Integers I

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Reading Review

- Terminology:
  - Unsigned integers
  - Signed integers (Two's Complement)

- Questions from the Reading?
  - about Unsigned and Signed Integers

Roadmap

C:

```
car *c = malloc(sizeof(car));
c->miles = 100;
c->gals = 17;
float mpg = get_mpg(c);
free(c);
```

Java:

```
Car c = new Car();
c.setMiles(100);
c.setGals(17);
float mpg =
    c.getMPG();
```

Assembly language:

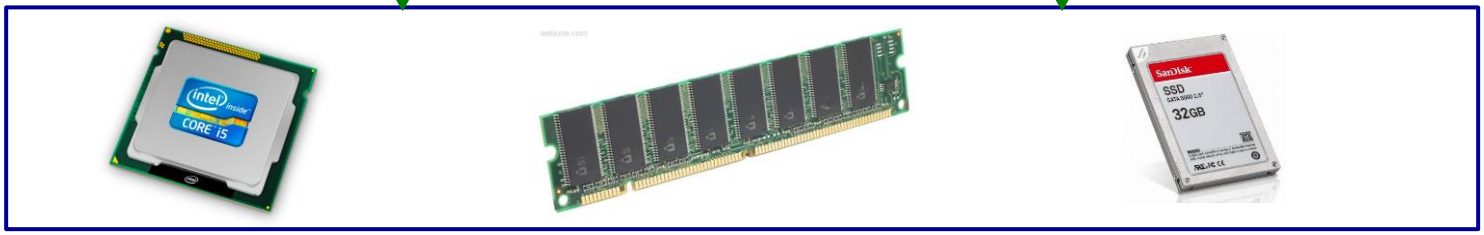
```
get_mpg:
    pushq   %rbp
    movq    %rsp, %rbp
    ...
    popq    %rbp
    ret
```

Machine code:

```
0111010000011000
100011010000010000000010
1000100111000010
11000001111110100011111
```

OS:

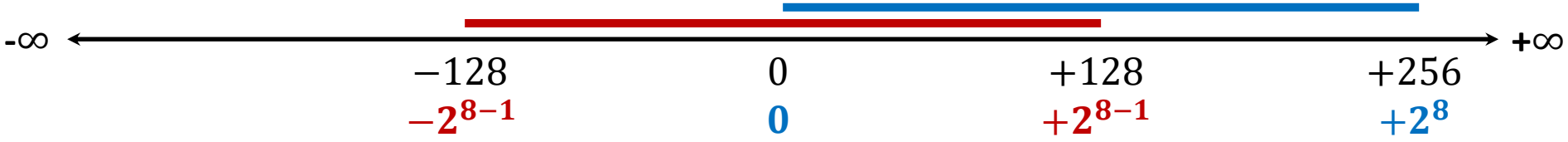
Computer system:



- Memory & data
- Integers & floats
- x86 assembly
- Procedures & stacks
- Executables
- Arrays & structs
- Memory & caches
- Processes
- Virtual memory
- Memory allocation
- Java vs. C

Encoding Integers

- The hardware (and C) supports two flavors of integers
  - *unsigned* – only the non-negatives
  - *signed* – both negatives and non-negatives
- Cannot represent all integers with w bits
  - Only 2^w distinct bit patterns
  - Unsigned values: $0 \ldots 2^w - 1$
  - Signed values: $-2^{w-1} \ldots 2^{w-1} - 1$
- **Example:** 8-bit integers (*e.g.*, `char`)



Unsigned Integers

- Unsigned values follow the standard base 2 system
  - $b_7b_6b_5b_4b_3b_2b_1b_0 = b_7 2^7 + b_6 2^6 + \cdots + b_1 2^1 + b_0 2^0$
- Useful formula: $2^{N-1} + 2^{N-2} + \ldots + 2 + 1 = 2^N - 1$
  - *i.e.*, N ones in a row = $2^N - 1$
  - *e.g.*, 0b111111 = 63

Sign and Magnitude

Not used in practice!

- Designate the high-order bit (MSB) as the "sign bit"
  - `sign=0`: positive numbers; `sign=1`: negative numbers
- Benefits:
  - Using MSB as sign bit matches positive numbers with unsigned
  - All zeros encoding is still = 0
- Examples (8 bits):
  - 0x00 = 00000000_2 is non-negative, because the sign bit is 0
  - 0x7F = 01111111_2 is non-negative ($+127_{10}$)
  - 0x85 = 10000101_2 is negative (-5_{10})
  - 0x80 = 10000000_2 is negative… zero???

