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## Number Systems – Base r

- General number in base r is written as:

$$\underbrace{A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \dots A_2 A_1 A_0}_{\text{Integer Part (n digits)}} \cdot \underbrace{A_{-1} A_{-2} \dots A_{-(m-1)} A_{-m}}_{\text{Fraction Part (m digits)}}$$

↑  
Radix  
Point

- Note that All  $A_i$  (digits) are less than r:
  - i.e. Allowed digits are 0, 1, 2, ..., r - 1 ONLY
- $A_{n-1}$  is the MOST SIGNIFICANT Digit (MSD) of the number
- $A_m$  is the LEAST SIGNIFICANT Digit (LSD) of the number

$A_{n-1}$  is the MSD of the integer part  
 $A_0$  is the LSD of the integer part  
 $A_{-1}$  is the MSD of the fraction part  
 $A_{-m}$  is the LSD of the fraction part

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## Number Systems – Base r

- The (base r) number

$$A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \dots A_2 A_1 A_0 \cdot A_{-1} A_{-2} \dots A_{-(m-1)} A_{-m}$$

is equal to

FORM or SHAPE  
OF NUMBER

$$A_{n-1} X r^{n-1} + A_{n-2} X r^{n-2} + \dots A_2 X r^2 + A_1 X r^1 + A_0 X r^0 + A_{-1} X r^{-1} + A_{-2} X r^{-2} + \dots A_{-(m-1)} X r^{-(m-1)} + A_{-m} X r^{-m}$$

VALUE  
OF NUMBER

## Example – Decimal or Base 10

- For decimal system (base 10), the number

$$(724.5)_{10}$$

is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & 7X10^2 + 2X10^1 + 4X10^0 + 5X10^{-1} \\ & = 7 X 100 + 2 X 10 + 4 X 1 + 5 X 0.1 \\ & = 700 + 20 + 4 + 0.5 \\ & = 724.5 \end{aligned}$$

**It is all powers of 10:**

...  
 $10^3 = 1000,$   
 $10^2 = 100,$   
 $10^1 = 10,$   
 $10^0 = 1,$   
 $10^{-1} = 0.1,$   
 $10^{-2} = 0.01,$   
...

## Example –Base 5

- Base 5 →  $r = 5$
- Allowed digits are: 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 ONLY
- The number

$$(312.4)_5$$

is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & 3 \times 5^2 + 1 \times 5^1 + 2 \times 5^0 + 4 \times 5^{-1} \\ &= 3 \times 25 + 1 \times 5 + 2 \times 1 + 4 \times 0.2 \\ &= 75 + 5 + 2 + 0.8 \\ &= (82.8)_{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } (312.4)_5 = (82.8)_{10}$$

### It is all powers of 5:

...  
 $5^3 = 125,$   
 $5^2 = 25,$   
 $5^1 = 5,$   
 $5^0 = 1$   
 $5^{-1} = 0.2$   
 $5^{-2} = 0.04,$   
...

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## A Third Example –Base 2

- Base 2 →  $r = 2$ 
  - This is referred to as the **BINARY SYSTEM**
- Allowed digits are: 0 and 1 ONLY
- The number

$$(110101.11)_2$$

is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \times 2^5 + 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 \\ &+ 1 \times 2^{-1} + 1 \times 2^{-2} \\ &= 1 \times 32 + 1 \times 16 + 1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 0.5 \\ &+ 1 \times 0.25 \\ &= 32 + 16 + 4 + 1 + 0.5 + 0.25 \\ &= (53.75)_{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } (110101.11)_2 = (53.75)_{10}$$

### It is all powers of 5:

...  
 $2^4 = 16$   
 $2^3 = 8,$   
 $2^2 = 4,$   
 $2^1 = 2,$   
 $2^0 = 1$   
 $2^{-1} = 0.5$   
 $2^{-2} = 0.25,$   
...

