

# CS429: Computer Organization and Architecture

## Integers

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# Topics of this Slideset

- Numeric Encodings: Unsigned and two's complement
- Programming Implications: C promotion rules
- Basic operations:
  - addition, negation, multiplication
  - Consequences of overflow
  - Using shifts to perform power-of-2 multiply/divide

- Assume a machine with 32-bit word size, two's complement integers.
- For each of the following C expressions, either:
  - Argue that is true for all argument values;
  - Give an example where it's not true.

```
int x = foo();  
int y = bar();  
unsigned ux = x;  
unsigned uy = y;
```

$x < 0$	$\rightarrow ((x*2) < 0$
$ux \geq 0$	
$x \& 7 == 7$	$\rightarrow (x \ll 30) < 0$
$ux > -1$	
$x > y$	$\rightarrow -x < -y$
$x * x \geq 0$	
$x > 0 \&\& y > 0$	$\rightarrow x + y > 0$
$x \geq 0$	$\rightarrow -y \leq 0$
$x \leq 0$	$\rightarrow -x \geq 0$

# Encoding Integers

Assume we have a  $w$  length bit string  $X$ .

**Unsigned:**  $B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} X_i \times 2^i$

**Two's complement:**  $B2T(X) = -X_{w-1} \times 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} X_i \times 2^i$

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

## Sign Bit:

For 2's complement, the most significant bit indicates the sign.

- 0 for nonnegative
- 1 for negative

# Encoding Example

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	

# Numeric Ranges

## Unsigned Values

$$UMin = 0 \quad 000\dots 0$$

$$UMax = 2^w - 1 \quad 111\dots 1$$

## Two's Complement Values

$$TMin = -2^{w-1} \quad 100\dots 0$$

$$TMax = 2^{w-1} - 1 \quad 011\dots 1$$

## Values for $w = 16$

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
UMax	65535	FF FF	11111111 11111111
TMax	32767	7F FF	01111111 11111111
TMin	-32768	FF FF	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	65,525	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

- $|TMin| = TMax + 1$
- $UMax = 2 \times TMax + 1$

## C Programming

```
#include <limits.h>
```

Declares various constants: `ULONG_MAX`, `LONG_MAX`, `LONG_MIN`, etc. *The values are platform-specific.*

# Unsigned and Signed Numeric Values

**Equivalence:** Same encoding for nonnegative values

**Uniqueness:**

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

**Can Invert Mappings:**

- inverse of  $B2U(X)$  is  $U2B(X)$
- inverse of  $B2T(X)$  is  $T2B(X)$

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



# Casting Signed to Unsigned

C allows conversions from signed to unsigned.

```
short int          x = 15213;
unsigned short into ux = (unsigned short) x;
short int          y = -15213;
unsigned short into uy = (unsigned short) y;
```

## Resulting Values:

- No change in bit representation.
- Nonnegative values are unchanged.
- Negative values change into (large) positive values.

# Signed vs Unsigned in C

## Constants

- By default, constants are considered to be signed integers.
- They are unsigned if they have “U” as a suffix: 0U, 4294967259U.

