Representing Integers

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Unsigned Integers

- Encoding unsigned integers

\[ B = [b_{w-1}, b_{w-2}, \ldots, b_0] \]

\[ D(B) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} b_i \cdot 2^i \]

\[ x = 0000\ 0111\ 1101\ 0011_2 \]

\[ D(x) = 2^{10} + 2^9 + 2^8 + 2^7 \]
\[ + 2^6 + 2^4 + 2^1 + 2^0 \]
\[ = 1024 + 512 + 256 + 128 \]
\[ + 64 + 16 + 2 + 1 \]
\[ = 2003 \]

- What is the range for unsigned values with \( w \) bits?
Signed Integers (1)

- Encoding positive numbers
  - Same as unsigned numbers

- Encoding negative numbers
  - Sign-magnitude representation
  - Ones’ complement representation
  - Two’s complement representation
Signed Integers (2)

- Sign-magnitude representation

\[
S(B) = (-1)^{b_{w-1}} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} b_i \cdot 2^i \right)
\]

- Two zeros
  - [000…00], [100..00]
- Used for floating-point numbers
Signed Integers (3)

- Ones’ complement representation

\[ O(B) = -b_{w-1}(2^{w-1} - 1) + \left( \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} b_i \cdot 2^i \right) \]

- Easy to find \(-n\)
- Two zeros
  - \([000..00], [111..11]\)
- No longer used
Signed Integers (4)

- Two’s complement representation

\[ O(B) = -b_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \left( \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} b_i \cdot 2^i \right) \]

- Unique zero
- Easy for hardware
  - leading 0 ≥ 0
  - leading 1 < 0
- Used by almost all modern machines
Signed Integers (5)

- Two’s complement representation (cont’d)
  - Following holds for two’s complement
    \[ \sim x + 1 = -x \]
  - Complement
    - Observation: \[ \sim x + x = 1111\ldots1_2 = -1 \]
  - Increment
    \[ \sim x + x = -1 \]
    \[ \sim x + x + (-x + 1) = -1 + (-x + 1) \]
    \[ \sim x + 1 = -x \]
Numeric Ranges (I)

- Unsigned values
  - $U_{\text{Min}} = 0 \quad [000\ldots00]$
  - $U_{\text{Max}} = 2^w - 1 \quad [111\ldots11]$

- Two’s complement values
  - $T_{\text{Min}} = -2^{w-1} \quad [100\ldots00]$
  - $T_{\text{Max}} = 2^{w-1} - 1 \quad [011\ldots11]$

Values for $w = 16$

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<th>Binary</th>
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<td>$U_{\text{Max}}$</td>
<td>65535</td>
<td>FF FF</td>
<td>11111111 11111111</td>
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<td>$T_{\text{Max}}$</td>
<td>32767</td>
<td>7F FF</td>
<td>01111111 11111111</td>
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<td>$T_{\text{Min}}$</td>
<td>-32768</td>
<td>80 00</td>
<td>10000000 00000000</td>
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<td>$-1$</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<td>0</td>
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Numeric Ranges (2)

- Values for different word sizes

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<td>UMax</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>65,535</td>
<td>4,294,967,295</td>
<td>18,446,744,073,709,551,615</td>
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<td>Tmax</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>32,767</td>
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- Observations
  - $|T_{Min}| = T_{Max} + 1$ (Asymmetric range)
  - $U_{Max} = 2 * T_{Max} + 1$

- In C programming
  - `#include <limits.h>`
  - `INT_MIN`, `INT_MAX`, `LONG_MIN`, `LONG_MAX`, `UINT_MAX`, ...
  - Values platform-specific
Type Conversion (1)

- **Unsigned**: $w$ bits $\rightarrow w+k$ bits
  - Zero extension: just fill $k$ bits with 0's

```c
unsigned short  x  = 2003;
unsigned        ix  = (unsigned) x;
```

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
\end{array}
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Type Conversion (2)

- Signed: \( w \) bits \( \rightarrow \) \( w+k \) bits
  - Given \( w \)-bit signed integer \( x \)
  - Convert it to \( w+k \)-bit integer with same value

- Sign extension
  - Make \( k \) copies of sign bit
Type Conversion (3)

- **Sign extension example**
  - Converting from smaller to larger integer type
  - C automatically performs sign extension