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## Decimal to Binary Conversion of Integer Numbers

- Conversion from base 2 to base 10 (for real numbers) – See previous slide
- To convert a decimal *integer* to binary → decompose into powers of 2
  - Example:  $(37)_{10} = (?)_2$ 
    - 37 has ONE 32 → remainder is 5
    - 5 has ZERO 16 → remainder is 5
    - 5 has ZERO 8 → remainder is 5
    - 5 has ONE 4 → remainder is 1
    - 1 has ZERO 2 → remainder is 1
    - 1 has ONE 1 → remainder is 0

Therefore  $(37)_{10} = (100101)_2$

## Decimal to Binary Conversion of Integer Numbers– cont'd

- Or we can use the following (see table):
- You stop when the division result is ZERO
- Note the order of the resulting digits
- Therefore  $(37)_{10} = (100101)_2$
- To check:  
 $1 \times 2^5 + 1 \times 2 + 1 = 32 + 4 + 1 = 37$

No	No/2	Remainder	
37	18	1	← LSD
18	9	0	
9	4	1	
4	2	0	
2	1	0	
1	0	1	← MSD

In general: to convert a decimal integer to its equivalent in base r we use the above procedure but dividing by r

## A Very Useful Table

- To represent decimal numbers from 0 till 15 (16 numbers) we need FOUR binary digits  $B_3B_2B_1B_0$

- In general to represent N numbers, we need  $\lceil \log_2 N \rceil$  bits

- Note how

- $B_0$  flipped or COMPLEMENTED at every increment
- $B_1$  flipped or COMPLEMENTED every 2 steps
- $B_2$  flipped or COMPLEMENTED every 4 steps
- $B_3$  flipped or COMPLEMENTED every 8 steps

Decimal	Binary	Decimal	Binary
0	0000	8	1000
1	0001	9	1001
2	0010	10	1010
3	0011	11	1011
4	0100	12	1100
5	0101	13	1101
6	0110	14	1110
7	0111	15	1111

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## A Very Useful Table – cont'd

- Note that zeros to the left of the number do not add to its value

- When we need DIGITS beyond 9, we will use the alphabets as shown in Table

- Example: base 16 system has 16 digits; these are: 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F
- This is referred to as HEXADECIMAL or HEX number system

Decimal	Binary	Decimal	Binary
0	0000	8	1000
1	0001	9	1001
2	0010	10 → A	1010
3	0011	11 → B	1011
4	0100	12 → C	1100
5	0101	13 → D	1101
6	0110	14 → E	1110
7	0111	15 → F	1111

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## Decimal to Binary Conversion of Fractions

• Example:  $(0.234375)_{10} = (?)_2$

• Solution: We use the following procedure

• **Note:**

- The binary digits are the integer part of the multiplication process
- The process stops when the number is 0
- There are situations where the process DOES NOT end – See next slide

• Therefore  $(0.234375)_{10} = (0.001111)_2$

• To check:  $(0.001111)_2 = 1 \times 2^{-2} + 1 \times 2^{-3} + 1 \times 2^{-4} + 1 \times 2^{-5} + 1 \times 2^{-5}$   
 $1 \times 2^{-6} = (0.234375)_{10}$

No	NoX2	Integer Part	
0.234375	0.46875	0	← MSD
0.46875	0.9375	0	
0.9375	1.875	1	
0.875	1.75	1	
0.75	1.5	1	
0.5	1.0	1	← LSD
0			

In general: to convert a decimal fraction to its equivalent in base r we use the above procedure but multiplying by r

## Decimal to Binary Conversion of Fractions – cont'd

• Example:  $(0.513)_{10} = (?)_2$

• Solution: As in previous slide

Therefore  $(0.513)_{10} = (0.100000110 \dots)_2$

If we chose to round to 1 significant figure  $\rightarrow (0.1)_2$

Or to 7 significant figures  $\rightarrow (0.1000001)_2$

Etc.

No	NoX2	Integer Part
0.513	1.026	1
0.026	0.052	0
0.052	0.104	0
0.104	0.208	0
0.208	0.416	0
0.416	0.832	0
0.832	1.664	1
0.664	1.328	1
0.328	0.656	0
...		

