

# Today's Topics

- Representation of integers: unsigned and signed
- Casting
- Arithmetic and shifting
- Sign extension

# Encoding Integers

- **The hardware (and C) supports two flavors of integers:**
  - unsigned – only the non-negatives
  - signed – both negatives and non-negatives
- **There are only  $2^W$  distinct bit patterns of  $W$  bits, so...**
  - Can't represent all the integers
  - Unsigned values are  $0 \dots 2^W-1$
  - Signed values are  $-2^{W-1} \dots 2^{W-1}-1$

# Unsigned Integers

- **Unsigned values are just what you expect**

- $b_7b_6b_5b_4b_3b_2b_1b_0 = b_72^7 + b_62^6 + b_52^5 + \dots + b_12^1 + b_02^0$ 
  - Interesting aside:  $1+2+4+8+\dots+2^{N-1} = 2^N - 1$

|           |
|-----------|
| 00111111  |
| +00000001 |
| 01000000  |

|     |
|-----|
| 63  |
| + 1 |
| 64  |

- **You add/subtract them using the normal “carry/borrow” rules, just in binary**

- **An important use of unsigned integers in C is pointers**

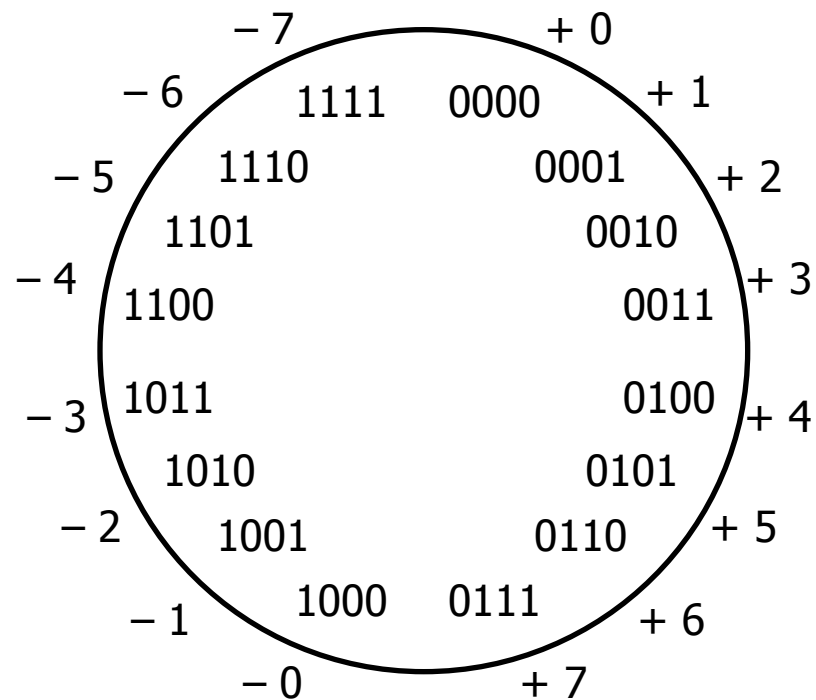
- There are no negative memory addresses

# Signed Integers

- **Let's do the natural thing for the positives**
  - They correspond to the unsigned integers of the same value
    - Example (8 bits):  $0x00 = 0$ ,  $0x01 = 1$ , ...,  $0x7F = 127$
- **But, we need to let about half of them be negative**
  - Use the high order bit to indicate 'negative'
  - Call it “the sign bit”
  - Examples (8 bits):
    - $0x00 = 00000000_2$  is non-negative, because the sign bit is 0
    - $0x7F = 01111111_2$  is non-negative
    - $0x80 = 10000000_2$  is negative

