

Bits, Bytes, and Integers

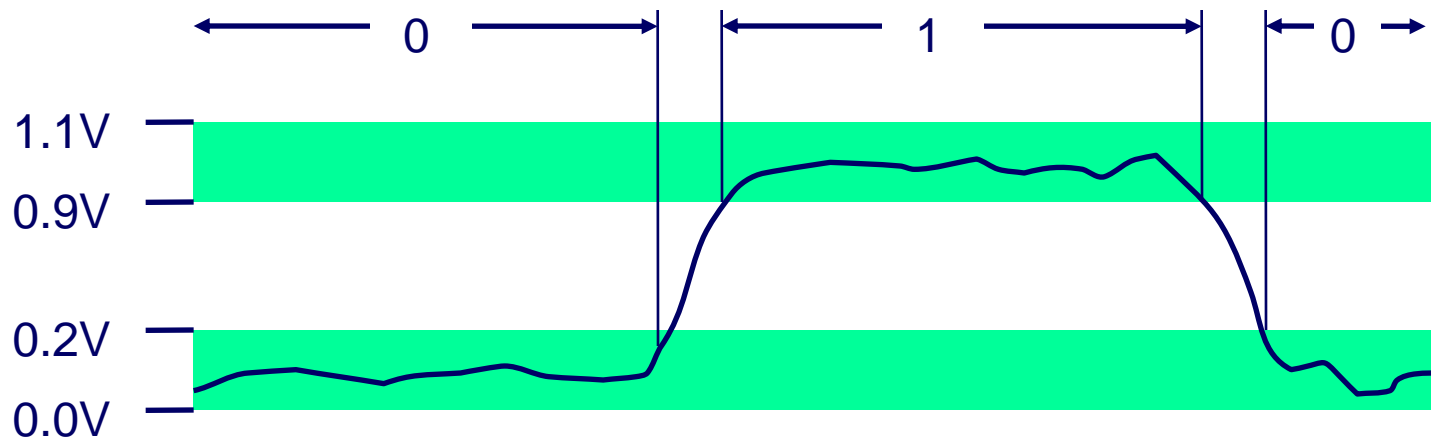
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Bits, Bytes, and Integers

- **Representing information as bits**
- **Bit-level manipulations**
- **Integers**
 - Representation: unsigned and signed
 - Conversion, casting
 - Expanding, truncating
 - Addition, negation, multiplication, shifting
 - Summary
- **Representations in memory, pointers, strings**

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 bi-stable elements
 - Reliably transmitted on noisy and inaccurate wires



The Decimal System and Bases

- **base 10 (decimal): digits 0-9**
 - e.g., $316_{10} = 3 \times 10^2 + 1 \times 10^1 + 6 \times 10^0 = 300 + 10 + 6$
- **in the decimal system, 10 is the base, or radix**
- **any integer > 1 can be a base**
- **base 2 has two digits: 0 and 1**
 - bit = **b**inary digit
 - $1011_2 = 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 =$

Converting to Decimal

- **Base eight (octal): digits 0-7**

- $474_8 =$

- **Base 16 (hexadecimal): digits 0-9 and A-F**

- $13C_{16} =$

- **Base 2 (binary): digits 0, 1**

- $100110_2 =$

- **In general, radix r representations use the first r chars in $\{0...9, A...Z\}$ and have the form $d_{n-1}d_{n-2}...d_1d_0$.**

- Summing $d_{n-1} \times r^{n-1} + d_{n-2} \times r^{n-2} + \dots + d_0 \times r^0$ converts to base 10.

Converting from Decimal to Binary

- convert 1693 to binary
- use a divisor of 2 to obtain the following sequence of quotients and remainders

dividend	quotient	remainder
1693	846	1
846	423	0
423	211	1
211	105	1
105	52	1
52	26	0
26	13	0
13	6	1
6	3	0
3	1	1
1	0	1

- read remainders in reverse order $1693_{10} = 11010011101_2$

More Base Conversion Practice

- **convert to base 10 by multiplication of powers**
 - $10012_5 = (\quad)_{10}$
- **convert from base 10 by repeated division**
 - $632_{10} = (\quad)_8$
- **converting base x to base y : convert base x to base 10 then convert base 10 to base y**

More Base Conversion Practice

■ Convert from base 10

■ $123_{10} = (\quad)_3$ and check

■ $1234_{10} = (\quad)_{16}$ and check

■ Another way to convert from decimal to base n

for n = 2

n^8	n^7	n^6	n^5	n^4	n^3	n^2	n^1	n^0
256	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

■ From LEFT TO RIGHT, ask “how many” and subtract

■ $(219)_{10} = (\quad)_2 = (\quad)_{16}$

Converting Between Hex and Binary

■ chart of values

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

■ to convert from binary to hex

- start at right of binary number
- convert each group of 4 digits into a hex value
- e.g., convert 11011101100_2 to hex

binary: 0110 1110 1100

hex: 6 E C

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■ to convert from hex to binary

- replace each hex digit with its binary equivalent
- e.g., convert $8A5_{16}$ to binary

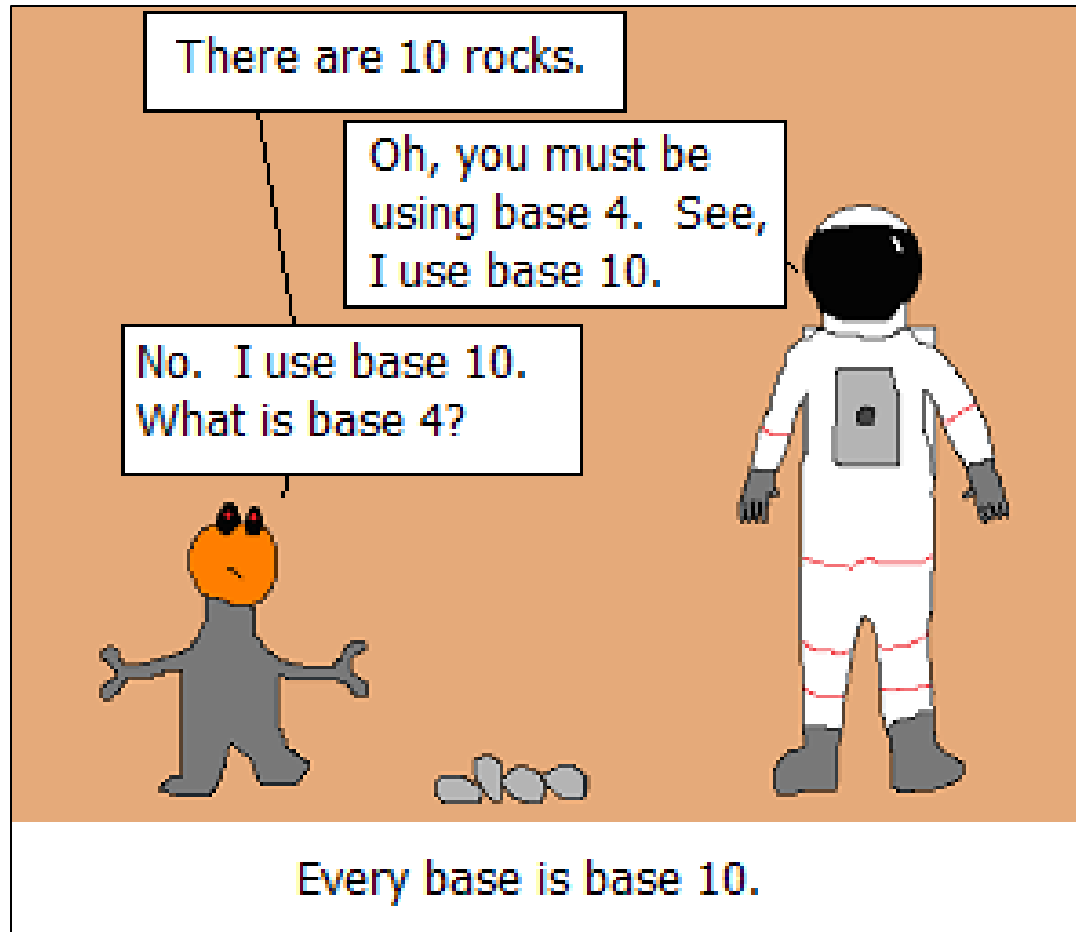
hex:	8	A	5
binary:	1000	1010	0101

Octal

- $2^4 = 16$ and $2^3 = 8$
 - power = # of bits per hex/octal digit
- **Binary to Hex**
 - every 4 bits = 1 hex digit
- **Octal – base 8**
 - digits 0-7
- **Binary to Octal**
 - Every 3 bits = 1 octal digit

