


## Introduction

A number system defines how a number can be represented using distinct symbols.

A number can be represented differently in different systems.

- For example, the two numbers $(2 \mathrm{~A})_{16}$ and $(52)_{8}$ both refer to the same quantity, (42) $)_{10}$.


## Positional Number Systems

- In a positional number system, the position a symbol occupies in the number determines the value it represents.
- In this system, a number represented as:

$$
\pm\left(S_{k-1} \ldots S_{2} S_{1} S_{0} . S_{-1} S_{-2} \ldots S_{-}\right)_{b}
$$

has the value of:
$n= \pm S_{k-1} \times \mathbf{b}^{k-1}+\ldots+S_{1} \times \mathbf{b}^{1}+S_{0} \times \mathbf{b}^{0}+S_{-1} \times \mathbf{b}^{-1}+S_{-2} \times \mathbf{b}^{-2}+\ldots+S_{-I} \times \mathbf{b}^{-I}$ $b$ is the base.

## The Decimal System (base 10)

The word decimal is derived from the Latin root decem (ten).
Base $b=10$.

- Ten symbols: $S=\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$
- The symbols in this system are often referred to as decimal digits or just digits.


## The Decimal System (base 10)

## Integer values

| $10^{k-1}$ | $10^{k-2}$ | -•• | $10^{2}$ | $10^{1}$ | $10^{0}$ | Place values |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\pm \mathrm{S}_{k-1}$ | $\mathrm{S}_{k-2}$ | -•• | $\mathrm{S}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ | Number |
| $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ |  | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ |  |
| $\pm \mathrm{S}_{k-1} \times 10^{k-1}$ | $\times 10^{k}$ | -• | 2 $\times 10^{2}$ | $\times 10^{1}$ | $\mathrm{S}_{0} \times 10^{0}$ | Values |


| The Decimal System (base 10) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Real values |  |  |  |  |
| Integral part |  |  | Fractional part |  |
| $R= \pm S_{k-1} \times 10^{10-1}+\ldots+s_{1} \times 10^{1}+s_{0} \times 10^{0}+$ |  |  | $s_{-1} \times 10^{-1}+\ldots+s_{-1} \times 10^{-1}$ |  |
| $10^{1}$ | $10^{\circ}$ | ${ }^{10^{-1}}$ | $0^{-2}$ | Place values |
| 2 | 4 | - 1 | 3 | Number |
| $R=+2 \times 10$ | + $4 \times 1$ | + $1 \times 0.1$ | + $3 \times 0.01$ | Values |

The Decimal System (base 10)
Abacus - a device that uses positional notation to represent a decimal number.


## The Binary System (base 2)

- The word binary is derived from the Latin root bini (double).
Base $b=2$.
- Ten symbols: $S=\{0,1\}$
- The symbols in this system are often referred to as binary digits or just bits.


## The Binary System (bose 2)

## Integer values



|  | $2^{4}$ |  | $2^{3}$ |  | $2^{2}$ |  | $2^{1}$ |  | $2^{0}$ | Place values |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 1 | Number |
| $N=$ | $1 \times 2^{4}$ | + | $1 \times 2^{3}$ | $+$ | $0 \times 2^{2}$ | $+$ | $0 \times 2^{1}$ | + | $1 \times 2^{0}$ | Decimal |



## The Hexadecimal System (base 16)

The word hexadecimal is derived from the Greek root hex (six) and Latin root decem (ten).

- Base $b=16$.

Ten symbols: $S=\{0,1, \ldots, 8,9, \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{F}\}$
The symbols in this system are often referred to as hexadecimal digits.


## The Octal System (base 8)

The word octal is derived from the Latin root octo (eight).
Base $b=8$.

- Ten symbols: $S=\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$



## Summary of the Four Positional Number Systems

Table 2.1 Summary of the four positional number systems

| System | Base | Symbols | Examples |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Decimal | 10 | $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9$ | 2345.56 |
| Binary | 2 | 0,1 | $(1001.11)_{2}$ |
| Octal | 8 | $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7$ | $(156.23)_{8}$ |
| Hexadecimal | 16 | $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9$, A, B, C, D, E, F | $(\text { A2C.A1 })_{16}$ |

Summary of the Four Positional Number Systems
Table 2.2 Comparison of numbers in the four systems

| Decimal | Binary | Octal | Hexadecimal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 11 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 100 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 101 | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | 110 | 6 | 6 |
| 7 | 111 | 7 | 7 |
| 8 | 1000 | 10 | 8 |
| 9 | 1001 | 11 | 9 |
| 10 | 1010 | 12 | A |
| 11 | 1011 | 13 | B |
| 12 | 1100 | 14 | C |
| 13 | 1101 | 15 | D |
| 14 | 1110 | 16 | E |
| 15 | 1111 | 17 | F |

## Conversion between Number Systems

We will introduce how to do the following conversions:

- Binary/Hex/Octal $\rightarrow$ Decimal.
- Decimal $\rightarrow$ Binary/Hex/Octal.
- Binary $\leftrightarrow$ Hex/Octal



## Decimal-Others Conversion

Decimal $\rightarrow$ Binary/Hex/Octal (Integral part)





