

# Exercise Session

## Week 05

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# Today's Overview

▶ polybox for session material

▶ Mail to TA

## Special

- From now on: 90min sessions, no break, earlier lunch
- Please fill out the evaluation survey

## Today's Topics

Intro

Repetition

Binary Representation

Normalized Floating Point Systems

Floating Point Guidelines

Comparing floats

# Comments on last [code]expert Exercises

- I'll usually be done with correcting on Sunday morning. Please make sure to have a look at my feedback before the next exercise session
- Give you variables descriptive names
- Use more comments
- Use tabs to indent code
- unsigned int representation  $\neq$  int representation (check Handout02.pdf on the polybox)

# Question or Comments re: Exercises?

# Learning Objectives Checklist

## Now I...

- have refreshed my memory on how "two's complement representation" works
- know how floating point numbers are stored
- can convert a non-integer number into its binary representation
- can compute the elements of the set  $F(\beta, p, e_{min}, e_{max})$
- can perform arithmetic operations in the set  $F(\beta, p, e_{min}, e_{max})$
- know the floating point guidelines and the reasoning behind them

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$0b101 \rightarrow 5$   
12<sup>n</sup>

$0101 \rightarrow \text{octal (base = 8)}$   
↑ total

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$42_{10}$	$101010_2$	"101010"	101010
$-42_{10}$	$-101010_2$	1010110	nope

$\rightarrow (-32)$   
higher 2<sup>n</sup>  
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**int stores numbers with *two's complement representation*.**

(Technically, the rest of the binary-representation-numbers would be filled up (to the left) with either 1's or 0's depending on the type/representation because an `int` stores numbers in a fixed amount of space, but we're not covering this, so don't worry about that.)

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*→ binary, add, → decimal*

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2.  $\text{true} > \text{false}$

$1 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$

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# Questions?

# Binary Representation



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5. check solution again and remember  $2^{-2} \neq \frac{1}{2}$  (common mistake)



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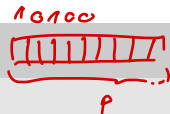
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 $e \in [e_{min}, e_{max}]$

# Questions?

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*$\beta$  p  $e_{min}$   $e_{max}$*

- 0.000 · 2<sup>1</sup> = 0<sub>10</sub> ×
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# Exercises

$$\underbrace{\boxed{a} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{1}}_p \cdot 2^2$$

## Exercise

State the following numbers in  $F^*(2, 4, -2, 2)$  in decimal

1. the largest number  $7.5_{10} = 1.111 \cdot 2^2$

2. the smallest number  $-7.5_{10}$

3. the smallest non-negative number  $0.125_{10} = 1.000 \cdot 2^{-2}$

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$2^{\text{en in}}$

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smallest:  $-1.111 \cdot 2^2 = -7.5_{10}$   
smallest  $> 0$ :

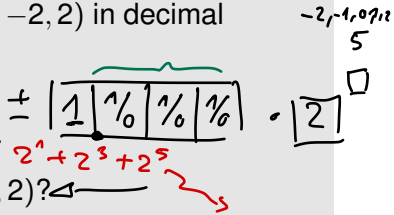
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$\pm 1 \cdot 1/16$   
 $2 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 5 =$

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- largest:  $1.111 \cdot 2^2 = 7.5_{10}$   
 smallest:  $-1.111 \cdot 2^2 = -7.5_{10}$   
 smallest  $> 0$ :  $1.000 \cdot 2^{-2} = 0.25_{10}$

# Normalized Floating Point Systems

## Solution

For a fixed exponent there are three digits we can vary freely, and for each number also the negative number is in the set, thus resulting in  $2 \cdot 2^3 = 16$  numbers per exponent. There are 5 possible exponents, thus resulting in  $5 \cdot 16 = 80$  numbers. Notice that in normalized number systems  <sup>$2 \cdot 2^3$</sup>  we cannot count some numbers twice, as we've seen in the lecture that the representation of a number is unique.

## Trick

For given  $F^*(\beta, p, e_{min}, e_{max})$ :

Largest:  $1.11 \dots 1 \cdot 2^{e_{max}}$

Smallest:  $-$ Largest

Smallest  $> 0$ :  $1.00 \dots 0 \cdot 2^{e_{min}}$

$$0.00\dots 01 \cdot 2^{e_{min}}$$

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(By the way: It's not 10.25, because we're rounding up in this case, even if the difference to from both 10.25 and 10.5 to 10.375 is 0.125.)

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Handwritten work:

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+ maybe a short live demo on less ugly code

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in short: don't check for equality,  
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```
// Example of "equality"-check function for floats
bool equal(double x, double y, double tol){
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    return (diff < tol);
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```

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