## Chapter 9 - Number Systems

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- 1 Fingers;
- 2 Fingers;
- 3 Fingers;
- . . .
- 10 Fingers;
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Decimal system is used to represent numbers:

- Digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9;

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What does this mean using the decimal system? Any ideas?

## Example

Consider the number 83:

What does this mean using the decimal system? Any ideas?

- Number 10 was counted 8 times:
- $8 \times 10=8 \times 10^{1}$
- Number 1 was counted 3 times:
- $3=3 \times 10^{0}$
- Combining these elements:
- I.e.: $83=8 \times 10+3=8 \times 10^{1}+3 \times 10^{0}$


## Example

Consider the number 4728:

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## Exercise

Consider the number 4728:

What does this mean using the decimal system? Any ideas?

- Number 1000 was counted X times:
- Number 100 was counted $Y$ times:
- Number 10 was counted $Z$ times:
- Number 1 was counted D times:
- Combining these elements:


## Exercise

Consider the number 4728:

What does this mean using the decimal system? Any ideas?

- Number 1000 was counted 4 times:
- $4 \times 1000=4 \times 10^{3}$
- Number 100 was counted 7 times:
- $7 \times 100=7 \times 10^{2}$
- Number 10 was counted 2 times:
- $2 \times 10=2 \times 10^{1}$
- Number 1 was counted 8 times:
- $8=8 \times 10^{0}$
- Combining these elements:
- I.e.: $4728=4 \times 10^{3}+7 \times 10^{2}+2 \times 10^{1}+8 \times 10^{0}$


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Consider the number 0.256 :

What does this mean using the decimal system? Any ideas?

- Number 0.1 was counted 2 times:
- $2 \times 0.1=2 \times 10^{-1}$
- Number 0.01 was counted 5 times:
- $5 \times 0.01=5 \times 10^{-2}$
- Number 0.001 was counted 6 times:
- $6 \times 10^{-3}=6 \times 10^{-3}$
- Combining these elements:
- I.e.: $0.256=2 \times 10^{-1}+5 \times 10^{-2}+6 \times 10^{-3}$


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## Example

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- Number 100 was counted X times:
- Number 10 was counted Y times:
- Number 1 was counted Z times:

Combining these elements:

- l.e.: $442.256=$


## Exercise

Consider the number 442.256:

What does this mean using the decimal system? Any ideas?

- Number 100 was counted 4 times:
- $4 \times 100=4 \times 10^{2}$
- Number 10 was counted 4 times:
- $4 \times 10=4 \times 10^{1}$
- Number 1 was counted 2 times:
- $2 \times 1=2 \times 10^{0}$
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Combining these elements:

- l.e.: $442.256=4 \times 10^{2}+4 \times 10^{1}+2 \times 10^{0}+2 \times 10^{-1}+5 \times 10^{-2}+6 \times 10^{-3}$

Some important observations:

- Decimal system is said to have a base, or radix, of 10 ;
- In any number:
- Leftmost digit is referred to as the most significant digit (MSD);
- Rightmost digit is called the least significant digit (LSD);

In conclusion:

| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100 s | 10 s | 1 s | tenths | hundredths | thousandths |
| $10^{2}$ | $10^{1}$ | $10^{9}$ | $10^{-1}$ | $10^{-2}$ | $10^{-3}$ |
| position 2 | position 1 | position 0 | position -1 | position -2 | position -3 |

Figure: Positional interpretation of decimal number: 472, 256 (Source: (Stallings, 2015))

TYPO:

- Position 0 of the table should read $10^{0}$ In general, $\hat{E} X$ where:
- $X=\left\{\cdots d_{2} d_{1} d_{0} \cdot d_{-1} d_{-2} d_{-3} \cdots\right\}$
- $X=\sum_{i}\left(d_{i} \times 10^{i}\right)$


## Positional Number Systems

Decimal system illustrates a positional number system (1/2):

- Each number is represented by a string of digits;
- Each digit position $i$ has an associated weight $r^{i}$ :
- $r$ is the radix / base of the system;
- General form of a number in such a system with radix $r$ is:

$$
\left(\cdots a_{3} a_{2} a_{1} a_{0} \cdot a_{-1} a_{-2} a_{-3} \cdots\right)_{r}
$$

- Where $a_{i}: 0 \leq a_{i}<r$


## Positional Number Systems

Decimal system illustrates a positional number system (2/2):

- Number is defined to have the value:

$$
\cdots a_{3} r^{3}+a_{2} r^{2}+a_{1} r^{1}+a_{0} r^{0}+a_{-1} r^{-1} \cdots
$$

The question is:

Do we really need to use the decimal system? Any ideas?