# Sign-and-Magnitude Negatives

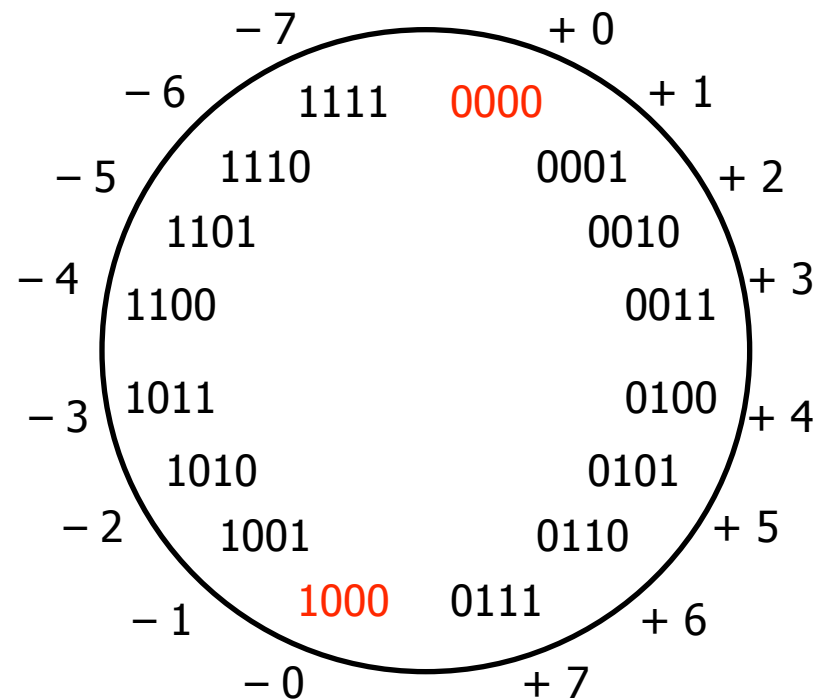
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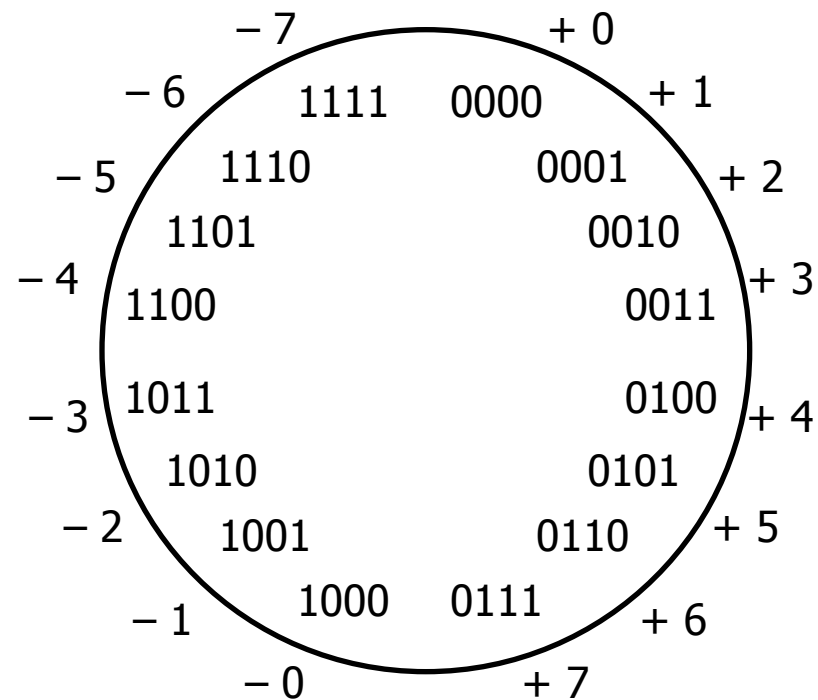
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Another problem: math is cumbersome
- $4 - 3 \neq 4 + (-3)$