## Casting

- Explicit casting between signed and unsigned is the 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;
```

## Expression Evaluation

- If you mix unsigned and signed in a single expression, signed values implicitly cast to unsigned.
- This includes when you compare using  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $==$ ,  $<=$ ,  $>=$ .

Const 1	Const 2	Rel.	Evaluation
0	0U	==	unsigned
-1	0	<	signed
-1	0U	>	unsigned
2147483647	-2147483648	>	signed
2147483647U	-2147483648	<	unsigned
-1	-2	>	signed
(unsigned) 1	-2	>	unsigned
2147483647	2147483648U	>	unsigned
2147483647	(int) 2147483648U	>	signed

**Task:** Given a  $w$ -bit signed integer  $x$ , convert it to a  $w+k$ -bit integer with the same value.

**Rule:** Make  $k$  copies of the sign bit :

$$x' = x_{w-1}, \dots, x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \dots, w_0$$

Why does this work?

# 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

In converting from smaller to larger signed integer data types, C automatically performs sign extension.

# Why Use Unsigned?

## Don't use just to ensure numbers are nonzero.

- Some C compilers generate less efficient code for unsigned.

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

- It's easy to make mistakes.

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

## Do use when performing modular arithmetic.

- multiprecision arithmetic
- other esoteric stuff

## Do use when you need extra bits of range.

# Negating Two's Complement

To find the negative of a number in two's complement form:  
complement the bit pattern and add 1:

$$\sim x + 1 = -x$$

## Example:

$$10011101 = 0x9C = -98_{10}$$

complement:

$$01100010 = 0x62 = 97_{10}$$

add 1:

$$01100011 = 0x63 = 98_{10}$$

Try it with: 11111111 and 00000000.

# Complement and Increment Examples

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
$\sim x$	-15214	C4 92	11000100 10010010
$\sim x + 1$	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
0	0	00 00	00000000 00000000
$\sim 0$	-1	FF FF	11111111 11111111
$\sim 0 + 1$	0	00 00	00000000 00000000



# Unsigned Addition

Given two  $w$ -bit unsigned quantities  $u$ ,  $v$ , the true sum may be a  $w+1$ -bit quantity.

**We just discard the carry bit**, and treat the result as an unsigned integer.

Thus, unsigned addition implements **modular addition**.

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

$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, v) = \begin{cases} u + v & u + v < 2^w \\ u + v - 2^w & u + v \geq 2^w \end{cases}$$

# Properties of Unsigned Addition

Unsigned addition forms an **Abelian Group**.

- Closed under addition:

$$0 \leq \text{UAdd}_w(u, v) \leq 2^w - 1$$

- Commutative

$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, v) = \text{UAdd}_w(v, u)$$

- Associative

$$\text{UAdd}_w(t, \text{UAdd}_w(u, v)) = \text{UAdd}_w(\text{UAdd}_w(t, u), v)$$

- 0 is the additive identity

$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, 0) = u$$

- Every element has an additive inverse

Let  $\text{UComp}_w(u) = 2^w - u$ , then

$$\text{UAdd}_w(u, \text{UComp}_w(u)) = 0$$

# Two's Complement Addition

Given two  $w$ -bit unsigned quantities  $u$ ,  $v$ , the true sum may be a  $w+1$ -bit quantity.

**We just discard the carry bit**, treat the result as a two's complement number.

$$\text{TAdd}_w(u, v) = \begin{cases} u + v + 2^{w-1} & u + v < \text{TMin}_w \text{ (NegOver)} \\ u + v & \text{TMin}_w < u + v \leq \text{TMax}_w \\ u + v - 2^{w-1} & \text{TMax}_w < u + v \text{ PosOver} \end{cases}$$

# Two's Complement Addition

**TAdd and UAdd have identical bit-level behavior.**

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

This will give `s == t`.

# Detecting 2's Complement Overflow

## Task:

Determine if  $s = \text{TAdd}_w(u, v) = u + v$ .

**Claim:** We have overflow iff either:

- $u, v < 0$  but  $s \geq 0$  (NegOver)
- $u, v \geq 0$  but  $s < 0$  (PosOver)

Can compute this as:

```
ovf = (u<0 == v<0) && (u<0 != s<0);
```

## Isomorphic Algebra to UAdd.

This is clear since they have identical bit patterns.

$$\text{TAdd}_w(u, v) = \text{U2T}(\text{UAdd}_w(\text{T2U}(u), \text{T2U}(v)))$$

## Two's Complement under TAdd forms a group.

- Closed, commutative, associative, 0 is additive identity.
- Every element has an additive inverse:

Let  $\text{TComp}_w(u) = \text{U2T}(\text{UComp}_w(\text{T2U}(u)))$ , then  
 $\text{TAdd}_w(u, \text{TComp}_w(u)) = 0$

$$\text{TComp}_w(u) = \begin{cases} -u & u \neq \text{TMin}_w \\ \text{TMin}_w & u = \text{TMin}_w \end{cases}$$

**Computing the exact product of two  $w$ -bit numbers  $x$ ,  $y$ .** This is the same for both signed and unsigned.

## Ranges:

- Unsigned:  $0 \leq x * y \leq (2^w - 1)^2 = 2^{2w} - 2^{w+1} + 1$ , requires up to  $2w$  bits.
- Two's comp. min:  
 $x * y \geq (-2^{w-1}) * (2^{w-1} - 1) = -2^{2w-2} + 2^{w-1}$ , requires up to  $2w - 1$  bits.
- Two's comp. max:  $x * y \leq (-2^{w-1})^2 = 2^{2w-2}$ , requires up to  $2w$  (but only for  $TMin_w^2$ ).

## Maintaining the exact result

- Would need to keep expanding the word size with each product computed.
- Can be done in software with “arbitrary precision” arithmetic packages.

# Unsigned Multiplication in C

Given two  $w$ -bit unsigned quantities  $u$ ,  $v$ , the true sum may be a  $2w$ -bit quantity.

**We just discard the most significant  $w$  bits**, treat the result as an unsigned number.

Thus, unsigned multiplication implements **modular multiplication**.

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



## Unsigned Multiplication

