

Computer Science 61

Lecture Notes for Lecture 3

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1 Introduction

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2 Computer Arithmetic

C data type	largest representable value	bytes
unsigned char	$2^8 - 1 = 255$	1
unsigned short	$2^{16} - 1 = 65535$	2
unsigned [int]	$2^{32} - 1 = 4294967295$	4
unsigned long	$2^{32} - 1 = 4294967295$	4
unsigned long long	$2^{64} - 1 = \dots$	8

Unsigned arithmetic is the same as “normal” arithmetic mod 2^w .
($w = \#bits$ in a value)

2.1 Addition

Examples of addition in binary

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  011 (3)
+100 (4)
=111 (7)
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  100 (4)
+ 110 (6)
=1010 (10)
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2.2 Subtraction

We are still only using unsigned arithmetic and thus can't represent negative values. Nevertheless, subtraction should be possible (we can subtract 3 from 4, afterall, using only positive numbers).

$$a - b = a + (-b)$$

What is $(-b)$? Let's say $(-b) = c$ so that $b + c = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} b + c &== 0 \pmod{2^w} \\ b + c &== 2^w \pmod{2^w} \\ c &== 2^w - b \end{aligned}$$

We can subtract a number b from a number a , $0 \leq b \leq 2^w$ by doing:

$$a + (2^w - b)$$

Example:

For $w = 1$: $1 - 1 = 1 + 2^1 - 1 = 1 + 2 - 1 = 1 + 1 = 0$

For $w = 3$: $7 - 3 = 7 + (2^3 - 3) = 7 + 5$

$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \quad (7) \\ +101 \quad (5) \\ =100 \quad (4) \end{array}$$

3 C Operators

Operator	Explanation
<i>Arithmetic Operators</i>	
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
/	Division
*	Multiplication
%	Modulus
<i>Bitwise Operators</i>	
<<	Bitwise shift left
>>	Bitwise shift right
&	Bitwise AND
	Bitwise OR
^	Bitwise XOR
<i>Logical Operators</i>	
&&	Logical AND
	Logical OR
<i>Comparison Operators</i>	
==	Equal to
!=	Does not equal
<	Less than
<=	Less than/equal to
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than/equal to

$$x|y \geq \max(x, y) \geq x, y \geq \min(x, y) \geq x \& y$$

Let:

$$x = 3 \rightarrow 011$$

$$y = 5 \rightarrow 101$$

$x|y = 7 \rightarrow 111$. In every bit position in $x|y$, the value is greater or equal to the value of the corresponding position in both x and y .

$x \& y = 1 \rightarrow 001$: In every bit position in $x \& y$, the value is lower or equal to the value of the corresponding position in both x and y .

This reveals the identity:

$$x = 011 \quad (x|y) - (x \& y) = (x \wedge y)$$

$$y = 101 \quad 111 \quad 001 \quad 110$$

Another interesting identity:

$$(x \& (x-1)) == 0 \text{ iff } x = 0 \text{ or } x = 2^k.$$

This ensures that upon subtracting 1, no two bits are 1 and therefore evaluate to 0.

Example:

$x = 2^{10}$
 100000000
 &011111111
 =000000000

$x = 0$
 000000000
 &111111111
 =000000000

If $x \neq 2^k \rightarrow x = 2^k + y$ where $0 < y < 2^k$, then $x - 1$ is always greater than or equal to 2^k . As a result, we know that at least the k bits will both be 1. This means that when we do the bitwise and of x and $x-1$, it cannot be 0.

$\sim x = 4 \rightarrow 100$: Every bit in x is flipped.

$x | \sim x = -1$, since $\sim x + 1 = -x$

$x + \sim x == x | \sim x$

This is due to the fact that there can't be two 1s in the same position when adding x and $\sim x$ and therefore no carries (which would make a difference).

What's a good representation for a computer for a set of letters?

1. Available letters: {'a'-'z'}
2. With the following operations
 - a) Lookup: Is a letter in the set?
 - b) Set union
 - c) Set intersection
 - d) Set difference

\rightarrow An array of bits where 1 means "letter in set" and 0 means "letter not in set".