## Octal Number System

- Base  $r = 8$
- Allowed digits are  $= 0, 1, 2, \dots, 6, 7$
- Example: the number  $(127.4)_8$  has the decimal value  
 $1 \times 8^2 + 2 \times 8^1 + 7 \times 8^0 + 4 \times 8^{-1}$   
 $= 1 \times 64 + 2 \times 8 + 7 + 0.5$   
 $= (87.5)_{10}$

### It is all powers of 8:

...  
 $8^4 = 4096$   
 $8^3 = 512,$   
 $8^2 = 64,$   
 $8^1 = 8,$   
 $8^0 = 1$   
 $8^{-1} = 0.125$   
 $8^{-2} = 0.015625,$   
 ...

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## Conversion between Octal and Binary

- **Example:**  $(127)_8 = (?)_2$
- **Solution:** we can find the decimal equivalent (see previous slide) and then convert from decimal to binary

$$(127)_8 = (87)_{10} \rightarrow (?)_2$$

From long division

$$(127)_8 = (87)_{10} = (1010111)_2$$

To check:

$$1 \times 2^6 + 1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

$$= 64 + 16 + 4 + 2 + 1$$

$$= 87$$

No	No/2	Remainder
87	43	1
43	21	1
21	10	1
10	5	0
5	2	1
2	1	0
1	0	1

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## Conversion between Octal and Binary- cont'd

- **NOTE:**  $(127)_8 = (1010111)_2$
- Lets group the binary digits in groups of 3 starting from the LSD

$$(1010111)_2 \rightarrow (001 \ 010 \ 111)_2$$

$\updownarrow$   
1

$\updownarrow$   
2

$\updownarrow$   
7

- That is the decimal equivalent of the first group  $111 \rightarrow 7$   
of the second group  $010 \rightarrow 2$   
of the third group  $001 \rightarrow 1$

- Hence, to convert from Octal to Binary one can perform direct translation of the Octal digits into binary digits:  
ONE Octal digit  $\leftrightarrow$  THREE Binary digits

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## Conversion between Octal and Binary - cont'd

- To convert from Binary to Octal, Binary digits are grouped into groups of three digits and then translated to Octal digits

- Example:  $(1011101.10)_2 = (?)_8$
- Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (1011101.10)_2 &= (001 \ 011 \ 101 \ . \ 100)_2 \\ &= (1 \ 3 \ 5 \ . \ 4)_8 \\ &= (135.4)_8 \end{aligned}$$

**Note:**

We can add zeros to the left of the number or to the right of the number after the radix point to form the groups

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## Conversion From Decimal to Octal

- **Problem:** What is the octal equivalent of  $(32.57)_{10}$ ?
- **Solution:**
- a) We can convert  $(32.57)_{10}$  to binary and then to Octal or
- b) We can do:

$$32_{10} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 32/8 = 4 \text{ and remainder is } 0 \rightarrow 0 \\ 4/8 = 0 \text{ and remainder is } 4 \rightarrow 4 \end{array}$$

$$\text{hence, } 32_{10} = 40_8$$

$$(0.57)_{10} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 0.57 \times 8 = 4.56 \rightarrow 4 \\ 0.56 \times 8 = 4.48 \rightarrow 4 \\ 0.48 \times 8 = 3.84 \rightarrow 3 \\ 0.84 \times 8 = 6.72 \rightarrow 6 \\ \dots \end{array}$$

$$\text{hence, } (0.57)_{10} = (0.4436)_8$$

$$\text{Therefore, } (32.57)_{10} = (40.4436)_8$$

What is  $(0.4436)_8$  rounded for  
-Two fraction digits?  
-One fraction digit?