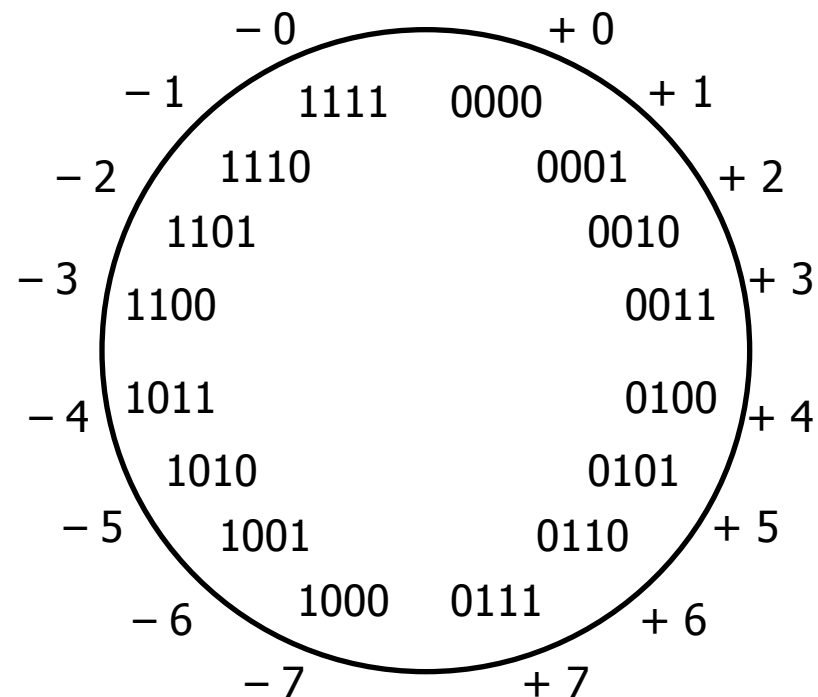
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Negative numbers: bitwise complements of positive numbers

It would be handy if we could use the same hardware adder to add signed integers as unsigned





# Ones' Complement Negatives

- How should we represent -1 in binary?
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Negative numbers: bitwise complements of positive numbers
  - Solves the arithmetic problem

| Add |        | Invert, add, add carry |        | Invert and add |        |
|-----|--------|------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| 4   | 0100   | 4                      | 0100   | - 4            | 1011   |
| + 3 | + 0011 | - 3                    | + 1100 | + 3            | + 0011 |
| = 7 | = 0111 | = 1                    | 1 0000 | - 1            | 1110   |
|     |        | add carry:             | +1     |                |        |
|     |        |                        | = 0001 |                |        |

**end-around carry**

# Ones' Complement Negatives

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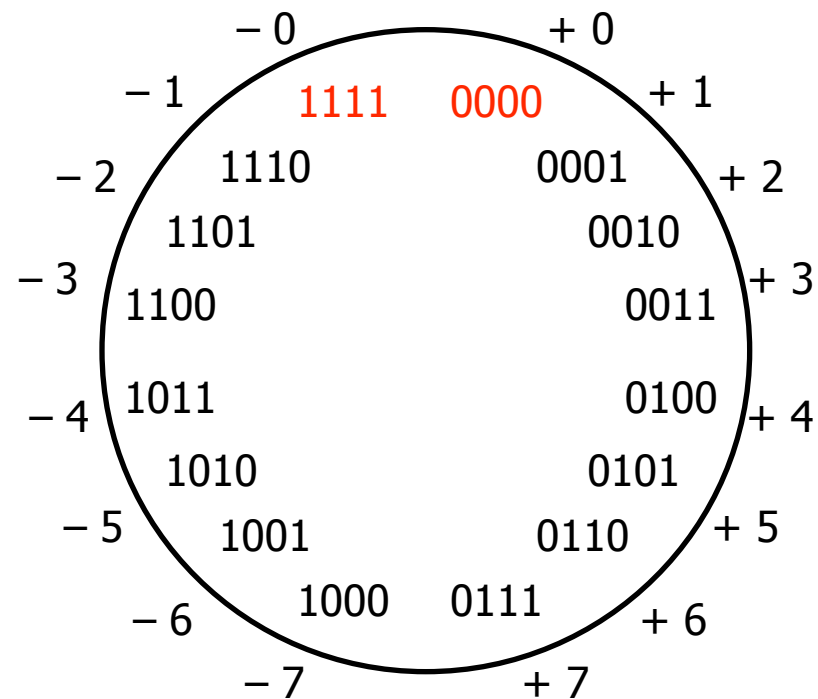
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Use the same hardware adder to add signed integers as unsigned (but we have to keep track of the end-around carry bit)