Empty Set: 0

We can represent $\{z\}$ where $z \in \{'a'-'z'\}$ as:

$$1 \ll (z - 97) == 1 \ll (z - 'a')$$

$x \ll 1 = 6 \rightarrow 110$: Left shift x by one bit position.

More Examples:

$$1 \ll 1 = 0010$$

$$1 \ll 2 = 0100$$

$$z == 'a': 1 \ll ('a' - 'a') = 1 \ll 0 \rightarrow 1$$

$$z == 'b': 1 \ll ('b' - 'a') = 1 \ll 1 \rightarrow 2$$

$$z == 'c': 1 \ll ('c' - 'a') = 1 \ll 2 \rightarrow 4$$

a) Lookup: Is a letter in the set?

A letter z is in the set S if:

$$\{z\} \cap S \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow (1 \ll (z-97)) \& S \neq 0$$

b) Set union

Union of set S_1 and S_2 represented by Integers s_1 and s_2 :

$$S_1 \cup S_2 \Leftrightarrow s_1 \& s_2$$

c) Set intersection

Intersection of set S_1 and S_2 represented by Integers s_1 and s_2 :

$$S_1 \cap S_2 \Leftrightarrow s_1 \& s_2$$

d) Set difference

Difference of set S_1 and S_2 represented by Integers s_1 and s_2 :

$$S_1 - S_2 \Leftrightarrow s_1 - (s_1 \& s_2)$$

$$\text{or } S_1 - S_2 \Leftrightarrow s_1 - ((s_1 | s_2) - s_2)$$

e) Bonus: Check for Singleton

$$x \neq 0 \ \&\& \ (x \& (x-1)) == 0$$

4 Signed arithmetic

Until now, we have only used unsigned arithmetic.

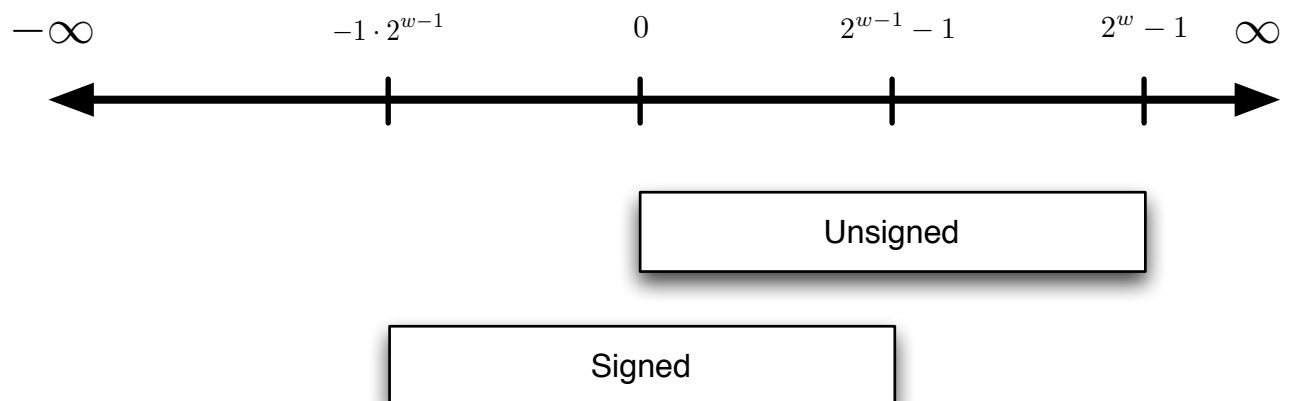
What if implementation of signed + and - was the same as unsigned?

→ The bit pattern for signed -1 must be the same as the bit pattern for unsigned -1.

Bit pattern for x (in unsigned representation): $2^w + x$. This is called **Two's Complement**.

1000	-8	0000	0
1001	-7	0001	1
1010	-6	0010	2
1011	-5	0011	3
1100	-4	0100	4
1101	-3	0101	5
1110	-2	0110	6
1111	-1	0111	7

There is no way to represent 2^{w-1} !



As can be seen in the table above, the first bit denotes whether the value is negative or not. Therefore, bit w is called the **sign bit**.