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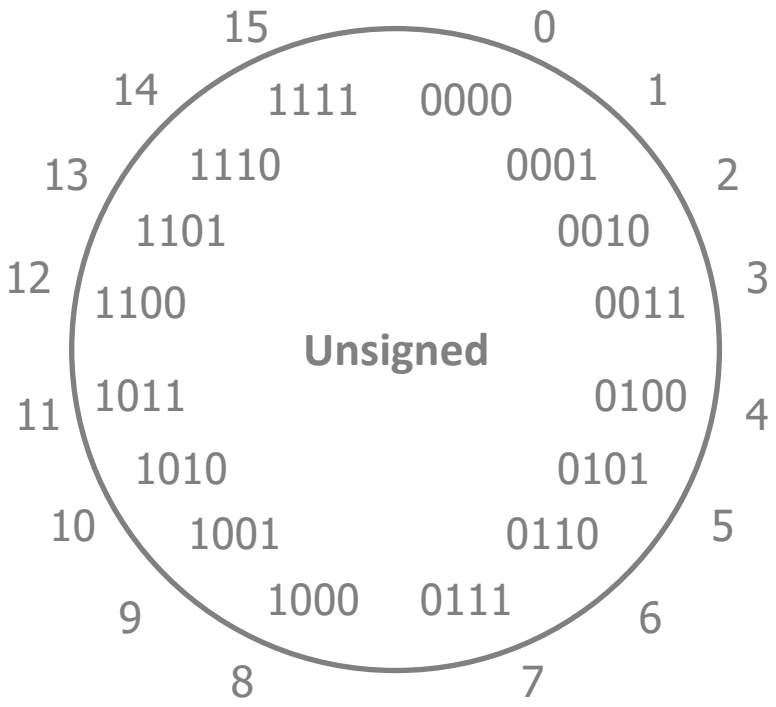
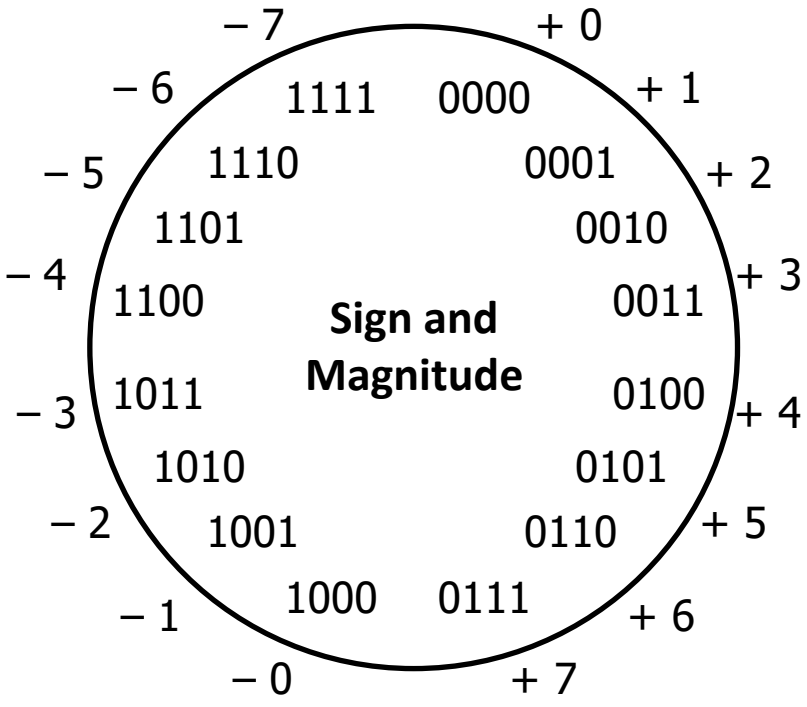
- Drawbacks?