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<td>2003</td>
<td>07 D3 00000111 11010011</td>
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<tr>
<td>ix</td>
<td>2003</td>
<td>00 00 07 D3 00000000 00000000 00000111 11010011</td>
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<tr>
<td>y</td>
<td>-2003</td>
<td>F8 2D 11111000 00101101</td>
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<tr>
<td>iy</td>
<td>-2003</td>
<td>FF FF F8 2D 11111111 11111111 11111000 00101101</td>
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Type Conversion (4)

- **Unsigned & Signed:** $w+k$ bits $\rightarrow$ $w$ bits
  - Just truncate it to lower $w$ bits
  - Equivalent to computing $x \mod 2^w$

```
unsigned int x = 0xcafebabe;
unsigned short ix = (unsigned short) x;
int y = 0x2003beef;
short iy = (short) y;
```

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<td>$x$</td>
<td>3405691582</td>
<td>CA FE BA BE</td>
<td>11001010 11111110 10111010 10111110</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$ix$</td>
<td>47806</td>
<td>BA BE</td>
<td>10111010 10111110</td>
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<tr>
<td>$y$</td>
<td>537116399</td>
<td>20 03 BE EF</td>
<td>00100000 00000011 10111110 11101111</td>
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<tr>
<td>$iy$</td>
<td>-16657</td>
<td>BE EF</td>
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Type Conversion (5)

- **Unsigned → Signed**
  - The same bit pattern is interpreted as a signed number

\[
U2T_w(x) = \begin{cases} 
  x, & x < 2^{w-1} \\
  x - 2^w, & x \geq 2^{w-1}
\end{cases}
\]

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<td>y</td>
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<td>iy</td>
<td>-17730</td>
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unsigned short x = 2003;
short ix = (short) x;
unsigned short y = 0xbabe;
short iy = (short) y;
Type Conversion (6)

- Signed → Unsigned
  - Ordering inversion
  - Negative → Big positive

\[ T2U_w(x) = \begin{cases} 
  x + 2^w, & x < 0 \\
  x, & x \geq 0 
\end{cases} \]

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<td>( x )</td>
<td>2003</td>
<td>07 D3</td>
<td>00000111 11010011</td>
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<td>( y )</td>
<td>-2003</td>
<td>F8 2D</td>
<td>11111000 00101101</td>
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<td>( iy )</td>
<td>63533</td>
<td>F8 2D</td>
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Type Casting in C

▪ Constants
  • By default, considered to be signed integers
  • Unsigned if they have “U” or “u” as suffix
    – e.g. 0U, 12345U, 0x1A2Bu

▪ Type casting
  • Explicit casting

  ▪ Implicit casting via
    – Assignments
    – Procedure calls

```c
int tx, ty;
unsigned ux, uy;
int f(unsigned);
tx = (int) ux;
uy = (unsigned) ty;
int f(unsigned);
tx = ux;
f(ty);
```
Expression Evaluation in C

- If mix unsigned and signed in single expression, signed values implicitly cast to unsigned
- Including comparison operations <, >, ==, <=, >=

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<td>0 == 0U</td>
<td>unsigned</td>
<td>True</td>
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<td>-1 &lt; 0</td>
<td>signed</td>
<td>True</td>
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<td>-1 &lt; 0U</td>
<td>unsigned</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>-1 &gt; -2</td>
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<td>(unsigned) -1 &gt; -2</td>
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<tr>
<td>2147483647 &gt; -2147483647-1</td>
<td>signed</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>2147483647U &gt; -2147483647-1</td>
<td>unsigned</td>
<td>?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2147483647 &gt; (int) 2147483648U</td>
<td>signed</td>
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Example 1

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main ()
{
    unsigned i;
    for (i = 10; i >= 0; i--)
        printf ("%u\n", i);
}
```
#include <stdio.h>

#define DELTA sizeof(int)

int main ()
{
    int i;
    for (i = 10; i - DELTA >= 0; i -= DELTA)
        printf ("%d\n", i);
}
Example 3

```
#include <string.h>

int strlonger (char *s, char *t)
{
    return (strlen(s) - strlen(t)) > 0;
}
```
Example 4

```c
int sum_array (int a[], unsigned len)
{
    int i;
    int result = 0;

    for (i = 0; i <= len - 1; i++)
        result += a[i];

    return result;
}
```
Example 5

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main ()
{
    unsigned char  c;

    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
        putchar (c);
}
```
Lessons

▪ There are many tickly situations when you use unsigned integers – hard to debug

▪ Do not use just because numbers are nonnegative

▪ Use only when you need collections of bits with no numeric interpretation (“flags”)

▪ Few languages other than C support unsigned integers