DEC	OCT	HEX	BIN	Notes
	0	0	0	-
1	1	1	1	2^0
2	2	2	10	2^1
3	3	3	11	
4	4	4	100	2^2
5	5	5	101	
6	6	6	110	
7	7	7	111	
8	10	8	1000	2^3
9	11	9	1001	
10	12	A	1010	
11	13	B	1011	
12	14	C	1100	
13	15	D	1101	
14	16	E	1110	
15	17	F	1111	

Every Base is Base 10



In general, $10_x = X_{10}$

$$10_2 = 2$$

$$10_3 = 3$$

$$10_4 = 4$$

$$10_5 = 5$$

$$10_6 = 6$$

$$10_7 = 7$$

$$10_8 = 8$$

$$10_9 = 9$$

$$10_{10} = 10$$

<http://cowbirdsinline.com/43>

Other Binary Numbers

■ Base 2 Number Representation

- Represent 15213_{10} as 11101101101101_2
- Represent 1.20_{10} as $1.0011001100110011[0011]..._2$
- Represent 1.5213×10^4 as $1.1101101101101_2 \times 2^{13}$

Encoding Byte Values

■ Byte = 8 bits

- Binary 00000000_2 to 11111111_2
- Decimal: 0_{10} to 255_{10}
- Hexadecimal 00_{16} to FF_{16}
 - useful for writing binary values concisely
 - write $FA1D37B_{16}$ in C as
 - `0xFA1D37B`
 - `0xfa1d37b`

Hex	Decimal	Binary
0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
A	10	1010
B	11	1011
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F	15	1111

Example Data Representations

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Typical 64-bit	x86-64
<code>char</code>	1	1	1
<code>short</code>	2	2	2
<code>int</code>	4	4	4
<code>long</code>	4	8	8
<code>float</code>	4	4	4
<code>double</code>	8	8	8
<code>long double</code>	–	–	10/16
<code>pointer</code>	4	8	8

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Boolean Algebra

■ Developed by George Boole in 19th Century

- Algebraic representation of logic
 - Encode “True” as 1 and “False” as 0

And

- $A \& B = 1$ when both $A=1$ and $B=1$

$\&$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

Not

- $\sim A = 1$ when $A=0$

\sim	
0	1
1	0

Or

- $A | B = 1$ when either $A=1$ or $B=1$

$ $	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

Exclusive-Or (Xor)

- $A \wedge B = 1$ when either $A=1$ or $B=1$, but not both

\wedge	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

General Boolean Algebras

■ Operate on Bit Vectors

- Operations applied bitwise

01101001	01101001	01101001	
& 01010101	01010101	^ 01010101	~ 01010101
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
01000001	01111101	00111100	10101010

■ All of the Properties of Boolean Algebra Apply

Example: Representing & Manipulating Sets

■ Representation

- Width w bit vector represents subsets of $\{0, \dots, w-1\}$
- $a_j = 1$ if $j \in A$

- 01101001 $\{0, 3, 5, 6\}$

- 76543210

- 01010101 $\{0, 2, 4, 6\}$

- 76543210

■ Operations

- | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| ■ & Intersection | 01000001 | $\{0, 6\}$ |
| ■ Union | 01111101 | $\{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ |
| ■ ^ Symmetric difference | 00111100 | $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ |
| ■ ~ Complement | 10101010 | $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ |

Bit-Level Operations in C

■ Operations $\&$, $|$, \sim , \wedge available in C

- Apply to any “integral” data type
 - long, int, short, char, unsigned
- View arguments as bit vectors
- Arguments applied bit-wise

■ Examples (char data type)

- $\sim 0x41 \rightarrow 0xBE$
 - $\sim 01000001_2 \rightarrow 10111110_2$
- $\sim 0x00 \rightarrow 0xFF$
 - $\sim 00000000_2 \rightarrow 11111111_2$
- $0x69 \& 0x55 \rightarrow 0x41$
 - $01101001_2 \& 01010101_2 \rightarrow 01000001_2$
- $0x69 | 0x55 \rightarrow 0x7D$
 - $01101001_2 | 01010101_2 \rightarrow 01111101_2$

Contrast: Logic Operations in C

■ Contrast to Bit-level Operators

- `&&`, `||`, `!`
 - View 0 as “false”
 - Anything nonzero as “true”
 - Always return 0 or 1
 - Early termination

■ Examples (char data type)

- `!0x41 → 0x00`
- `!0x00 → 0x01`
- `!!0x41 → 0x01`

- `0x69 && 0x55 → 0x01`
- `0x69 || 0x55 → 0x01`
- `p && *p` (avoids null pointer access)

Contrast: Logic Operations in C

■ Contrast to Bit-level Operators

- `&&`, `||`, `!`
 - View 0 as “False”
 - Anything nonzero
 - Always evaluates both operands
 - Early exit

■ Example

- `!0x41` → 0
- `!0x00` → 1
- `!!0x41` → 1

- `0x69 && 0x55` → 0x01
- `0x69 || 0x55` → 0x01
- `p && *p` (avoids null pointer access)

**Watch out for `&&` vs. `&` (and `||` vs. `|`)...
one of the more common oopsies in
C programming**

Shift Operations

■ Left Shift: $x \ll y$

- Shift bit-vector x left y positions
 - Throw away extra bits on left
- Fill with 0's on right

■ Right Shift: $x \gg y$

- Shift bit-vector x right y positions
 - Throw away extra bits on right
- Logical shift
 - Fill with 0's on left
- Arithmetic shift
 - Replicate most significant bit on left

■ Undefined Behavior

- Shift amount < 0 or \geq word size

Argument x	01100010
$\ll 3$	00010000
Log. $\gg 2$	00011000
Arith. $\gg 2$	00011000

Argument x	10100010
$\ll 3$	00010000
Log. $\gg 2$	00101000
Arith. $\gg 2$	11101000

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Finite Precision

- **the space to store integers in a computer is limited**
 - forced to deal with finite precision
- **different machines use a varying number of bits for its word size, from 4 to 256 bits**
 - nominal size of integer and pointer data
 - 32 and 64 bits are the current preferred sizes
- **in general, we can store 2^n different values with n bits**
 - 1 bit: 2 values (0 and 1)
 - 2 bits: 4 values (00, 01, 10, 11)
 - 4 bits: 16 values
 - we've seen 0..15, but no negative values

Number of Values

- **Address space depends on word size $\rightarrow 2^{\text{word-size-in-#bits}}$**
 - Is it big enough?
 - 64-bit high-end machines becoming more prevalent
 - Portability issues – insensitive to sizes of different data types

# bytes	# bits	# of values ($2^{\text{\#bits}}$)	low	high
1	8	256		
2	16	65536		
3	24	16777216		
4	32	4294967296		
5	40	1.09951E+12		
6	48	2.81475E+14		
7	56	7.20576E+16		
8	64	1.84467E+19		
9	72	4.72237E+21		
10	80	1.20893E+24		
11	88	3.09485E+26		
12	96	7.92282E+28		
13	104	2.02824E+31		
14	112	5.1923E+33		
15	120	1.32923E+36		
16	128	3.40282E+38		

Negative Values

- so far, we've seen the number of positive integers possible, but no negative values
- common sense tells us to split the number of bit patterns into two groups of roughly the same size: one for positive values and one for negative values
 - don't forget 0
- many ways to split these values have been developed over the years
 - two's complement is the most popular
 - unsigned represents only non-negative values (positive values and 0)

Encoding Integers

Unsigned

$$B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

Two's Complement

$$B2T(X) = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

```
short int x = 15213;  
short int y = -15213;
```

Sign
Bit



■ C short 2 bytes long

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011

■ Sign Bit

- For 2's complement, most significant bit indicates sign
 - 0 for nonnegative
 - 1 for negative

Two-complement Encoding Example (Cont.)

x = 15213: 00111011 01101101
y = -15213: 11000100 10010011

Weight	15213		-15213	
1	1	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	2
4	1	4	0	0
8	1	8	0	0
16	0	0	1	16
32	1	32	0	0
64	1	64	0	0
128	0	0	1	128
256	1	256	0	0
512	1	512	0	0
1024	0	0	1	1024
2048	1	2048	0	0
4096	1	4096	0	0
8192	1	8192	0	0
16384	0	0	1	16384
-32768	0	0	1	-32768
Sum	15213		-15213	