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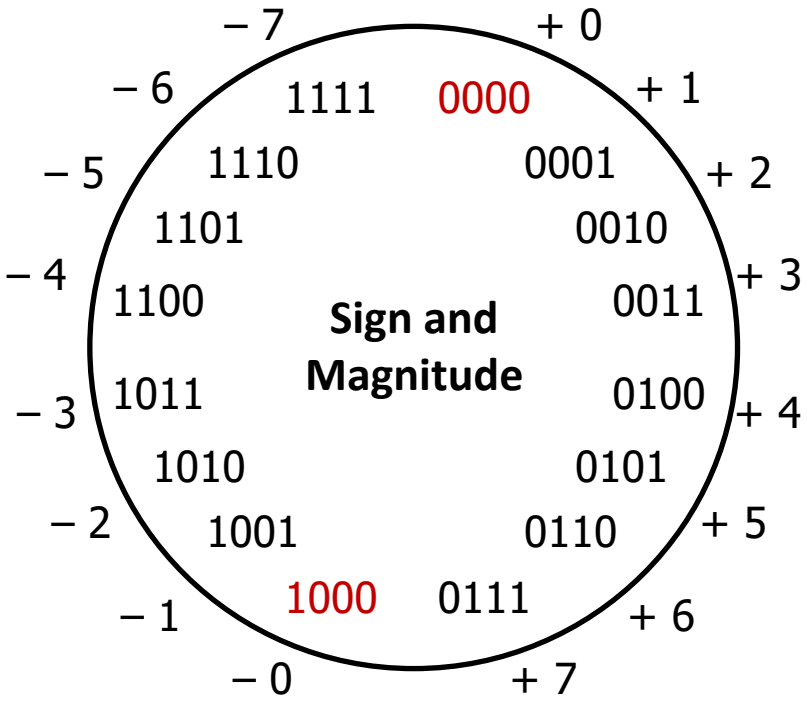

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- MSB is the sign bit, rest of the bits are magnitude
- Drawbacks:
  - Two representations of 0 (bad for checking equality)
  - Arithmetic is cumbersome
    - Example: `4-3 != 4+(-3)`

4	0100
− 3	− 0011
1	0001

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4	0100
+ −3	+ 1011
−7	1111

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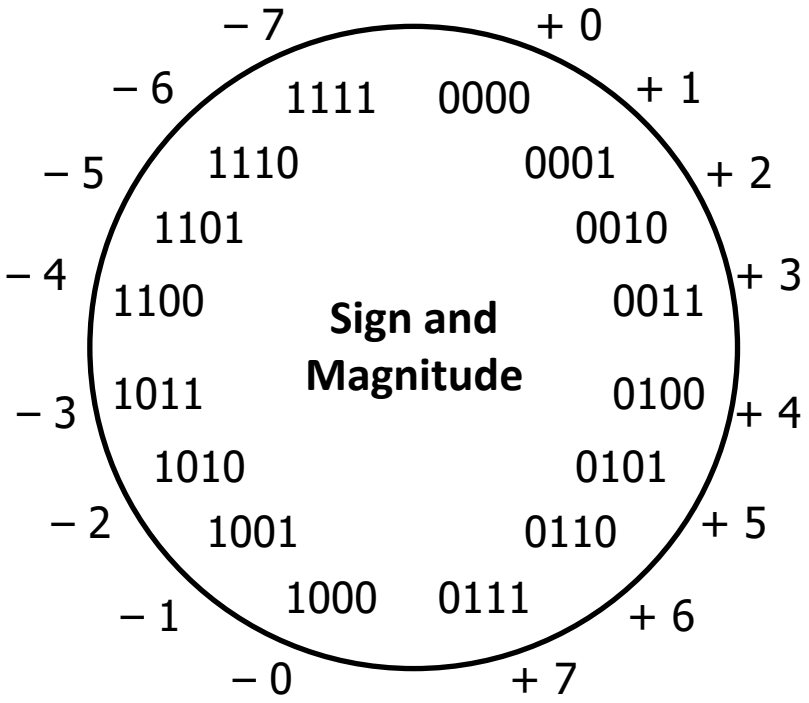
- Negatives "increment" in wrong direction!