- Why does it work?
- The ones' complement of a 4-bit positive number  $y$  is  $1111_2 - y$ 
  - $0111 \equiv 7_{10}$
  - $1111_2 - 0111_2 = 1000_2 \equiv -7_{10}$
- $1111_2$  is 1 less than  $10000_2 = 2^4 - 1$ 
  - $-y$  is represented by  $(2^4 - 1) - y$

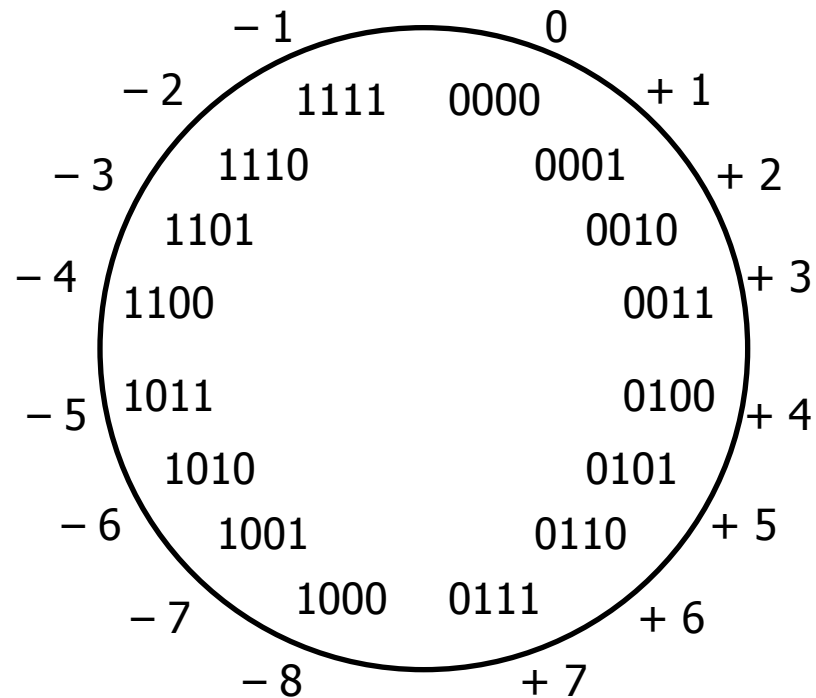
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Bitwise complement plus one  
(Only one zero)



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## ■ How should we represent -1 in binary?

- Possibility 3:  $11111111_2$   
Bitwise complement plus one  
(Only one zero)
- Simplifies arithmetic  
Use the same hardware adder to add signed integers as unsigned  
(simple addition; discard the highest carry bit)

| Add |        | Invert and add |        | Invert and add |        |
|-----|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| 4   | 0100   | 4              | 0100   | - 4            | 1100   |
| + 3 | + 0011 | - 3            | + 1101 | + 3            | + 0011 |
| = 7 | = 0111 | = 1            | 1 0001 | - 1            | 1111   |
|     |        | drop carry     | = 0001 |                |        |

# Two's Complement Negatives

- **How should we represent -1 in binary?**
  - Two's complement: Bitwise complement plus one
  - Why does it work?
  - Recall: The ones' complement of a b-bit positive number  $y$  is  $(2^b - 1) - y$
  - Two's complement adds one to the bitwise complement, thus,  $-y$  is  $2^b - y$ 
    - $-y$  and  $2^b - y$  are equal mod  $2^b$   
(have the same remainder when divided by  $2^b$ )
    - Ignoring carries is equivalent to doing arithmetic mod  $2^b$

# Two's Complement Negatives

- How should we represent -1 in binary?
  - Two's complement: Bitwise complement plus one