Two's Complement – Simple Conversion

- **conversion from positive to negative using a two-step process**

- reverse the bits of the positive representation
- add 1 to the result
- e.g.,

00001001	9
11110110	reverse all bits
11110111	add 1 = -9

- **only one representation for 0**

00000000
 $11111111 + 1 = 00000000$

- **one more negative number than positive number**

Two's Complement – Alternate Conversion

- **alternate conversion using a two-step process**

- reading from right to left, copy all values up to and including the first 1
- reverse the remainder of the bits
- e.g.,

00011100 28

11100100 -28

- **positive numbers do not need conversion**

Numeric Ranges

■ Unsigned Values

- $UMin = 0$
000...0
- $UMax = 2^w - 1$
111...1

■ Two's Complement Values

- $TMin = -2^{w-1}$
100...0
- $TMax = 2^{w-1} - 1$
011...1

■ Other Values

- Minus 1
111...1

Values for $W = 16$

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
UMax	65535	FF FF	11111111 11111111
TMax	32767	7F FF	01111111 11111111
TMin	-32768	80 00	10000000 00000000
-1	-1	FF FF	11111111 11111111
0	0	00 00	00000000 00000000

Values for Different Word Sizes

	W			
	8	16	32	64
UMax	255	65,535	4,294,967,295	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
TMax	127	32,767	2,147,483,647	9,223,372,036,854,775,807
TMin	-128	-32,768	-2,147,483,648	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808

■ Observations

- $|TMin| = TMax + 1$
 - Asymmetric range
- $UMax = 2 * TMax + 1$

■ C Programming

- `#include <limits.h>`
- Declares constants, e.g.,
 - `ULONG_MAX`
 - `LONG_MAX`
 - `LONG_MIN`
- Values are platform-specific

Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values

X	$B2U(X)$	$B2T(X)$
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	8	-8
1001	9	-7
1010	10	-6
1011	11	-5
1100	12	-4
1101	13	-3
1110	14	-2
1111	15	-1

■ Equivalence

- Same encodings for nonnegative values

■ Uniqueness

- Every bit pattern represents unique integer value
- Each representable integer has unique bit encoding

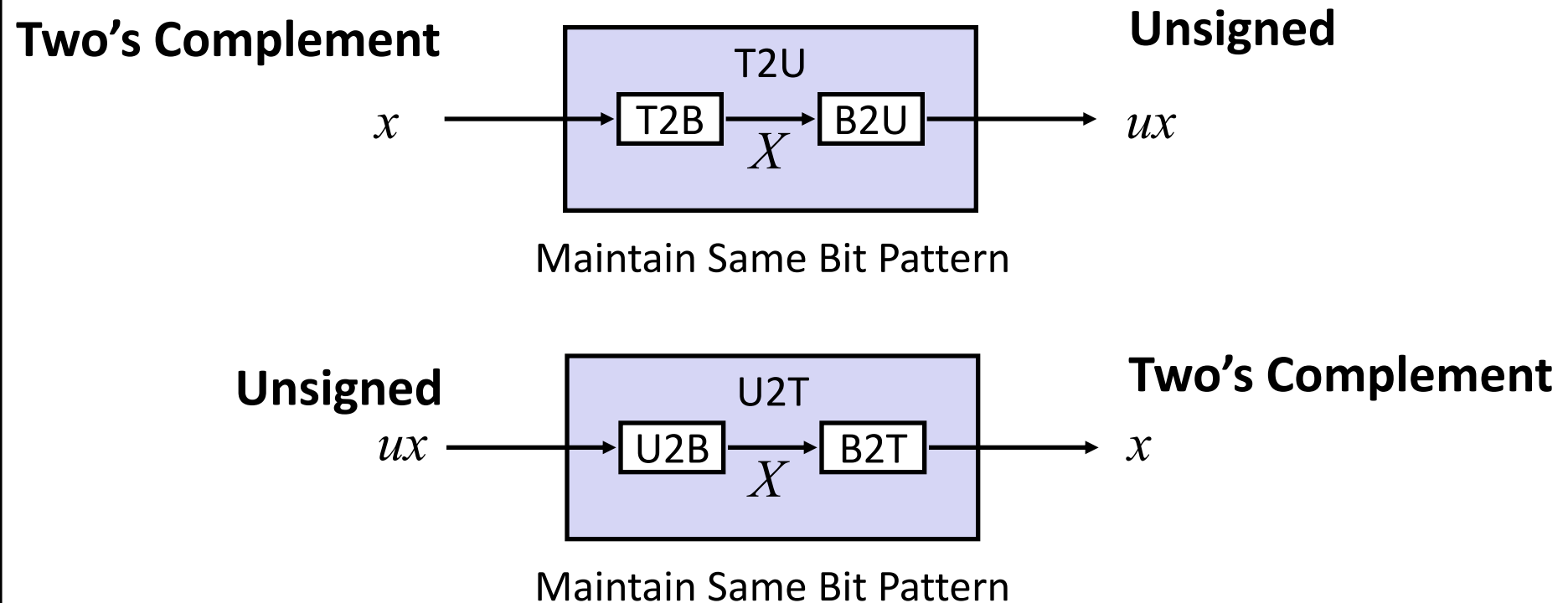
■ \Rightarrow Can Invert Mappings

- $U2B(x) = B2U^{-1}(x)$
 - Bit pattern for unsigned integer
- $T2B(x) = B2T^{-1}(x)$
 - Bit pattern for two's comp integer

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Mapping Between Signed & Unsigned



- Mappings between unsigned and two's complement numbers:
Keep bit representations and reinterpret

Mapping Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned

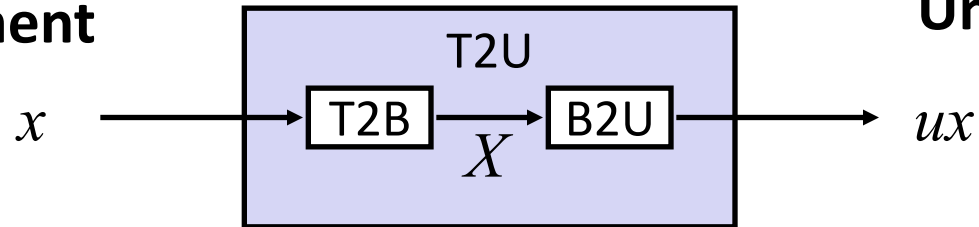
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0000	0	\rightarrow T2U \rightarrow \leftarrow U2T \leftarrow	0
0001	1		1
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0101	5		5
0110	6		6
0111	7		7
1000	-8		8
1001	-7		9
1010	-6		10
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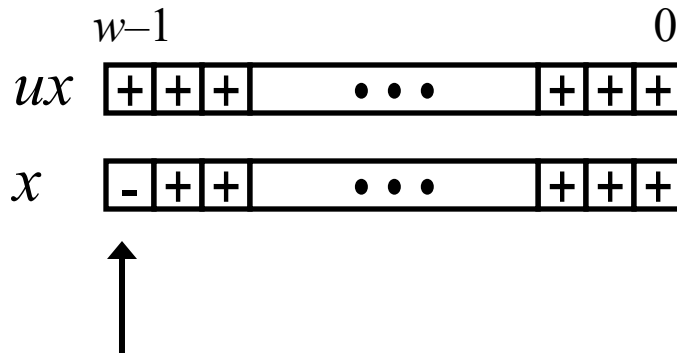
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0111	7		7
1000	-8	\longleftrightarrow +/- 16	8
1001	-7		9
1010	-6		10
1011	-5		11
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Relation between Signed & Unsigned