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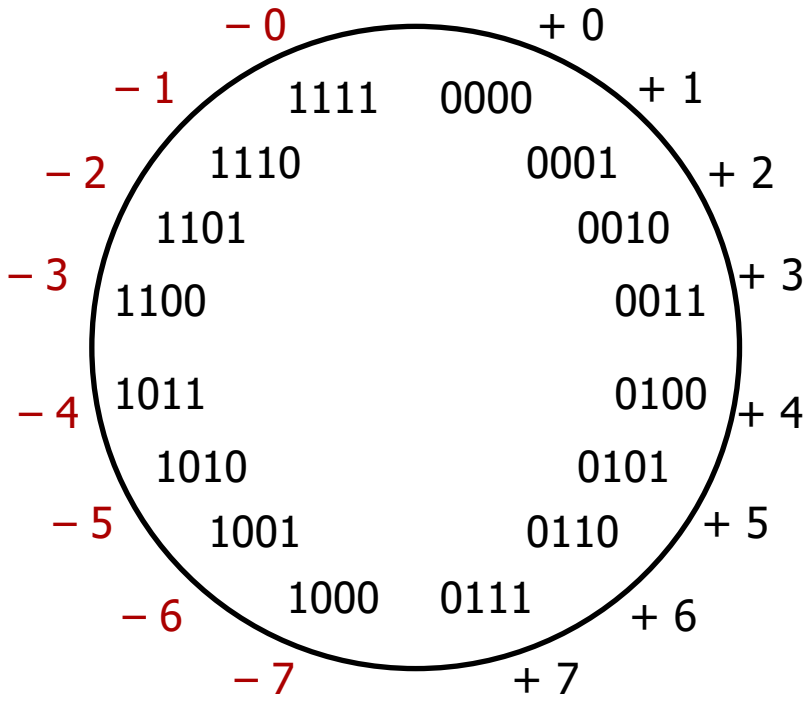
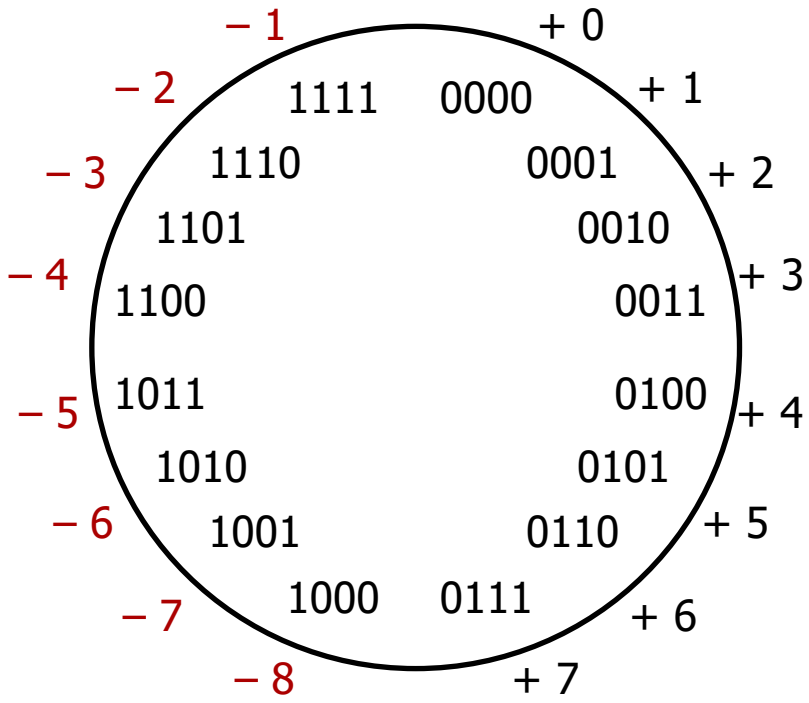


Two's Complement

- Let's fix these problems:
  1) "Flip" negative encodings so incrementing works
  2) "Shift" negative numbers to eliminate –0

- MSB *still* indicates sign!
  - This is why we represent one more negative than positive number (-2^{N-1} to $2^{N-1}-1$)