Decimal system:

- Radix 10;
- Digits in the range 0 through 9


## What if human beings had 12 fingers?

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- Radix 12;
- Digits in the range 0 through 11;



## Fun fac $\dagger$

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Have a look at Polydactyly:


## Binary System

Binary system only uses two digits:

- Radix / base 2;
- Binary digits 1 and 0 have the same meaning as in decimal notation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
0_{2} & =0_{10} \\
1_{2} & =1_{10}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Also a positional number system:
- Each binary digit in a number has a value;


## Exercise

$$
\begin{aligned}
10_{2} & =?_{10} \\
11_{2} & =?_{10} \\
100_{2} & =?_{10}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Exercise

$$
\begin{aligned}
10_{2} & =\left(1 \times 2^{1}\right)+\left(0 \times 2^{0}\right)=2_{10} \\
11_{2} & =\left(1 \times 2^{1}\right)+\left(1 \times 2^{0}\right)=3_{10} \\
100_{2} & =\left(1 \times 2^{2}\right)+\left(0 \times 2^{1}\right)+\left(0 \times 2^{0}\right)=4_{10}
\end{aligned}
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- Binary number $1001.101_{2}$ converts to what decimal number?


## Exercise

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1001.101_{2}=?_{10}
$$

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1001.101=1 \times 2^{3}+0 \times 2^{2}+0 \times 2^{1} 1 \times 2^{0}+1 \times 2^{-1}+0 \times 2^{-2}+1 \times 2^{-3}
$$

Remember this formula for the decimal system:

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- Radix / base has value 2;
- I.e.: $X=\sum_{i}\left(d_{i} \times 2^{i}\right)$


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Suppose we need to convert $N$ from decimal into binary form ( $1 / 3$ ):

- If we divide $N$ by 2 we obtain a quotient $N_{1}$ and a remainder $R_{0}$;
- We then may write:
- $N=2 \times N_{1}+R_{0}$
- $R_{0}=0$ or 1

Suppose we need to convert $N$ from decimal into binary form (2/3):

- $N_{1}$ can also be divided by 2 , then:
- $N_{1}=2 \times N_{2}+R_{1}$
- $R_{1}=0$ or 1

Suppose we need to convert $N$ from decimal into binary form (3/3):

- $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ can also be divided by 2 , then:
- $N_{2}=2 \times N_{3}+R_{2}$
- $R_{2}=0$ or 1

Continuing this sequence will eventually produce:

- a quotient $N_{m-1}=1$
- a remainder $R_{m-2}$ which is 0 or 1 ;


## We are now able to obtain the binary form:

$$
N=\left(R_{m-1} \times 2^{m-1}\right)+\left(R_{m-2} \times 2^{m-2}\right)+\cdots+\left(R_{2} \times 2^{2}\right)+\left(R_{1} \times 2^{1}\right)+R_{0}
$$

## Example



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## Exercise

Converting the following decimal numbers into binary:

- $8_{10}=?_{2}$
- $9_{10}=?_{2}$
- $1024_{10}=?_{2}$
- $1025_{10}=?_{2}$
- ${ }^{1027}{ }_{10}=?_{2}$
- $2049{ }_{10}=?_{2}$
- $4096_{10}=?_{2}$
- $4106_{10}=?_{2}$


## Hexadecimal Notation

In computation:

- All forms of data is represented in a binary fashion;
- Very cumbersome for human beings $=($
- Most computer professionals prefer a more compact notation:
- Hexadecimal notation FTW! =)
- Binary digits are grouped into sets of four bits (nibble);
- Each possible combination of four binary digits is given a symbol;

This is the hexadecimal table:

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
0000=0 & 0100=4 & 1000=8 & 1100=\mathrm{C} \\
0001=1 & 0101=5 & 1001=9 & 1101=\mathrm{D} \\
0010=2 & 0110=6 & 1010=\mathrm{A} & 1110=\mathrm{E} \\
0011=3 & 0111=7 & 1011=\mathrm{B} & 1111=\mathrm{F}
\end{array}
$$

Figure: (Source: (Stallings, 2015))

In general:

$$
Z=\sum_{i}\left(h_{i} \times 16^{i}\right)
$$

- Radix / base has value 16 :
- Each hexadecimal digit $h_{i}$ is in the decimal range $0 \leq h_{i}<15$;

| Decimal (base 10) | Binary (base 2) | Hexadecimal (base 16) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0000 | 0 |
| 1 | 0001 | 1 |
| 2 | 0010 | 2 |
| 3 | 0011 | 3 |
| 4 | 0100 | 4 |
| 5 | 0101 | 5 |
| 6 | 0110 | 6 |
| 7 | 0111 | 7 |
| 8 | 1000 | 8 |
| 9 | 1001 | 9 |
| 10 | 1010 | A |
| 11 | 1011 | B |
| 12 | 1100 | C |
| 13 | 1101 | D |
| 14 | 1110 | E |
| 15 | 1111 | F |
| 16 | 00010000 | 10 |
| 17 | 00010001 | 11 |
| 18 | 00010010 | 12 |
| 31 | 00011111 | 1F |
| 100 | 01100100 | 64 |
| 255 | 11111111 | FF |
| 256 | 000100000000 | 100 |

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## Example

$$
2 C_{16}=?_{10}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
2 C_{16} & =\left(2_{16} \times 16^{1}\right)+\left(C_{16} \times 16^{0}\right) \\
& =\left(2_{10} \times 16^{1}\right)+\left(12_{10} \times 16^{0}\right) \\
& =44
\end{aligned}
$$

This concludes this lession:

- Thank you for your time =)


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