Two's Complement



Unsigned

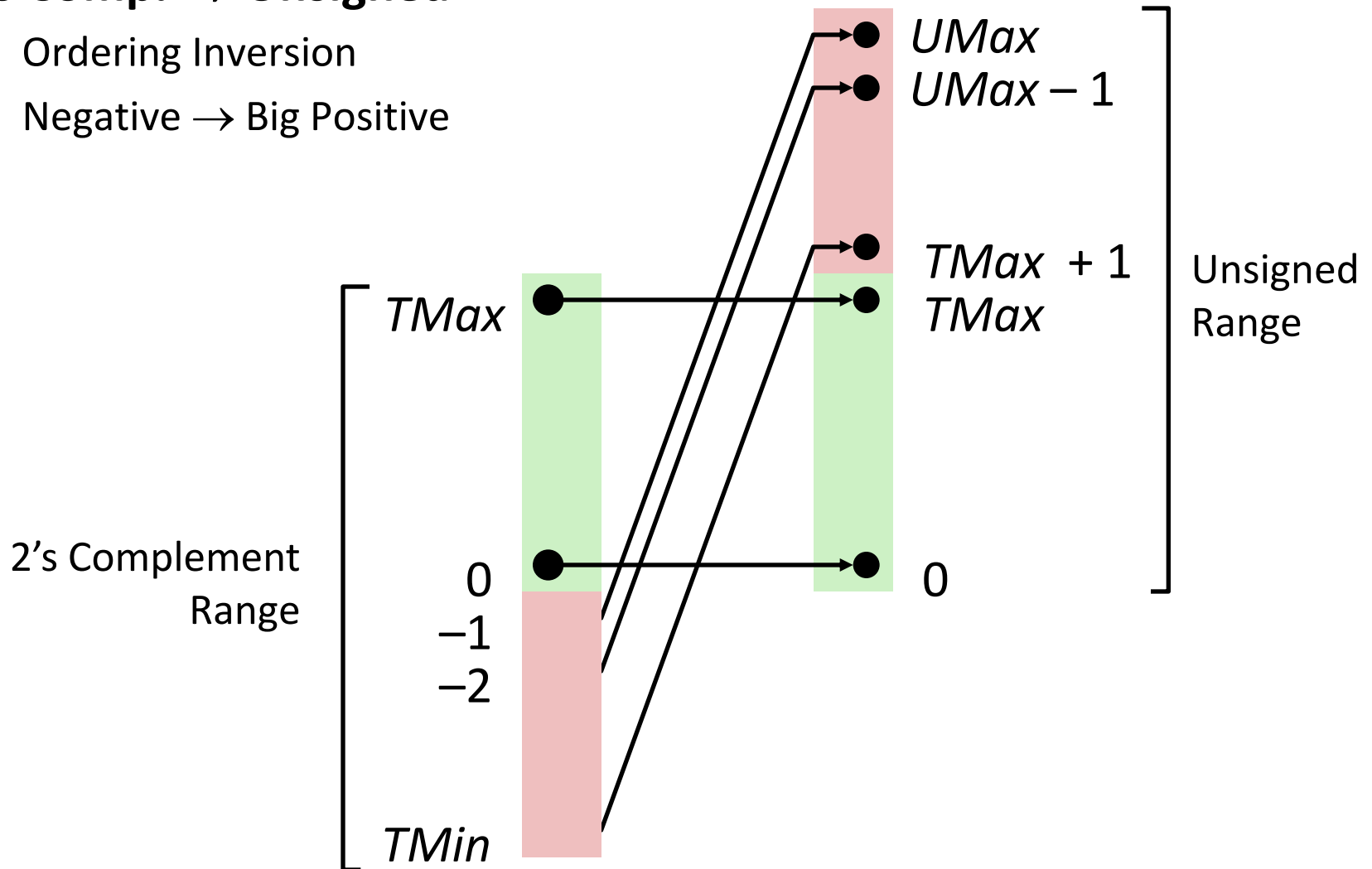


Large negative weight
becomes
Large positive weight

Conversion Visualized

■ 2's Comp. → Unsigned

- Ordering Inversion
- Negative → Big Positive



Signed vs. Unsigned in C

■ Constants

- By default are considered to be signed integers
- Unsigned if have “U” as suffix

`0U, 4294967259U`

■ Casting

- Explicit casting between signed & unsigned same as U2T and T2U

```
int tx, ty;
unsigned ux, uy;
tx = (int) ux;
uy = (unsigned) ty;
```

- Implicit casting also occurs via assignments and procedure calls

```
tx = ux;
uy = ty;
```

Casting Surprises

■ Expression Evaluation

- If there is a mix of unsigned and signed in single expression,
signed values implicitly cast to unsigned
- Including comparison operations $<$, $>$, $==$, $<=$, $>=$
- Examples for $W = 32$: **TMIN = -2,147,483,648**, **TMAX = 2,147,483,647**

■ Constant ₁	Constant ₂	Relation	Evaluation
0	0U	==	unsigned
-1	0	<	signed
-1	0U	>	unsigned
2147483647	-2147483647-1	>	signed
2147483647U	-2147483647-1	<	unsigned
-1	-2	>	signed
(unsigned)-1	-2	>	unsigned
2147483647	2147483648U	<	unsigned
2147483647	(int) 2147483648U	>	signed

Summary

Casting Signed \leftrightarrow Unsigned: Basic Rules

- Bit pattern is maintained
- But reinterpreted
- Can have unexpected effects: adding or subtracting 2^w
- Expression containing signed and unsigned int
 - `int` is cast to `unsigned`!!

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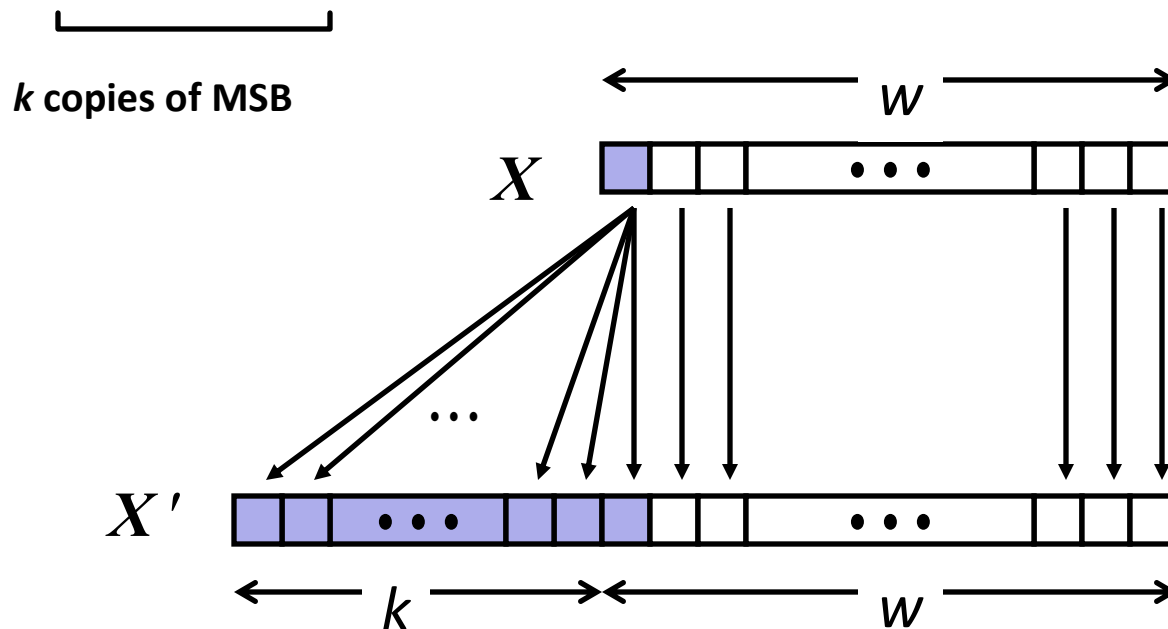
Sign Extension

■ Task:

- Given w -bit signed integer x
- Convert it to $w+k$ -bit integer with same value

■ Rule:

- Make k copies of sign bit:
- $X' = \underbrace{x_{w-1}, \dots, x_{w-1}}_{k \text{ copies of MSB}}, x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \dots, x_0$



Sign Extension Example

```
short int x = 15213;
int      ix = (int) x;
short int y = -15213;
int      iy = (int) y;
```

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
ix	15213	00 00 3B 6D	00000000 00000000 00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
iy	-15213	FF FF C4 93	11111111 11111111 11000100 10010011

- Converting from smaller to larger integer data type
- C automatically performs sign extension

Summary:

Expanding, Truncating: Basic Rules

- **Expanding (e.g., short int to int)**
 - Unsigned: zeros added
 - Signed: sign extension
 - Both yield expected result
- **Truncating (e.g., unsigned to unsigned short)**
 - Unsigned/signed: bits are truncated
 - Result reinterpreted
 - Unsigned: mod operation
 - Signed: similar to mod
 - For small numbers yields expected behavior

