

# Computer Systems and -architecture

## Data Representation

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### Time Schedule

Exercises are made individually. Put all your files in a tgz archive, as explained on the course's website, and submit your solution to the exercises on Blackboard. **Write down all intermediate results on how you obtained the results.**

- Deadline: **November 10, 23u55**

### Exercises

1. Convert these positive numbers to base 10.

- (a)  $(10110111100)_2$
- (b)  $(3A6E)_{16}$
- (c)  $(111001)_2$
- (d)  $(164)_8$

2. Convert to base 10.

- (a)  $(11101011)_2$  (2's complement)
- (b)  $(11111)_2$  (2's complement)
- (c)  $(.213)_4$

3. Convert to base 2.

- (a)  $(666)_{10}$
- (b)  $(123)_8$
- (c)  $(14AD)_{16}$
- (d)  $(3.25)_{10}$
- (e)  $(123)_{16}$

4. Convert to base 2. Represent the negative numbers with 8 bits in *signed magnitude*, *one's complement*, *two's complement* and *excess 128*.

- (a)  $(-123)_{10}$
- (b)  $(-128)_{10}$
- (c)  $(-68)_{10}$

- (d)  $(-7)_{16}$
5. For the following single-precision IEEE 754 bit patterns, show the numerical value as a base 2 significand with an exponent (e.g.  $+1.11 \cdot 2^5$ ).
- (a) 0 10001110 001110110000000000000000
- (b) 1 10000000 101000000000000000000000
- (c) 0 11111111 000000000000000000000000
- (d) 0 00000000 001011100000000000000000
- (e) 0 11111111 110100000100010001000000
- (f) 1 00000111 111001100000000000000000
- (g) 0 00001011 011010000000000000000000
6. Represent these numbers in the *IEEE-754 (single precision)* format.
- (a)  $(8082.5)_{10}$
- (b)  $(2016)_{10}$
- (c) NaN
- (d)  $(1.28)_{10}$
- (e)  $+\infty$
- (f) +0
- (g)  $(1.110101 * 2^{-135})_2$  (denormalized)
- (h) 666.0
7. Suppose we are using a 14 bit floating point, in a normalized, base 8 floating point format, with a sign bit, followed by a 4-bit exponent with a certain bias, followed by three base 8 digits.
- (a) Determine the bias we have to use for the exponent, assuming we do not want to change the range of exponents we would have reached when using a 4-bit 2's complement exponent.
- (b) Represent the number  $-157$  in our new format (with the bias from the previous question) as a binary string.
- (c) What is the largest possible error that can be made using this representation?
- (d) What is the smallest gap using this representation?
8. Write a Python program that, using the module `files`, does the following:
- (a) Read the given file `input.txt` using the correct encoding.
- (b) Write the contents you just read back to file using the UTF-16 encoding scheme.
- (c) Convert all characters to their appropriate code points.
- (d) Convert the code points to their correct html code, make sure you can display a new line in a correct manner.

The module `files` has the following functions:

- `read_file(filename, encoding)`: this function takes a filename and reads it according to the given encoding and returns the resulting string.

- `write_file(filename, contents, encoding)`: this function writes the string `contents` to the file `filename` using the given encoding.
- `write_html_file(filename, contents)`: writes the string `contents` to a html file.

The module has the following encodings:

- ASCII
- UTF\_8
- UTF\_16