by r, remainder is digit, repeat until 0 (digits generated from right to left)

converting a fraction to radix \boldsymbol{r}

 multiply by r, integer part is digit, discard integer part, repeat until 0 (digits generated from left to right)

useful bases: binary (r = 2), octal (r = 8), decimal (r = 10), hexadecimal (r = 16)



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this week

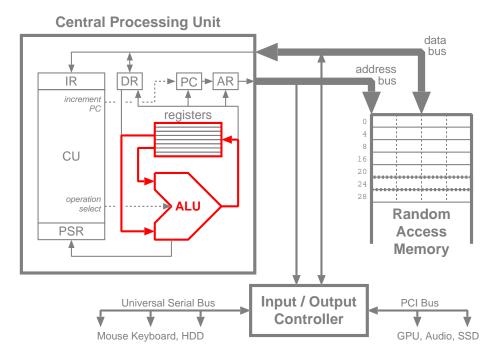
range of representable numeric values

unsigned arithmetic

- terminology
- basic mathematical operations
 - $+ \times \div$
 - in decimal
 - in binary

integer overflow

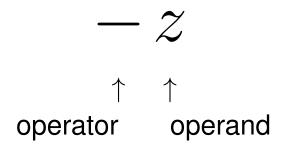
• conditions and detection



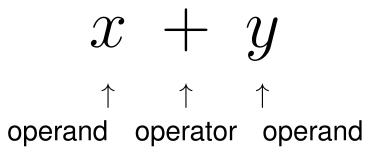


arithmetic

a *unary operator* applies a mathematical *operation* to one *operand*



a binary operator applies a mathematical operation to two operands





unsigned number range

for an unsigned, n-digit, radix-r number

- the minimum value is when all digits are 0
- the maximum value is when all digits are r-1

e.g., with four-digit numbers, the maximum representable values are

base	number	value	
decimal $(r = 10)$	9999	9999_{10}	$= 10000 - 1 = 10^4 - 1$
binary $(r=2)$	1111	15_{10}	$= 16 - 1 = 2^4 - 1$

when performing binary arithmetic on n-digit numbers

- minimum allowed operand or result: 0
- maximum allowed operand or result: $2^n 1$

operands will always be within these limits

results outside the range $[0 \dots 2^n - 1]$ cannot be represented; they have *overflowed*



modular arithmetic

adding one digit to another produces a single-digit result; in decimal:

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3 + 4 = 7
7 + 8 = 5 (carry one)
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when the result exceeds 9, it 'wraps around' back to 0 (and generates a carry)

subtracting one digit from another produces a single-digit result; in decimal:

4 - 3 = 13 - 4 = 9 (borrow one)

when the result is less than 0, it 'wraps around' back to 9 (and generates a *borrow*)

for radix r numbers, this is called 'modulo-r' arithmetic

• e.g., 'modulo-10' for decimal, and 'modulo-2' for binary

(carries and borrows are always either 0 or 1)



unsigned addition

adding two multi-digit numbers is just adding individual digits, including carries

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17 \leftarrow augend + 28 \leftarrow addend
carry out \text{ from '7 + 8'} = carry \text{ in to '1 + 2'} \longrightarrow 1
45 \leftarrow sum
in binary, using 4-bit words:
0110 + 01111
carry out \leftarrow 0 1100 \leftarrow carry in
1101
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representable range depends on number of bits in a word with 4 bits:

- minimum representable value $0000_2 = 0$, maximum value $1111_2 = 15$, but...
- maximum sum = 15 + 15 = 30 (11110₂)
- if *carry out* = 1 then the sum was > 15, and the addition *overflowed*
 - the result cannot be represented in the number of bits available



unsigned subtraction

subtracting two multi-digit numbers is just subtracting individual digits, including borrows

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4 \ 7 &\leftarrow \textit{minuend} \\ - 1 \ 8 &\leftarrow \textit{subtrahend} \\ \textit{borrow out from '7 - 8' = \textit{borrow in to '4 + 1'} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2 \ 9} \\ \hline &\leftarrow \textit{difference} \end{array}$$

in binary, using 4-bit words:

$$\begin{array}{r}
1 1 0 1 \\
- 0 1 1 1 \\
\text{borrow out} \leftarrow 0 \underbrace{1 1 0 0}_{0 1 1 0} \leftarrow \text{borrow in} \\
\end{array}$$

overflow occurs if the answer should be negative

- if *borrow out* = 1 then the difference was < 0, and the subtraction overflowed
 - the result cannot be represented as an unsigned number



unsigned multiplication

to simplify multiplication we

- split one of the operands into individual digit values
- multiply the other operand by each individual digit value
- sum all the resulting *partial products*