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Unsigned Addition

Operands: w bits



True Sum: $w+1$ bits



Discard Carry: w bits



■ Standard Addition Function

- Ignores carry output

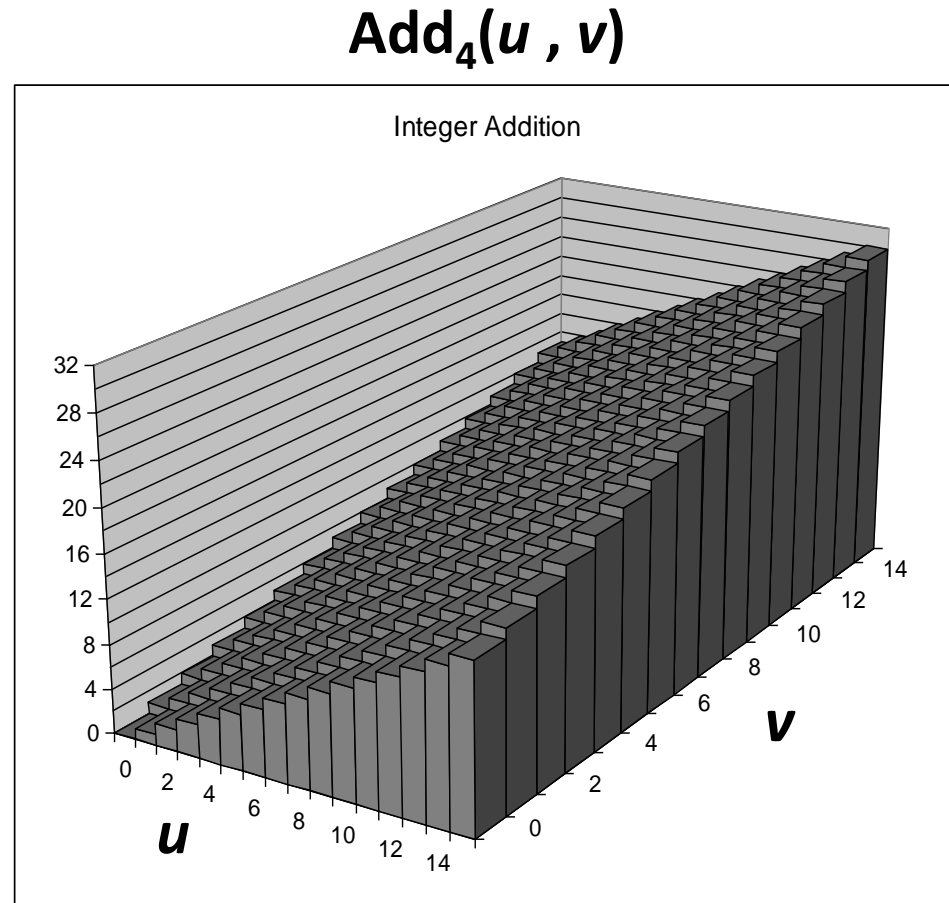
■ Implements Modular Arithmetic

$$s = \text{UAdd}_w(u, v) = u + v \bmod 2^w$$

Visualizing (Mathematical) Integer Addition

■ Integer Addition

- 4-bit integers u, v
- Compute true sum $\text{Add}_4(u, v)$
- Values increase linearly with u and v
- Forms planar surface

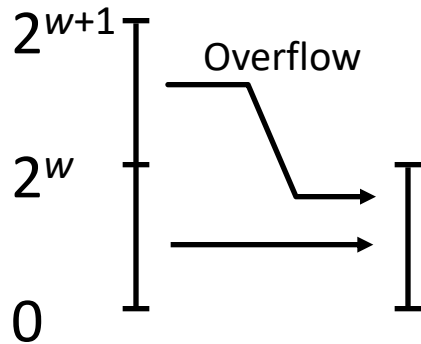


Visualizing Unsigned Addition

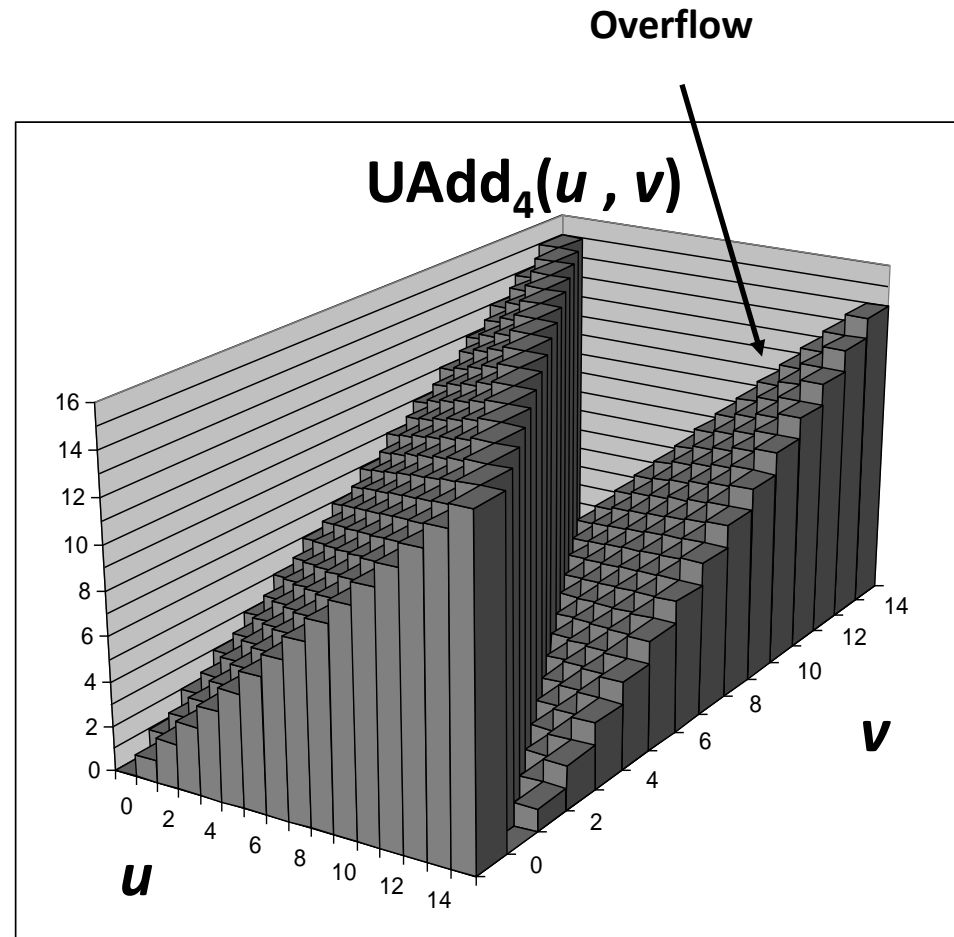
■ Wraps Around

- If true sum $\geq 2^w$
- At most once

True Sum



Modular Sum



Two's Complement Addition

Operands: w bits



True Sum: $w+1$ bits



Discard Carry: w bits



■ TAdd and UAdd have Identical Bit-Level Behavior

- Signed vs. unsigned addition in C:

```
int s, t, u, v;
```

```
s = (int) ((unsigned) u + (unsigned) v);
```

```
t = u + v
```

- Will give `s == t`

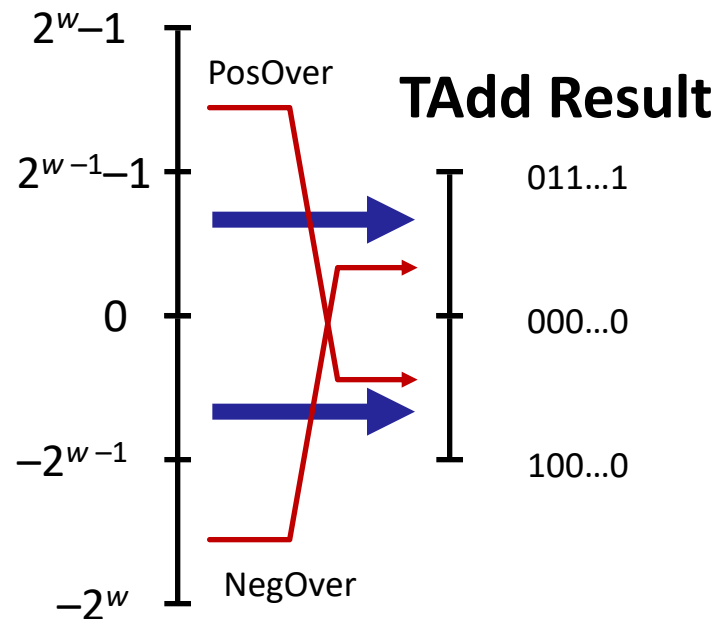
TAdd Overflow

■ Functionality

- True sum requires $w+1$ bits
- Drop off MSB
- Treat remaining bits as 2's comp. integer