## Hexadecimal Number Systems

- Base  $r = 16$
- Allowed digits: 0, 1, 2, ..., 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F
- The values for the alphabetic digits are as show in Table

- **Example 1:**

$$\begin{aligned} (B65F)_{16} &= B \times 16^3 + 6 \times 16^2 + 5 \times 16^1 + F \times 16^0 \\ &= 11 \times 4096 + 6 \times 256 + 5 \times 16 + 15 \\ &= (46687)_{10} \end{aligned}$$

- **Example 2:**

$$\begin{aligned} (1B.3C)_{16} &= 1 \times 16^1 + B \times 16^0 + 3 \times 16^{-1} + C \times 16^{-2} \\ &= 16 + 11 + 3 \times 0.0625 + 12 \times 0.00390625 \\ &= (27.234375)_{10} \end{aligned}$$

Hex	Value
A	10
B	11
C	12
D	13
E	14
F	15

## Conversion Between Hex and Binary

- **Example:**  $(1B.3C)_{16} = (?)_2$
- **Solution:** we can find the decimal equivalent (see previous slide) and then convert from decimal to binary

$$(1B)_{16} = (27)_{10} \rightarrow (?)_2$$

From long division

$$(1B)_{16} = (27)_{10} = (11011)_2$$

$$(0.3C)_{16} = (0.234375)_{10} = (0.001111)_2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Therefore } (1B.3C)_{16} = (11011.001111)_2$$

**Verify This Result**


## Conversion Between Hex and Binary – cont'd

- **Note:**

$(1B.3C)_{16} = (11011.001111)_2$  from previous example

Lets group the binary bits in groups of 4 starting from the radix point, adding zeros to the left of the number or to the right as needed

$\rightarrow (0001\ 1011\ .\ 0011\ 1100)$

  
1 B . 3 C

- Hence, to convert from Hex to Binary one can perform direct translation of the Hex digits into binary digits:  
ONE Hex digit  $\leftrightarrow$  FOUR Binary digits

## Conversion between Hex and Binary – cont'd

- To convert from Binary to Hex, Binary digits are grouped into groups of four digits and then translated to Hex digits

- Example:  $(1011101.10)_2 = (?)_{16}$

- Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(1011101.10)_2 &= (0101\ 1101\ .\ 1000)_2 \\ &= (5\ D\ .\ 8)_{16} \\ &= (5D.8)_{16}\end{aligned}$$

**Note:**

We can add zeros to the left of the number or to the right of the number after the radix point to form the groups

## Sample Exam Problem

- Problem:** What is the radix  $r$  if

$$((33)_r + (24)_r) \times (10)_r = (1120)_r$$

- Solution:**

$$(33)_r = 3r + 3,$$

$$(24)_r = 2r + 4,$$

$$(10)_r = r,$$

$$(1120)_r = r^3 + r^2 + 2r$$

therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}[(3r+3)+(2r+4)] \times r \\ = r^3 + r^2 + 2r \rightarrow r^3 - 4r^2 - 5r = 0, \text{ or} \\ r(r-5)(r+1) = 0\end{aligned}$$

This means, the radix  $r$  is equal to 5

## Number Ranges - Decimal

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- Consider a decimal integer number of n digits:

$$A_{n-1}A_{n-2}\dots A_1A_0 \quad \text{where } A_i \in \{0,1,2, \dots, 9\}$$

Smallest integer is  $0_{n-1}0_{n-2}\dots 0_10_0 = 0$

Largest integer is  $9_{n-1}9_{n-2}\dots 9_19_0 = 10^n - 1$

**Example:** for n equal to 3 → 3 digits integer decimals;  
the maximum integer is 999 or  $10^3 - 1$

## Number Ranges – Decimal – cont'd

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- Consider a decimal fraction of m digits:

$$0.A_{-1}A_{-2}\dots A_{-(m-1)}A_{-m} \quad \text{where } A_i \in \{0,1,2, \dots, 9\}$$

Smallest non-zeros fraction is  $0.0_{-1}0_{-2}\dots 0_{-(m-1)}1_{-m} = 10^{-m}$

Largest fraction is  $0.9_{-1}9_{-2}\dots 9_{-(m-1)}9_{-m} = 1 - 10^{-m}$

**Example:** for m equal to 3 → 3 digits decimal fraction;

The minimum fraction is  $10^{-3}$  or 0.001

The maximum number is  $1 - 10^{-3}$  or 0.999

## Number Ranges – Base-r Numbers

- Consider a base-r integer of n digits:

