COMP 122/L Lecture 3

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Outline

- Operations on binary values
 - Addition
 - Subtraction
- Floating point introduction

Addition

• Question: how might we add the following, in decimal?

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	6
	+3
	?

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8 +2	6 +3
	— —
?	9

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Carry: 1	8	6
	+2	+3
		— —
	0	9

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1	8	6
9	+2	+3
+1		
	0	9
?		

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1	1 9	8 +2	6 +3
+0	+1		
		0	9
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Core Concepts

- We have a "primitive" notion of adding single digits, along with an idea of *carrying* digits
- We can build on this notion to add numbers together that are more than one digit long

Now in Binary

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Chaining the Carry

• Also need to account for any input carry















111 +001

0 111 +001

10 111 +001 _____



Output Carry Bit Significance

- For unsigned numbers, it indicates if the result did not fit all the way into the number of bits allotted
- May be an error condition for software

Signed Addition

• Question: what is the result of the following operation?



Signed Addition

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011 +011 ----

-If these are treated as signed numbers in two's complement, then we need a leading 0 to indicate that this is a positive number -Truncated to three bits, the result is a negative number!

Overflow

• In this situation, overflow occurred: this means that both the operands had the same sign, and the result's sign differed



• Possibly a software error

Overflow vs. Carry

- These are **different ideas**
 - Carry is relevant to **unsigned** values
 - Overflow is relevant to **signed** values



-As to when is it a problem, this all depends on exactly what it is you're doing

Subtraction

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- Have been saying to invert bits and add one to second operand
- Could do it this way in hardware, but there is a trick



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- How can we do this easily?
 - Set the initial carry to 1 instead of 0

0101 -0011









-An initial carry-in of 1 is equivalent to adding 1 and then adding the other operand



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Floating Point Introduction

Question

How might we represent floating point numbers?

1.25 47.9 0.82

-A lot of different ways possible
-A whole lot of problems related to precision arise. Just about any representation devisable will be complex.

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May or may not be true...

-Standard doesn't enforce that this is true in general. Implementations are permitted to make it so this isn't true in all cases.

Based on the idea of scientific notation

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4.23 * 10⁷

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Save these

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Caveat: this is in binary

1.1 * 2-1

Components

1.1 * 2-1

- Sign bit (+/-)
- Exponent
- Fraction / mantissa

-We'll get more into representation next class; this is the birds-eye view of how this works for now.