0 111...1
0 100...0
0 000...0
1 011...1
1 000...0

True Sum



Visualizing 2's Complement Addition

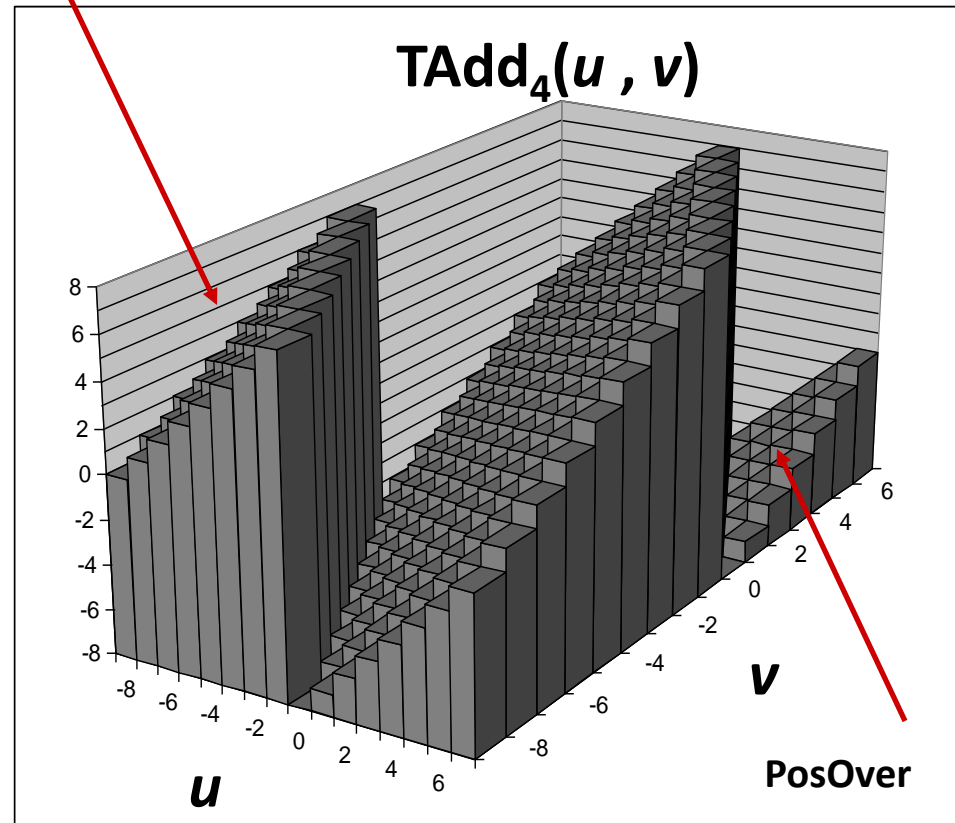
■ Values

- 4-bit two's comp.
- Range from -8 to +7

■ Wraps Around

- If $\text{sum} \geq 2^{w-1}$
 - Becomes negative
 - At most once
- If $\text{sum} < -2^{w-1}$
 - Becomes positive
 - At most once

NegOver



Binary Addition

- **Goal: compute sum of w -bit numbers x, y**
 - Either signed or unsigned
- **Binary Addition Basics**

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ + 0 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ + 0 \\ \hline 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 0 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 10 \end{array}$$

Binary Addition

■ Examples

Problem in base ten		Problem in two's complement		Answer in base ten
$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ + 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$	→	$\begin{array}{r} 0011 \\ + 0010 \\ \hline 0101 \end{array}$	→	5
$\begin{array}{r} -3 \\ + -2 \\ \hline \end{array}$	→	$\begin{array}{r} 1101 \\ + 1110 \\ \hline 1011 \end{array}$	→	-5
$\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ + -5 \\ \hline \end{array}$	→	$\begin{array}{r} 0111 \\ + 1011 \\ \hline 0010 \end{array}$	→	2

Binary Addition

- Using 6 bits we can represent values from -32 to 31, so what happens when we try to add 19 plus 14 or -19 and -14

19
+14
33

010011
+001110
100001

we have added two positive numbers and gotten a negative result – this is positive overflow

-19
-14
-33

101101
+110010
011111

we have added two negative numbers and gotten a positive result – this is negative overflow

Binary Addition

■ 8-bit binary addition

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101 \\ + 0001\ 1001 \\ \hline 0110\ 1110 \end{array}$$

no left bit discarded
no overflow

$$\begin{array}{r} 0111\ 0101 \\ + 0101\ 1011 \\ \hline 1101\ 0000 \end{array}$$

no left bit discarded
positive overflow

$$\begin{array}{r} 0111\ 0101 \\ + 1101\ 1011 \\ \hline 1\ 0101\ 0000 \end{array}$$

left bit discarded
no overflow

$$\begin{array}{r} 1111\ 0101 \\ + 1101\ 1011 \\ \hline 1\ 1101\ 0000 \end{array}$$

left bit discarded
no overflow

$$\begin{array}{r} 1111\ 0101 \\ + 1000\ 0011 \\ \hline 1\ 0111\ 1000 \end{array}$$

left bit discarded
negative overflow

Multiplication

- **Goal: Computing Product of w -bit numbers x, y**
 - Either signed or unsigned
- **But, exact results can be bigger than w bits**
 - Unsigned: up to $2w$ bits
 - Result range: $0 \leq x * y \leq (2^w - 1)^2 = 2^{2w} - 2^{w+1} + 1$
 - Two's complement min (negative): Up to $2w-1$ bits
 - Result range: $x * y \geq (-2^{w-1}) * (2^{w-1} - 1) = -2^{2w-2} + 2^{w-1}$
 - Two's complement max (positive): Up to $2w$ bits, but only for $(TMin_w)^2$
 - Result range: $x * y \leq (-2^{w-1})^2 = 2^{2w-2}$
- **So, maintaining exact results...**
 - would need to keep expanding word size with each product computed
 - is done in software, if needed
 - e.g., by “arbitrary precision” arithmetic packages

Unsigned Multiplication in C

Operands: w bits

u



*

v



True Product: $2 \cdot w$ bits

$u \cdot v$



Discard w bits: w bits

$\text{UMult}_w(u, v)$



■ Standard Multiplication Function

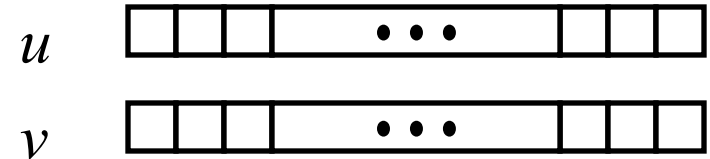
- Ignores high order w bits

■ Implements Modular Arithmetic

$$\text{UMult}_w(u, v) = u \cdot v \bmod 2^w$$

Signed Multiplication in C

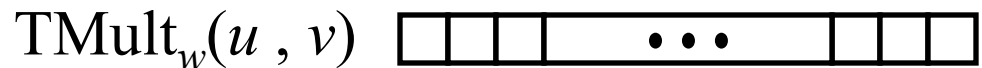
Operands: w bits



True Product: $2*w$ bits $u \cdot v$



Discard w bits: w bits



■ Standard Multiplication Function

- Ignores high order w bits
- Some of which are different for signed vs. unsigned multiplication
- Lower bits are the same

Binary Multiplication

■ 8-bit binary multiplication

```
    01010101
  x 00011001
            
    01010101
  01010101
          
 100001001101
```

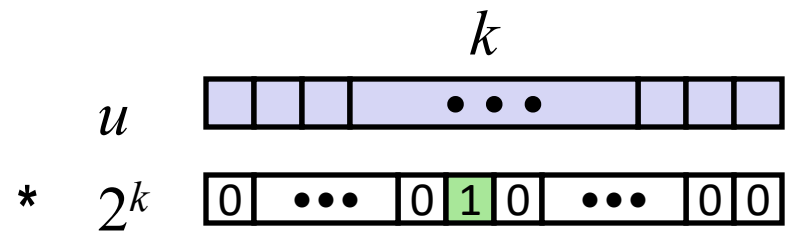
truncated: 0100 1101

Power-of-2 Multiply with Shift

■ Operation

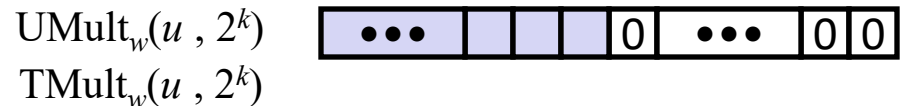
- $u \ll k$ gives $u * 2^k$
- Both signed and unsigned

