



# Exercise Session W05

Computer Science (CSE) – AS 23

# Overview

## Today's Agenda

Follow-up

Feedback on **code expert**

Objectives

Repetition

Binary Representation

Normalized Floating Point Systems

Floating Point Guidelines

Exam Question

Outro



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# 1. Follow-up

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# Follow-up from last exercise session

- Hope you all liked Lily!

# Question from last Exercise Session

TLDL;  $l \rightarrow r$

```
int x = 1;  
int y = 1;
```

TRUE

Shortcircuits

```
bool EXPRESSION = (++x == 2) || (++x/0) || ((y-- == 0) && (++y == 0));  
// Value of EXPRESSION?
```

```
std::cout << EXPRESSION << std::endl;  
// Output?
```

## 2. Feedback on **code** expert

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- Rule of Thumb: If you're just stating what is written in code then delete the comment
- Comments should add context
- Give your variables descriptive names and use comments to guide the reader through your thought process
- Alternatively, write your code so well that it needs no comments

# How to Comment

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const unsigned int a = 6;  
  
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Better:

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// resistance of component A to 6 Ohm
const unsigned int resistance_A = 6;

// Greet World
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```

# 3. Objectives

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- Be able to convert a decimal (non-integer) number into its binary representation
- Be able to compute the elements of the set  $F^*(b, p, e_{\min}, e_{\max})$
- Be able to perform arithmetic operations in set  $F^*(b, p, e_{\min}, e_{\max})$



## 4. Repetition

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*Handwritten red annotations:*  
A red circle highlights the first bit of the 'int' column for both rows.  
A red arrow points from the circled '1' in the second row to the text '-2^6'.  
A red bracket underlines the 'nope' text in the 'unsigned int' column.

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`int` saves numbers in *two's complement representation*.



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$$3 + 2 + 1 = 11$$

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# 5. Binary Representation

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*↑  
Decimal Number*

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4. if  $Z_{10}$  reached 0, you're done  
if not, proceed  $n + 1$

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$\beta, \rho, e_{\min}, e_{\max}$

1. die grösste Zahl
2. die kleinste Zahl
3. die kleinste nicht-negative Zahl

Wie viele Zahlen sind in  $F^*(2, 4, -2, 2)$ ?

$$1. 1.111 \cdot 2^2 = 7,5_{10}$$

$$2. -1.111 \cdot 2^2 = -7,5_{10}$$

$$3. 1.000 \cdot 2^{-2} = 0,25$$



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kleinste  $> 0$ :

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(BTW: Es ist nicht 10.25, weil wir in diesem Fall aufrunden, obwohl die Differenz bei beiden 10.25 und 10.5 zu 10.375 bei 0.125 liegt.)

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24bit

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Kurzgesagt: nicht auf Gleichheit prüfen  
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$[-3, 4]$

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## 9. Outro

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