## Decimal-Others Conversion

Decimal $\rightarrow$ Binary/Hex/Octal (Fractional part)


$$
\begin{aligned}
0.625 & =2^{-1} \cdot\left(2^{1 \cdot} \cdot 0.625\right)=2^{-1} \cdot(1.25) \\
& =2^{-1} \cdot(1+0.25) \\
& =2^{-1} \cdot\left(1+2^{-1} \cdot\left(2^{1} \cdot 0.25\right)\right) \\
& =2^{-1} \cdot\left(1+2^{-1} \cdot(0+0.5)\right) \\
& =2^{-1} \cdot\left(1+2^{-1} \cdot\left(0+2^{-1} \cdot\left(2^{1} \cdot 0.5\right)\right)\right) \\
& =2^{-1} \cdot\left(1+2^{-1} \cdot\left(0+2^{-1} \cdot(1+0)\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$






| Binary-Hexadecimal Conversion |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Binary $\rightarrow$ Hex |  |
| $(11010101011)_{2} \rightarrow$ | $?$ |
| - Hex $\rightarrow$ Binary |  |
| $(58 \mathrm{~F})_{16} \rightarrow$ |  |



| Binary-Octal Conversion |
| :--- |
| - Binary $\rightarrow$ Octal |
| $(101110010)_{2} \rightarrow(101110010)_{2} \rightarrow(562)_{8}$ |
| $\square$ |
| Octal $\rightarrow$ Binary |
| $(24)_{8} \rightarrow(010100)_{2} \rightarrow(10100)_{2}$ |
|  |


| Binary-Octal Conversion |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| - Binary $\rightarrow$ Octal |  |
| $(11100110011)_{2} \rightarrow$ | ? |
| $\square$ Octal $\rightarrow$ Binary |  |
| $(765)_{8} \rightarrow$ | ? |

## Octal-Hex Conversion

Convert with the aid of binary systems


## Number of Digits

Quiz:
Find the minimum number of binary digits required to store decimal integers with a maximum of six digits.

## Number of Digits

How can we know the number of digits required to store a $k$-digit-base- $b_{1}$ integral value in the base- $b_{2}$ system?

Maximum $k$-digit value in base $b_{1}:\left(b_{1}{ }^{k}-1\right)$
Maximum $x$-digit value in base $b_{2}:\left(b_{2}{ }^{x}-1\right)$

$$
\left(b_{2}{ }^{x}-1\right) \geq\left(b_{1}{ }^{k}-1\right) \quad \Rightarrow x \geq k \cdot\left(\log b_{1} / \log b_{2}\right)
$$

## Number of Digits

Quiz:
Find the minimum number of binary digits required to store decimal integers with a maximum of six digits.
$k=6, b_{1}=10, b_{2}=2$.
$x \geq 6 \cdot\left(\log b_{1} / \log b_{2}\right)=6 \cdot(1 / 0.30103)=19.9$
$\Rightarrow x=20$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2^{19}=524288 \\
& 2^{20}=1048576
\end{aligned}
$$

## Non-positional Number System

- A non-positional number system still uses a limited number of symbols in which each symbol has a value.
- However, the position a symbol occupies in the number normally bears no relation to its value-the value of each symbol is fixed.

To find the value of a number, we add the value of all symbols present in the representation.

## Non-positional Number System

In this system, a number is represented as:

$$
\mathrm{s}_{k-1} \ldots \mathrm{~s}_{2} \mathrm{~s}_{1} \mathrm{~s}_{0} \cdot \mathrm{~s}_{-1} \mathrm{~s}_{-2} \ldots \mathrm{~s}_{-1}
$$

and has the value of:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc} 
& \text { Integral part } & \text { Fractional part } \\
n= \pm & S_{k-1}+\ldots+S_{1}+S_{0} & +
\end{array} \mathbf{S}_{-1}+\boldsymbol{S}_{-2}+\ldots+\boldsymbol{S}_{-I}
$$

There are some exceptions to the addition rule we just mentioned, as shown in the following example.

## Non-positional Number System

## Example: Roman numerals

Table 2.3 Values of symbols in the Roman number system


## Non-positional Number System

## Example: Roman numerals

- When a symbol with a smaller value is placed after a symbol having an equal or larger value, the values are added.

| III | $\rightarrow 1+1+1$ | $=3$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VIII | $\rightarrow 5+1+1+1$ | $=8$ |
| XVIII | $\rightarrow 10+5+1+1+1$ | $=18$ |
| LXXII | $\rightarrow 50+10+10+1+1$ | $=72$ |
| CI | $\rightarrow 100+1$ | $=101$ |
| MMVII | $\rightarrow 1000+1000+5+1+1$ | $=2007$ |
| MDC | $\rightarrow 1000+500+100$ | $=1600$ |

## Non-positional Number System

Example: Roman numerals

- When a symbol with a smaller value is placed before a symbol having a larger value, the smaller value is subtracted from the larger one.

| IV | $\rightarrow 5-1$ | $=4$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| XIX | $\rightarrow 10+(10-1)$ | $=19$ |

Table 2.3 Values of symbols in the Roman number system

| Symbol |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 1 | $V$ | $X$ | $L$ | C | $D$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Value | 1 | 5 | 10 | 50 | 100 | 500 | 1000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Non-positional Number System

Example: Roman numerals

- For other rules, please refer to the text book.


## Summary

Number systems

- Positional vs. Non-positional
- Positional systems
- Decimal
- Binary
- Octal
- Hexadecimal
- Non-positional systems

Roman numeral