Operands: w bits



True Product: $w+k$ bits $u \cdot 2^k$

Discard k bits: w bits



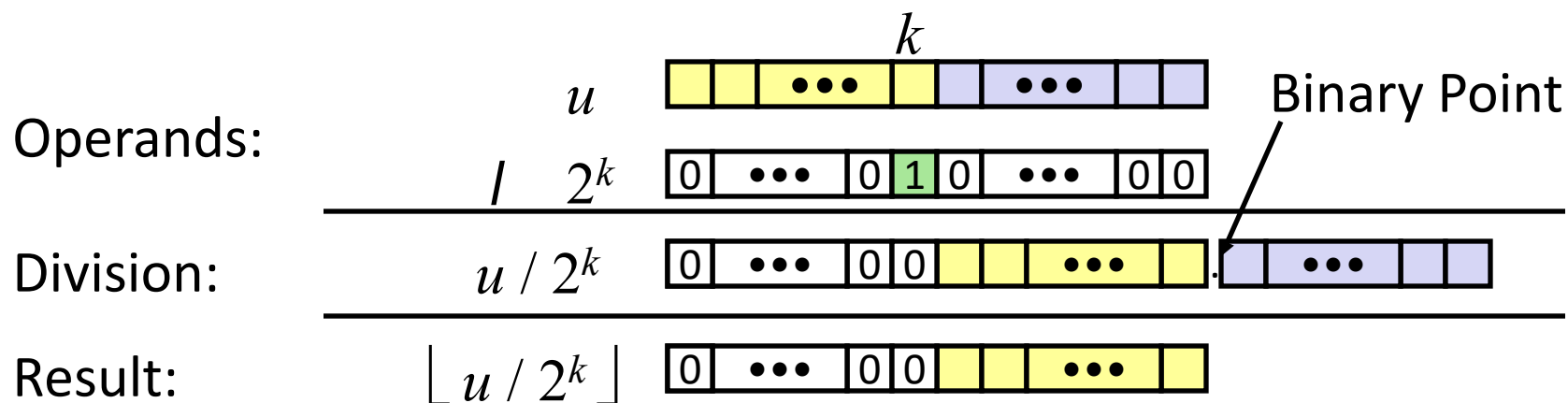
■ Examples

- $u \ll 3 == u * 8$
- $(u \ll 5) - (u \ll 3) == u * 24$
- Most machines shift and add faster than multiply
 - Compiler generates this code automatically

Unsigned Power-of-2 Divide with Shift

■ Quotient of Unsigned by Power of 2

- $u \gg k$ gives $\lfloor u / 2^k \rfloor$
- Uses logical shift



	Division	Computed	Hex	Binary
x	15213	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
x >> 1	7606.5	7606	1D B6	00011101 10110110
x >> 4	950.8125	950	03 B6	00000011 10110110
x >> 8	59.4257813	59	00 3B	00000000 00111011

Shifting and Overflow

- **since an arithmetic left shift is the same as multiplying by 2, we may run out of space, resulting in overflow**
 - ex., 8-bit unsigned: $0010\ 1110 \ll 3 = 0111\ 0000$ ($46 * 8 = 368$, not 112)
 - ex., 8-bit signed: $0010\ 1110 \ll 2 = 1011\ 1000$ ($46 * 4 = 184$, not -72)
 - ex., 8-bit signed: $1110\ 1110 \ll 3 = 0111\ 0000$ ($-18 * 8 = -144$, not 112)
 - ex., 8-bit signed: $1110\ 1110 \ll 2 = 1011\ 1000$ ($-18 * 4 = -72$ OK)
- **overflow limitations**
 - not valid with logical shifts
 - not possible using right shifts
 - determined by 1 bits shifting off left
 - if 1 bits used for sign extension, no overflow unless sign change
 - can also occur by 0 bits shifting off left
 - change sign of result

Bits, Bytes, and Integers

- Representing information as bits
- Bit-level manipulations
- **Integers**
 - Representation: unsigned and signed
 - Conversion, casting
 - Expanding, truncating
 - Addition, negation, multiplication, shifting
 - **Summary**
- Representations in memory, pointers, strings

Arithmetic: Basic Rules

■ Addition:

- Unsigned/signed: Normal addition followed by truncate, same operation on bit level
- Unsigned: addition mod 2^w
 - Mathematical addition + possible subtraction of 2^w
- Signed: modified addition mod 2^w (result in proper range)
 - Mathematical addition + possible addition or subtraction of 2^w

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- Unsigned: multiplication mod 2^w
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Why Should I Use Unsigned?

- ***Don't* use without understanding implications**

- Easy to make mistakes

```
unsigned i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i >= 0; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

- Can be very subtle

```
#define DELTA sizeof(int)  
int i;  
for (i = CNT; i-DELTA >= 0; i-= DELTA)  
    . . .
```

Counting Down with Unsigned

■ Proper way to use unsigned as loop index

```
unsigned i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i < cnt; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

■ See Robert Seacord, *Secure Coding in C and C++*

- C Standard guarantees that unsigned addition will behave like modular arithmetic
 - $0 - 1 \rightarrow UMax$

■ Even better

```
size_t i;  
for (i = cnt-2; i < cnt; i--)  
    a[i] += a[i+1];
```

- Data type `size_t` defined as unsigned value with length = word size
- Code will work even if `cnt = UMax`
- What if `cnt` is signed and `< 0`?

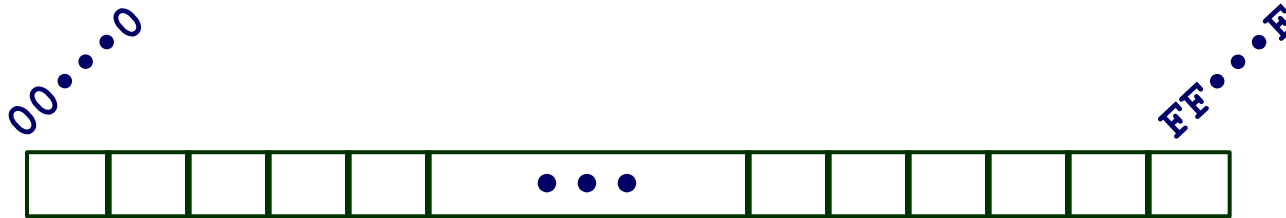
Why Should I Use Unsigned? (cont.)

- **Do Use When Performing Modular Arithmetic**
 - Multiprecision arithmetic
- **Do Use When Using Bits to Represent Sets**
 - Logical right shift, no sign extension

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Byte-Oriented Memory Organization



- **Programs refer to data by address**

- Conceptually, envision it as a very large array of bytes
 - In reality, it's not, but can think of it that way
- An address is like an index into that array
 - and, a pointer variable stores an address

- **Note: system provides private address spaces to each “process”**

- Think of a process as a program being executed
- So, a program can clobber its own data, but not that of others