$$A_{n-1}A_{n-2}\dots A_1A_0 \quad \text{where } A_i \in \{0,1,2, \dots, r-1\}$$

Smallest integer is  $0_{n-1}0_{n-2}\dots 0_10_0 = 0$

Largest integer is  $(r-1)_{n-1}(r-1)_{n-2}\dots(r-1)_1(r-1)_0 = r^n - 1$

**Example:** for  $r = 5$ , n equal to 3  $\rightarrow$  3 digits base-5 integer;

The maximum integer is  $(444)_5$  or  $(5^3 - 1)_{10}$

To check:

the decimal equivalent of  $(444)_5$  is  $4 \times 5^2 + 4 \times 5^1 + 4 = (124)_{10}$  or simply  $5^3 - 1 = (124)_{10}$

## Number Ranges - Base-r Numbers

- Consider a base-r fraction of m digits:

$$0.A_{-1}A_{-2}\dots A_{-(m-1)}A_{-m} \quad \text{where } A_i \in \{0,1,2, \dots, r-1\}$$

Smallest non-zero fraction is

$$(0.0_{-1}0_{-2}\dots 0_{-(m-1)}1_{-m})_r = (r^{-m})_{10}$$

Largest fraction is

$$(0.(r-1)_{-1}(r-1)_{-2}\dots(r-1)_{-(m-1)}(r-1)_{-m})_r = (1 - r^{-m})_{10}$$

**Example:** for  $r = 5$  and m equal to 3  $\rightarrow$  3 digits base-5 fraction;

The maximum number is  $(0.444)_5$  or  $1 - 5^{-3} = 0.992$

## Number Ranges - Base-r Numbers – cont'd

		Decimal (r=10)	Binary (r = 2)	Octal (r = 8)	Hex (r = 16)
Integer	Min	$0_{n-1}0_{n-2}\dots0_10_0$ = 0	$0_{n-1}0_{n-2}\dots0_10_0$ = 0	$0_{n-1}0_{n-2}\dots0_10_0$ = 0	$0_{n-1}0_{n-2}\dots0_10_0$ = 0
	Max	$9_{n-1}9_{n-2}\dots9_19_0$ = $10^n - 1$	$(1_{n-1}1_{n-2}\dots1_11_0)_2$ = $(2^n - 1)_{10}$	$(8_{n-1}8_{n-2}\dots8_18_0)_8$ = $(8^n - 1)_{10}$	$(F_{n-1}F_{n-2}\dotsF_1F_0)_{16}$ = $(16^n - 1)_{10}$
fraction	Min	$0.0_{-1}0_{-2}\dots0_{-(m-1)}1_{-m}$ = $10^{-m}$	$(0.0_{-1}0_{-2}\dots0_{-(m-1)}1_{-m})_2$ = $(2^{-m})_{10}$	$(0.0_{-1}0_{-2}\dots0_{-(m-1)}1_{-m})_8$ = $(8^{-m})_{10}$	$(0.0_{-1}0_{-2}\dots0_{-(m-1)}1_{-m})_{16}$ = $(16^{-m})_{10}$
	Max	$0.9_{-1}9_{-2}\dots9_{-(m-1)}9_{-m}$ = $1 - 10^{-m}$	$(0.1_{-1}1_{-2}\dots1_{-(m-1)}1_{-m})_2$ = $(1 - 2^{-m})_{10}$	$(0.7_{-1}7_{-2}\dots7_{-(m-1)}7_{-m})_8$ = $(1 - 8^{-m})_{10}$	$(0.F_{-1}F_{-2}\dotsF_{-(m-1)}F_{-m})_{16}$ = $(1 - 16^{-m})_{10}$

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## Exercises

- What is  $8^4$  equal to in octal?  
 $(8^4)_{10} = (10000)_8$
- What is  $2^5$  equal to in binary?  
 $(2^5) = (100000)_2$
- What is  $16^4 - 1$  equal to in Hex?
- What is  $2^3 - 2^{-2}$  equal to in Binary?
- What is  $16^5 - 16^4$  equal to in Hex?
- What is  $3^4 - 3^{-2}$  equal to in base-3?
- What is  $2^4 - 2^{-2}$  equal to in base-3?

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