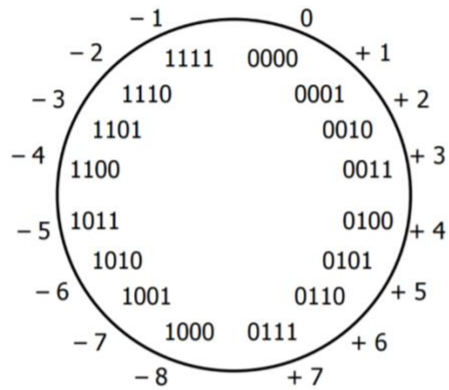
CSE 351 Section 3 – Integers and Floating Point

Welcome back to section, we're happy that you're here ☺ .. . .

Signed Integers with Two's Complement

Two's complement is the standard for representing signed integers:

- The most significant bit (MSB) has a negative value; all others have positive values (same as unsigned)
- Binary addition is performed the same way for signed and unsigned
- The bit representation for the negative value (additive inverse) of a Two's Complement number can be found by:
  flipping all the bits and adding 1 (i.e. $-x = \sim x + 1$).



The "number wheel" showing the relationship between 4-bit numerals and their Two's Complement interpretations is shown on the right:

- The largest number is 7 whereas the smallest number is -8
- There is a nice symmetry between numbers and their negative counterparts except for -8

Exercises: (assume 8-bit integers)

1) What is the **largest integer**? The **largest integer + 1**?

Unsigned:	Two's Complement:

2) How do you represent (if possible) the following numbers: **39**, **-39**, **127**?

Unsigned:	Two's Complement:
39:	39:
-39:	-39:
127:	127:

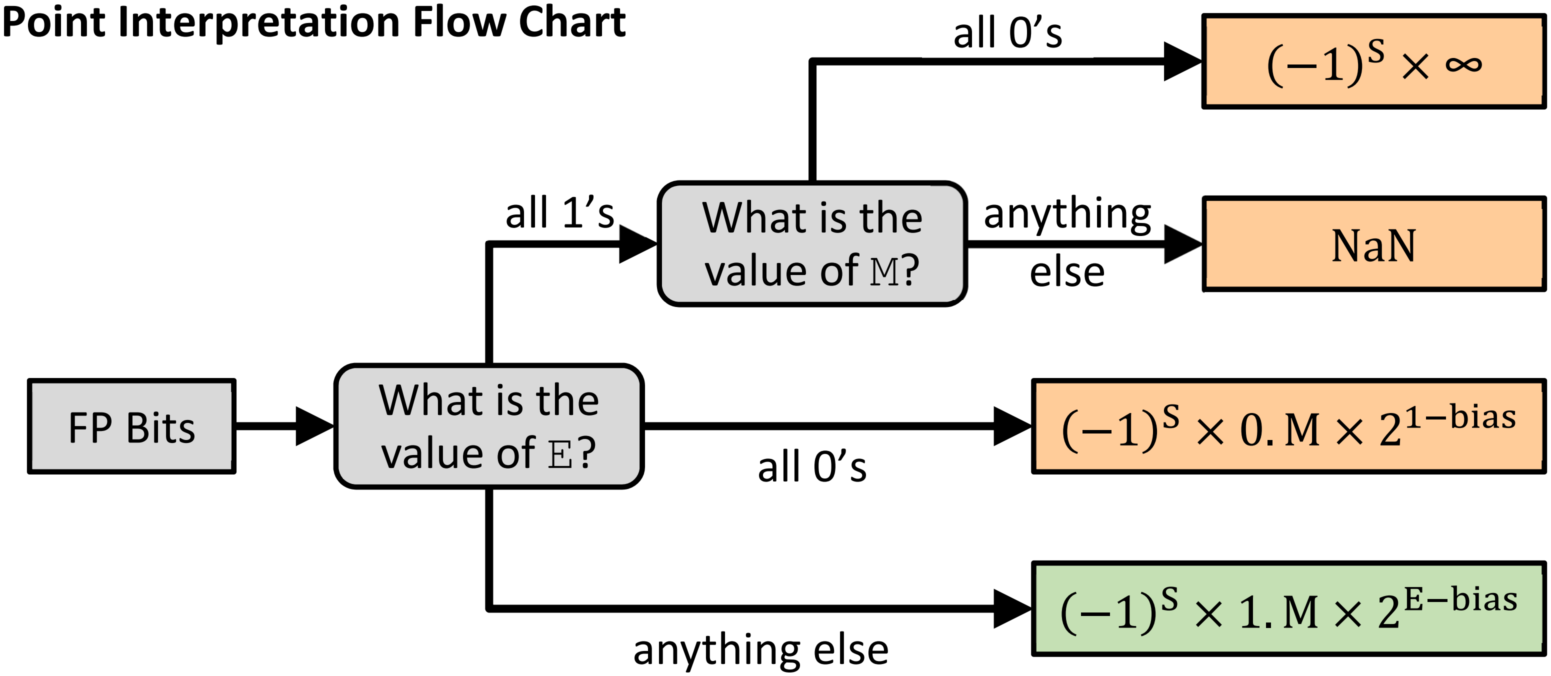
3) Compute the following sums in binary using your **Two's Complement** answers from above. *Answer in hex.*

a. 39 -> 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ +(-39) -> 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 0x _ _ <- 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	**b.** 127 -> 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ + (-39)-> 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 0x _ _ <- 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
c. 39 -> 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ - 127 -> 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 0x _ _ <- 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	**d.** 127 -> 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ + 39 -> 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 0x _ _ <- 0b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