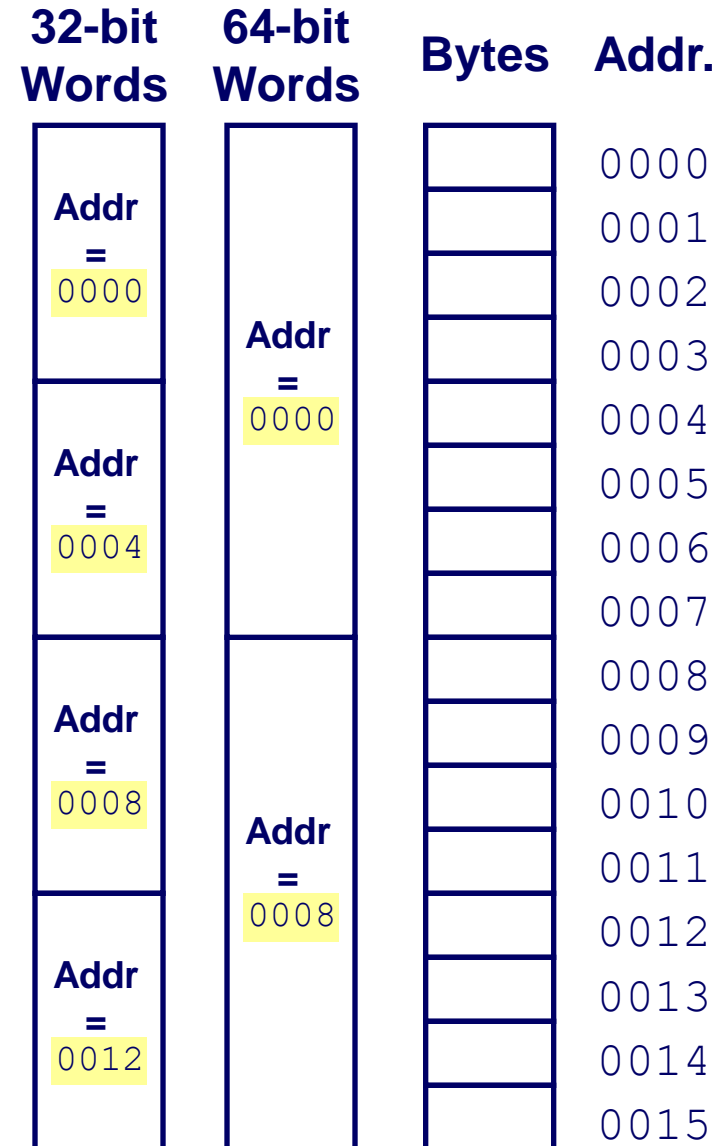
Machine Words

- **Any given computer has a “Word Size”**
 - Nominal size of integer-valued data
 - and of addresses
 - Until recently, most machines used 32 bits (4 bytes) as word size
 - Limits addresses to 4GB (2^{32} bytes)
 - Increasingly, machines have 64-bit word size
 - Potentially, could have 18 EB (exabytes) of addressable memory
 - That's 18.4×10^{18}
 - Machines still support multiple data formats
 - Fractions or multiples of word size
 - Always integral number of bytes

Word-Oriented Memory Organization

■ Addresses Specify Byte Locations

- Address of first byte in word
- Addresses of successive words differ by 4 (32-bit) or 8 (64-bit)



Example Data Representations

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Typical 64-bit	x86-64
<code>char</code>	1	1	1
<code>short</code>	2	2	2
<code>int</code>	4	4	4
<code>long</code>	4	8	8
<code>float</code>	4	4	4
<code>double</code>	8	8	8
<code>long double</code>	–	–	10/16
<code>pointer</code>	4	8	8

Byte Ordering

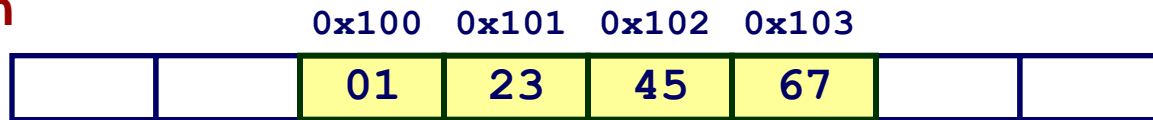
- **So, how are the bytes within a multi-byte word ordered in memory?**
- **Conventions**
 - Big Endian: Sun, PPC Mac, Internet
 - Least significant byte has highest address
 - Little Endian: x86, ARM processors running Android, iOS, and Windows
 - Least significant byte has lowest address

Byte Ordering Example

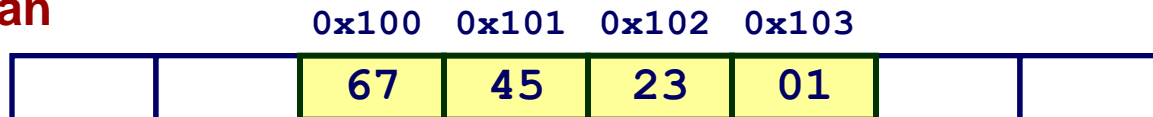
■ Example

- Variable x has 4-byte value of 0x01234567
- Address given by &x is 0x100

Big Endian



Little Endian



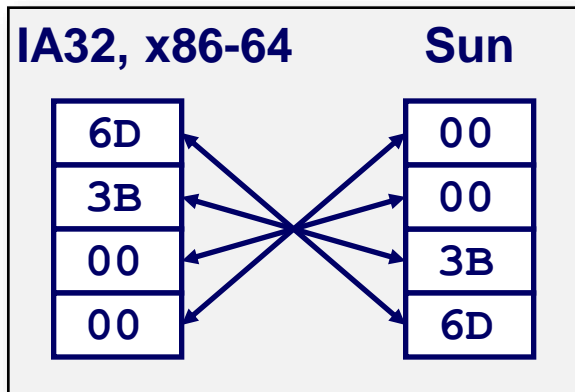
Representing Integers

Decimal: 15213

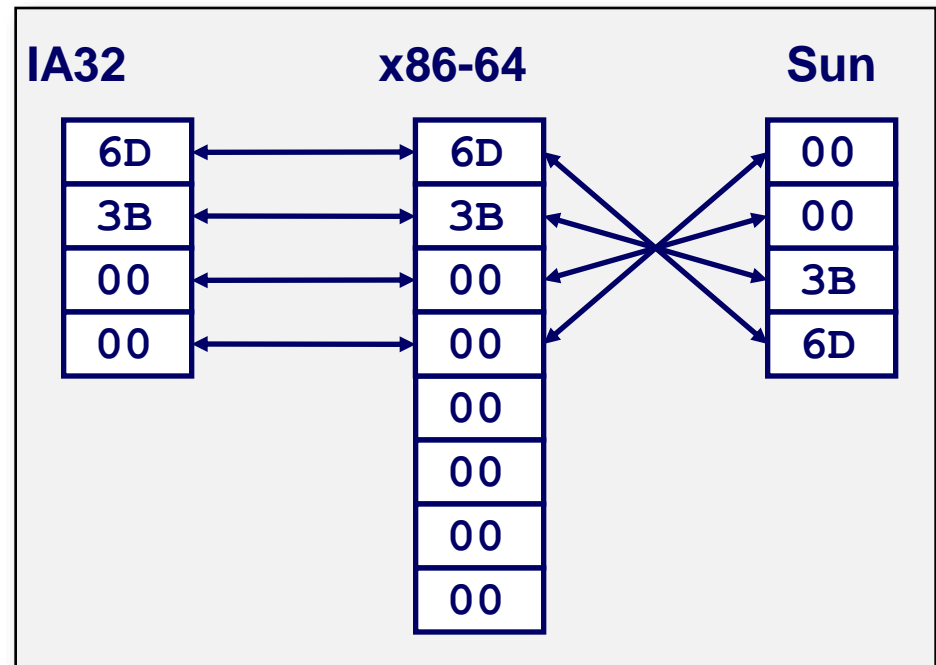
Binary: 0011 1011 0110 1101

Hex: 3 B 6 D

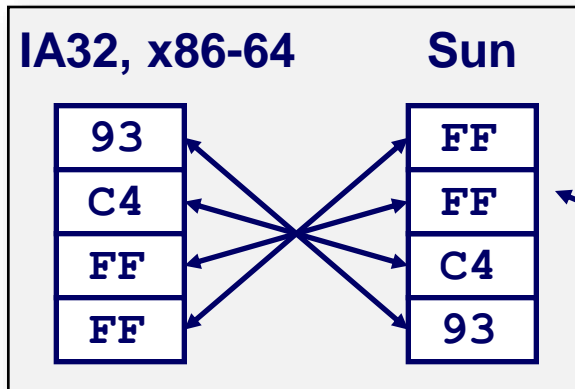
`int A = 15213;`



`long int C = 15213;`



`int B = -15213;`



Two's complement representation

Examining Data Representations

■ Code to Print Byte Representation of Data

- Casting pointer to unsigned char * allows treatment as a byte array

```
typedef unsigned char *pointer;

void show_bytes(pointer start, size_t len){
    size_t i;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        printf("%p\t0x%.2x\n", start+i, start[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
```

Printf directives:

%p: Print pointer
%x: Print Hexadecimal

show_bytes Execution Example

```
int a = 15213;  
printf("int a = 15213;\n");  
show_bytes((pointer) &a, sizeof(int));
```

Result (Linux x86-64):

```
int a = 15213;  
0x7fffb7f71dbc    6d  
0x7fffb7f71dbd    3b  
0x7fffb7f71dbe    00  
0x7fffb7f71dbf    00
```


Representing Pointers

```
int B = -15213;  
int *P = &B;
```

Sun	IA32	x86-64
EF	AC	3C
FF	28	1B
FB	F5	FE
2C	FF	82
		FD
		7F
		00
		00

Different compilers & machines assign different locations to objects

Even get different results each time run program

Representing Strings

```
char S[6] = "18213";
```

■ Strings in C

- Represented by array of characters
- Each character encoded in ASCII format
 - Standard 7-bit encoding of character set
 - Character “0” has code 0x30
 - Digit i has code $0x30+i$
- String should be null-terminated
 - Final character = 0

■ Compatibility

- Byte ordering not an issue