 $2 3 4 \qquad \leftarrow multiplicand$ $\times \underbrace{2 1 1}_{2 3 4} \qquad \leftarrow multiplier$ $2 3 4 0 \qquad (1 \times 234)$ $2 3 4 0 \qquad (10 \times 234) \qquad \leftarrow partial \ products$ $+ 4 6 8 0 0 \qquad (200 \times 234)$ $\underbrace{1}_{4 9 3 7 4} \qquad \leftarrow product$



unsigned multiplication

this is very easy in binary

• multiplying by 0 or 1 is trivial

	$1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1$	
×	$1\ 1\ 1\ 0$	
	0000	(0×1011)
	$1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1$	(10×1011)
	$1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1$	(100×1011)
+	$1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1$	(1000×1011)
1	1111	
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note that the leftmost carry is also part of the result multiplying two n-bit numbers creates a 2n-bit result

• e.g., $1111_2 \times 1111_2 = 1110\,0001_2$

overflow occurs if the answer is $\geq 2^n$

• i.e., if any of the most-significant n bits are non-zero



unsigned division

division is performed by repeated subtraction

overflow cannot occur

division by zero is disallowed

• the answer is indeterminate



unsigned division

this is very easy in binary

• at each step, the divisor can be subtracted exactly zero or one times

$$111000_2 \div 1001_2 = 110_2 \operatorname{r} 10_2$$
$$(56_{10} \div 9_{10} = 6_{10} \operatorname{r} 2_{10})$$



summary

binary addition

- performed like decimal addition, but using only two digits
- like decimal, carry into next column is always 0 or 1
- like decimal, carry out of most significant position indicates overflow
 - the result is too large

binary subtraction

- performed like decimal subtraction, but using only two digits
- like decimal, borrow from next column is always 0 or 1
- like decimal, borrow from most significant position indicates overflow
 - the result is negative



summary

binary multiplication

- performed like decimal multiplication, but using only two digits
- like decimal, two n-digit numbers can produce a 2n-digit result
- like decimal, any non-zero digit in the leftmost n digits indicates overflow
 - the result is too large

binary division

- performed like decimal division, but using only two digits
- the quotient can never overflow (it is always smaller than the dividend)
- the remainder can never overflow (it is always in the range $[0 \dots divisor 1]$)
- like decimal, division by zero is an error
 - the result is indeterminate



next week

negative numbers

- various representations
- advantages, disadvantages

signed binary arithmetic

- negation
- subtraction made easy
- signed overflow



homework

next week's class will combine knowledge from this week and last week

review the slides for weeks 2 and 3

review the handouts for weeks 2, 3 and 4:

- Chapter 2: Positional number systems
- Chapter 3: Binary arithmetic

(the material in the handouts will make more and more sense after each week's class)

from the handouts, try to understand

- one's complement negative representation
- two's complement negative representation
- signed addition and subtraction

before coming to next week's class

glossary

binary operator — an operator that applies an operation to two operands.

borrow — a 1 that is transferred from the next more significant position (one position to the left). In radix-r modular artithmetic, a borrow is needed when the difference d of two digits is negative and cannot be stored in the result. Adding r to d yields a positive, single-digit result that can be stored in the result. To compensate for this, r needs to be subtracted from the overal difference. Since the column to the left has a weight r times larger, subtracting an extra 1 from the result digit in that column provides this compensation.

borrow in — the borrow generated in the next less significant position (one position to the right).

borrow out — the borrow that will be propagated to the next more significant position (one position to the left).

carry — a 1 that is transferred to the next more significant position (one position to the left). In radix-r modular artithmetic, a carry is generated when the sum s of two digits is $\geq r$ and cannot be stored in the result. Subtracting r from s yields a single-digit result that can be stored in the result. To compensate for this, r needs to be added to the overal sum. Since the column to the left has a weight r times larger, adding an extra 1 to the result digit in that column provides this compensation.

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glossary

indeterminate — a result that can have many possible values.

modular arithmetic — a system of integer arithmetic in which the range of possible values is restricted by a modulus m. When a value is increased to m, it instead wraps around to 0. When a value is decreased to -1, it instead wraps around to m-1. The behaviour is equivalent to dividing all arithmetic results by m and then using the remainder. Such arithmetic is said to be performed 'modulo m'.

operand — an input to a mathematical operation.

operation — a mathematical function such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, negation.

operator — a symbol in mathematics representing an operation to be applied to one or more operands.

overflow — a condition that occurs when the result of an operation cannot be represented in the available number of bits.

partial product — the result of multiplying the multiplicand by one digit of the multiplier. The product of multiplicand and multiplier is the sum of the partial products.

saturate —

unary operator — an operator that applies an operation to one operand.

wrap around — in modulo m arithmetic, the return to 0 that occurs when an increasing quantity passes m-1 (or the return to m-1 that occurs when a decreasing quantity passes 0).