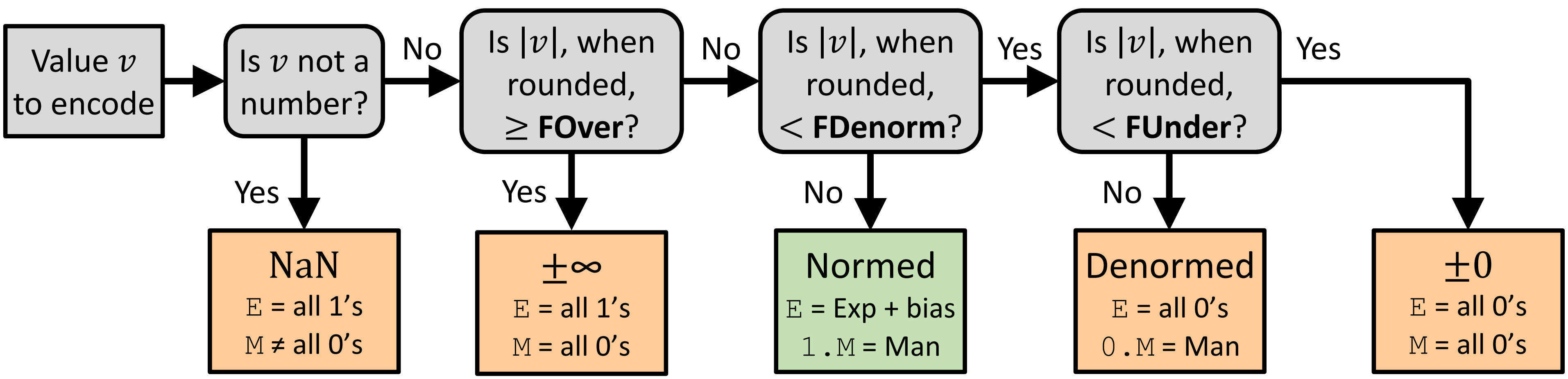
4) Interpret each of your answers above and indicate whether-or-not overflow has occurred.

a. 39+(-39) Unsigned: Two's Complement:	**b.** 127+(-39) Unsigned: Two's Complement:
c. 39-127 Unsigned: Two's Complement:	**d.** 127+39 Unsigned: Two's Complement:

Floating Point Interpretation Flow Chart



Floating Point Encoding Flow Chart



Goals of Floating Point

Representation should include: [1] a large range of values (both very small and very large numbers), [2] a high amount of precision, and [3] real arithmetic results (*e.g.* ∞ and NaN).

IEEE 754 Floating Point Standard

The value of a real number can be represented in scientific binary notation as:

$$\text{Value} = (-1)^{\text{sign}} \times \text{Mantissa}_2 \times 2^{\text{Exponent}} = (-1)^S \times 1.M_2 \times 2^{E-\text{bias}}$$

The binary representation for floating point values uses three fields:

- **S**: encodes the *sign* of the number (0 for positive, 1 for negative)
- **E**: encodes the *exponent* in **biased notation** with a bias of 2^{w-1}-1
- **M**: encodes the *mantissa* (or *significand*, or *fraction*) – stores the fractional portion, but does not include the implicit leading 1.

	S	E	M
`float`	1 bit	8 bits	23 bits
`double`	1 bit	11 bits	52 bits

How a `float` is interpreted depends on the values in the exponent and mantissa fields:

E	M	Meaning
0	anything	denormalized number (denorm)
1-254	anything	normalized number
255	zero	infinity (∞)
255	nonzero	not-a-number (NaN)

Exercises:

Bias Notation

5) Suppose that instead of 8 bits, E was only designated 5 bits. What is the bias in this case? ______________

6) Compare these two representations of E for the following values:

Exponent	E (5 bits)	E (8 bits)
1		
0		
-1		

Notice any patterns?

Floating Point / Decimal Conversions

7) Convert the decimal number 1.25 into single precision floating point representation:

8) Convert the decimal number -7.375 into single precision floating point representation:

9) Add the previous two floats from exercise 7 and 8 together.
Convert that number into single precision floating point representation:

10) Let's say that we want to represent the number 3145728.125 (2^21 + 2^20 + 2^-3)

   a. Convert this number to into single precision floating point representation:

   b. How does this number highlight a limitation of floating point representation?

11) What are the decimal values of the following `float`s?

0x80000000   0xFF94BEEF   0x41180000

Floating Point Mathematical Properties

- Not <u>associative</u>: $(2 + 2^{50}) - 2^{50} \neq 2 + (2^{50} - 2^{50})$
- Not <u>distributive</u>: $100 \times (0.1 + 0.2) \neq 100 \times 0.1 + 100 \times 0.2$
- Not <u>cumulative</u>: $2^{25} + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \neq 2^{25} + 4$

<u>Exercises</u>:

12) Based on floating point representation, explain why each of the three statements above occurs.

13) If `x` and `y` are variable type `float`, give two *different* reasons why `(x+2*y)-y==x+y` might evaluate to false.