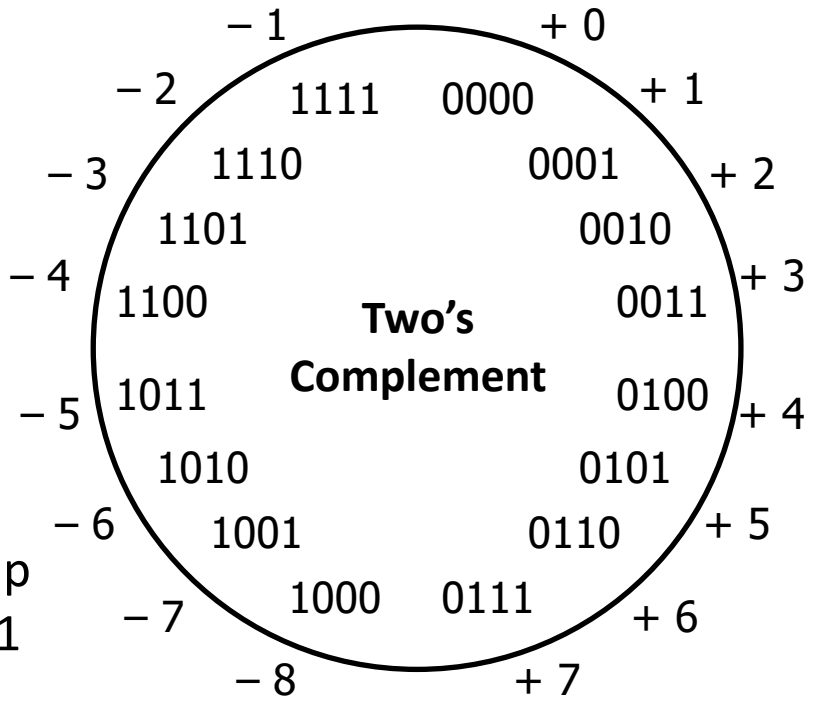
Two's Complement Negatives

- Accomplished with one neat mathematical trick!

b_{w-1} has weight -2^{w-1}, other bits have usual weights $+2^i$

- 4-bit Examples:
  - 1010_2 unsigned:
    $1*2^3+0*2^2+1*2^1+0*2^0$ = **10**
  - 1010_2 two's complement:
    $-1*2^3+0*2^2+1*2^1+0*2^0$ = **–6**

- -1 represented as:
  $1111_2 = -2^3+(2^3-1)$
  - MSB makes it super negative, add up all the other bits to get back up to -1



Why Two's Complement is So Great

- Roughly same number of (+) and (–) numbers
- Positive number encodings match unsigned
- Single zero
- All zeros encoding = 0

- Simple negation procedure:
  - Get negative representation of any integer by taking bitwise complement and then adding one!

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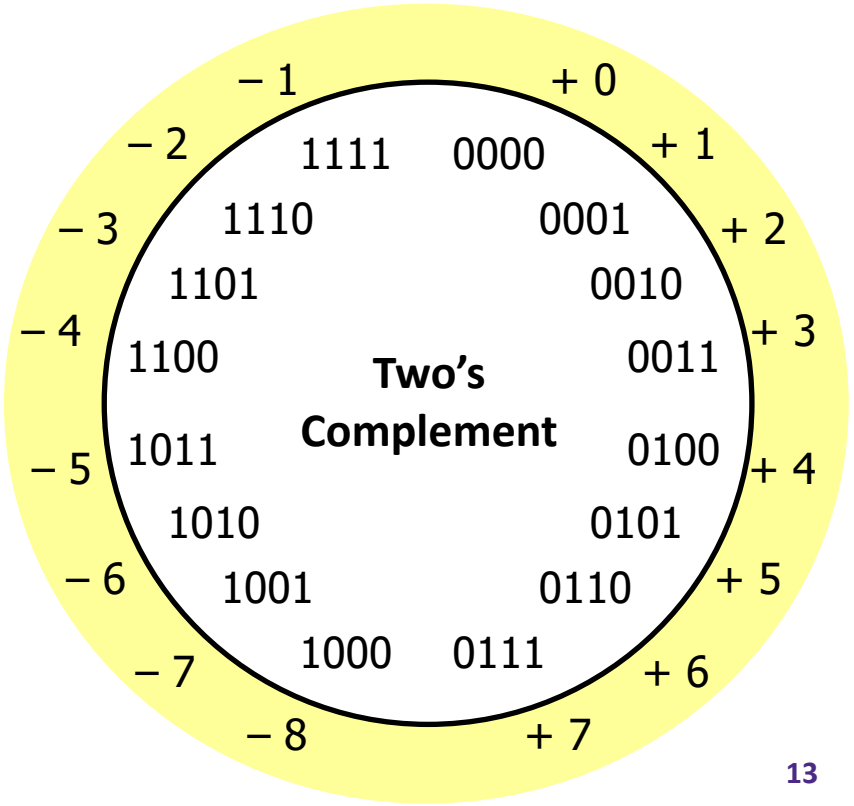
( ~x + 1 == -x )
```



Review Question (Individual)

- Compute the value of `signed char sc = 0xF0;` (Two's Complement)

Polling Question

- Take the 4-bit number encoding **`x = 0b1011`**
- Which of the following numbers is NOT a valid interpretation of `x` using any of the number representation schemes discussed today?
  - Unsigned, Sign and Magnitude, Two's Complement
  - Vote in Ed Lessons

A. -4

B. -5

C. 11

D. -3

E. We're lost…

Summary

- Integers represented using unsigned and two's complement representations
  - Limited by fixed bit width
  - Two's Complement encoding solves problems of Sign+Magnitude and aligns with Unsigned
  - We'll examine arithmetic operations next lecture