

CSE 351 Lecture 4 – Data III & Integers I

Boolean Algebra

Boolean Algebra is an algebraic representation of logic, where True is represented by 1 and False by 0. The C **bitwise operators** apply Boolean operations to the *bits* of the operand(s) and can only be used on integral data types (e.g. char, short, int, long).

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In contrast, C **logical operators** (AND: &&, OR: ||, NOT: !) apply Boolean operations to the *value* of the operand(s). C treats a value of 0 (in any form, including NULL and '\0') as False, and *anything else* as True. Despite this, the logical operators will always return the value of 1 for True. The logical operators exhibit **short-circuit evaluation**, meaning that the 2nd operand is never computed if the outcome is determined by the 1st operand (e.g. 0 && x or 1 || x).

Unsigned Integers

Unsigned integers represent non-negative (i.e. counting up from 0) integers. The bit pattern used matches regular binary numerals, just in a fixed-width based on the data type used. The different integer widths (assuming a 64-bit machine) are:

unsigned char	1 byte
unsigned short	2 bytes
unsigned int	4 bytes
unsigned long	8 bytes

For any given integer width (assuming n bits), we can only represent 2^n things, so for unsigned integers that covers the range 0 to $2^n - 1$.

We can perform addition and subtraction in binary much the same way that we do in decimal, except that the *carry* and *borrow* happen at the value of 2 instead of 10. See the following 8-bit examples:

$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 63 \\ + 8 \\ \hline 71 \end{array}$	\Leftrightarrow	$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 00111111_2 \\ + 00001000_2 \\ \hline 01000111_2 \end{array}$	\Leftrightarrow	$\begin{array}{r} 410 \\ 55 \\ - 8 \\ \hline 47 \end{array}$	\Leftrightarrow	$\begin{array}{r} 02 \\ 00110111_2 \\ - 00001000_2 \\ \hline 00101111_2 \end{array}$
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Two's Complement Integers

Signed integers represent both positive and negative integers. There are many possible encodings, but the accepted implementation in all modern computers is **Two's Complement**. This is achieved by making the weight of only the most significant bit *negative* (-2^{n-1} instead of 2^{n-1}) while keeping the weight of the other bits as in standard binary (or unsigned). This representation has the following advantages:

- Zero has the encoding of all zeros (0b0...0).
- It represents roughly the same number of positive and negative numbers (-2^{n-1} to $2^{n-1} - 1$).
- The encodings for the positive numbers exactly match the encodings in unsigned.
- It has the following negation procedure: $-x == \sim x + 1$ ("flip the bits and add one").

See the following 8-bit example:

$$\begin{aligned} 0b10001110 &= -2^7 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 = \mathbf{-114} \\ -(0b10001110) &= \sim(0b10001110) + 1 = 0b01110001 + 1 = 0b01110010 \\ &= 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^4 + 2^1 = \mathbf{114} \end{aligned}$$