```
unsigned ux = (unsigned) x;  
unsigned uy = (unsigned) y;  
unsigned up = ux * uy;
```

- Truncates product to  $w$ -bit number:  $up = \text{UMult}_w(ux, uy)$
- Modular arithmetic:  $up = ux \cdot uy \bmod 2^w$

## Two's Complement Multiplication

```
int x, y;  
int p = x * y;
```

- Compute exact product of two  $w$ -bit numbers  $x, y$ .
- Truncate result to  $w$ -bit number:  $p = \text{TMult}_w(x, y)$

# Unsigned vs. Signed Multiplication

## Unsigned Multiplication

```
unsigned ux = (unsigned) x;  
unsigned uy = (unsigned) y;  
unsigned up = ux * uy;
```

## Two's Complement Multiplication

```
int x, y;  
int p = x * y;
```

## Relation

- Signed multiplication gives same bit-level result as unsigned.
- `up == (unsigned) p`

# Multiply with Shift

A left shift by  $k$ , is equivalent to multiplying by  $2^k$ . This is true for both signed and unsigned values.

$$u \ll 1 \rightarrow u \times 2$$

$$u \ll 2 \rightarrow u \times 4$$

$$u \ll 3 \rightarrow u \times 8$$

$$u \ll 4 \rightarrow u \times 16$$

$$u \ll 5 \rightarrow u \times 32$$

$$u \ll 6 \rightarrow u \times 64$$

Compilers often use shifting for multiplication, since shift and add is much faster than multiply.

$$u \ll 5 - u \ll 3 == u * 24$$

# Unsigned Divide by Shift

A right shift by  $k$ , is (approximately) equivalent to dividing by  $2^k$ , but the effects are different for the unsigned and signed cases.

**Quotient of unsigned value by power of 2.**

$$u \gg k == \lfloor x/2^k \rfloor$$

Uses logical shift.

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

**Quotient of unsigned value by power of 2.**

$$u \gg k == \lfloor x/2^k \rfloor$$

- Uses arithmetic shift. What does that mean?
- Rounds in wrong direction when  $u < 0$ .

	Division	Computed	Hex	Binary
y	-15213	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
y >> 1	-7606.5	-7607	E2 49	11100010 01001001
y >> 4	-950.8125	-951	FC 49	11111100 01001001
y >> 8	-59.4257813	-60	FF C4	11111111 11000100

## Correct Power-of-2 Division

We've seen that right shifting a negative number, give the wrong answer, because it rounds away from 0.

$$u \gg k == \lfloor x/2^k \rfloor$$

We'd really like  $\lceil x/2^k \rceil$  instead.

You can compute this as:  $\lfloor (x + 2^k - 1)/2^k \rfloor$ . In C, that's:

$(x + (1 \ll k) - 1) \gg k$

This biases the dividend toward 0.

# Properties of Unsigned Arithmetic

Unsigned multiplication with additions forms a **Commutative Ring**.

- Addition is commutative
- Closed under multiplication

$$0 \leq \text{UMult}_w(u, v) \leq 2^w - 1$$

- Multiplication is commutative

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

- Multiplication is associative

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

- 1 is the multiplicative identity

$$\text{UMult}_w(u, 1) = u$$

- Multiplication distributes over addition

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

## Isomorphic Algebras

- Unsigned multiplication and addition: truncate to  $w$  bits
- Two's complement multiplication and addition: truncate to  $w$  bits

## Both form rings isomorphic to ring of integers mod $2^w$ Comparison to Integer Arithmetic

- Both are rings
- Integers obey ordering properties, e.g.
$$u > 0 \rightarrow u + v > 0$$
$$u > 0, v > 0 \rightarrow u \cdot v > 0$$
- These properties are not obeyed by two's complement arithmetic.
$$\text{TMax} + 1 == \text{TMin}$$
$$15213 * 30426 == -10030 \text{ (for 16-bit words)}$$



# C Puzzle Answers

Assume a machine with 32-bit word size, two's complement integers.

```
int x = foo();  
int y = bar();  
unsigned ux = x;  
unsigned uy = y;
```

$x < 0$	$\rightarrow ((x*2) < 0$	False: TMin
$ux \geq 0$		True: $0 = \text{UMin}$
$x \& 7 == 7$	$\rightarrow (x \ll 30) < 0$	True: $x_1 = 1$
$ux > -1$		False: 0
$x > y$	$\rightarrow -x < -y$	False: $-1, \text{TMin}$
$x * x \geq 0$		False: 30426
$x > 0 \&\& y > 0$	$\rightarrow x + y > 0$	False: TMax, TMax
$x \geq 0$	$\rightarrow -y \leq 0$	True: $-\text{TMax} < 0$
$x \leq 0$	$\rightarrow -x \geq 0$	False: TMin