- What should the 8-bit representation of -1 be?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 00000001 \\
 +\underline{????????} \quad (\text{want whichever bit string gives right result}) \\
 \hline
 00000000
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 00000010 \quad 00000011 \\
 +\underline{????????} \quad +\underline{????????} \\
 \hline
 00000000 \quad 00000000
 \end{array}$$

# Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values

| X    | Unsigned | Signed |
|------|----------|--------|
| 0000 | 0        | 0      |
| 0001 | 1        | 1      |
| 0010 | 2        | 2      |
| 0011 | 3        | 3      |
| 0100 | 4        | 4      |
| 0101 | 5        | 5      |
| 0110 | 6        | 6      |
| 0111 | 7        | 7      |
| 1000 | 8        | -8     |
| 1001 | 9        | -7     |
| 1010 | 10       | -6     |
| 1011 | 11       | -5     |
| 1100 | 12       | -4     |
| 1101 | 13       | -3     |
| 1110 | 14       | -2     |
| 1111 | 15       | -1     |

- Both signed and unsigned integers have limits
  - If you compute a number that is too big, you wrap:  $6 + 4 = ?$   $15U + 2U = ?$
  - If you compute a number that is too small, you wrap:  $-7 - 3 = ?$   $0U - 2U = ?$
  - Answers are only correct mod  $2^b$
- The CPU may be capable of “throwing an exception” for overflow on signed values
  - It won't for unsigned
- But C and Java just cruise along silently when overflow occurs...



# Mapping Signed ↔ Unsigned

| Bits | Signed | Unsigned |
|------|--------|----------|
| 0000 | 0      | 0        |
| 0001 | 1      | 1        |
| 0010 | 2      | 2        |
| 0011 | 3      | 3        |
| 0100 | 4      | 4        |
| 0101 | 5      | 5        |
| 0110 | 6      | 6        |
| 0111 | 7      | 7        |
| 1000 | -8     | 8        |
| 1001 | -7     | 9        |
| 1010 | -6     | 10       |
| 1011 | -5     | 11       |
| 1100 | -4     | 12       |
| 1101 | -3     | 13       |
| 1110 | -2     | 14       |
| 1111 | -1     | 15       |

Integers

# Numeric Ranges

## ■ Unsigned Values

- UMin = 0
  - 000...0
- UMax =  $2^w - 1$ 
  - 111...1

## ■ Two's Complement Values

- TMin =  $-2^{w-1}$ 
  - 100...0
- TMax =  $2^{w-1} - 1$ 
  - 011...1

## ■ Other Values

- Minus 1
  - 111...1 0xFFFFFFFF (32 bits)

### Values for $W = 16$

|             | Decimal       | Hex          | Binary                   |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| <b>UMax</b> | <b>65535</b>  | <b>FF FF</b> | <b>11111111 11111111</b> |
| <b>TMax</b> | <b>32767</b>  | <b>7F FF</b> | <b>01111111 11111111</b> |
| <b>TMin</b> | <b>-32768</b> | <b>80 00</b> | <b>10000000 00000000</b> |
| <b>-1</b>   | <b>-1</b>     | <b>FF FF</b> | <b>11111111 11111111</b> |
| <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>      | <b>00 00</b> | <b>00000000 00000000</b> |

# Values for Different Word Sizes

|             | W    |         |                |                            |
|-------------|------|---------|----------------|----------------------------|
|             | 8    | 16      | 32             | 64                         |
| <b>UMax</b> | 255  | 65,535  | 4,294,967,295  | 18,446,744,073,709,551,615 |
| <b>TMax</b> | 127  | 32,767  | 2,147,483,647  | 9,223,372,036,854,775,807  |
| <b>TMin</b> | -128 | -32,768 | -2,147,483,648 | -9,223,372,036,854,775,808 |

## ■ Observations

- $|TMin| = TMax + 1$ 
  - Asymmetric range
- $UMax = 2 * TMax + 1$

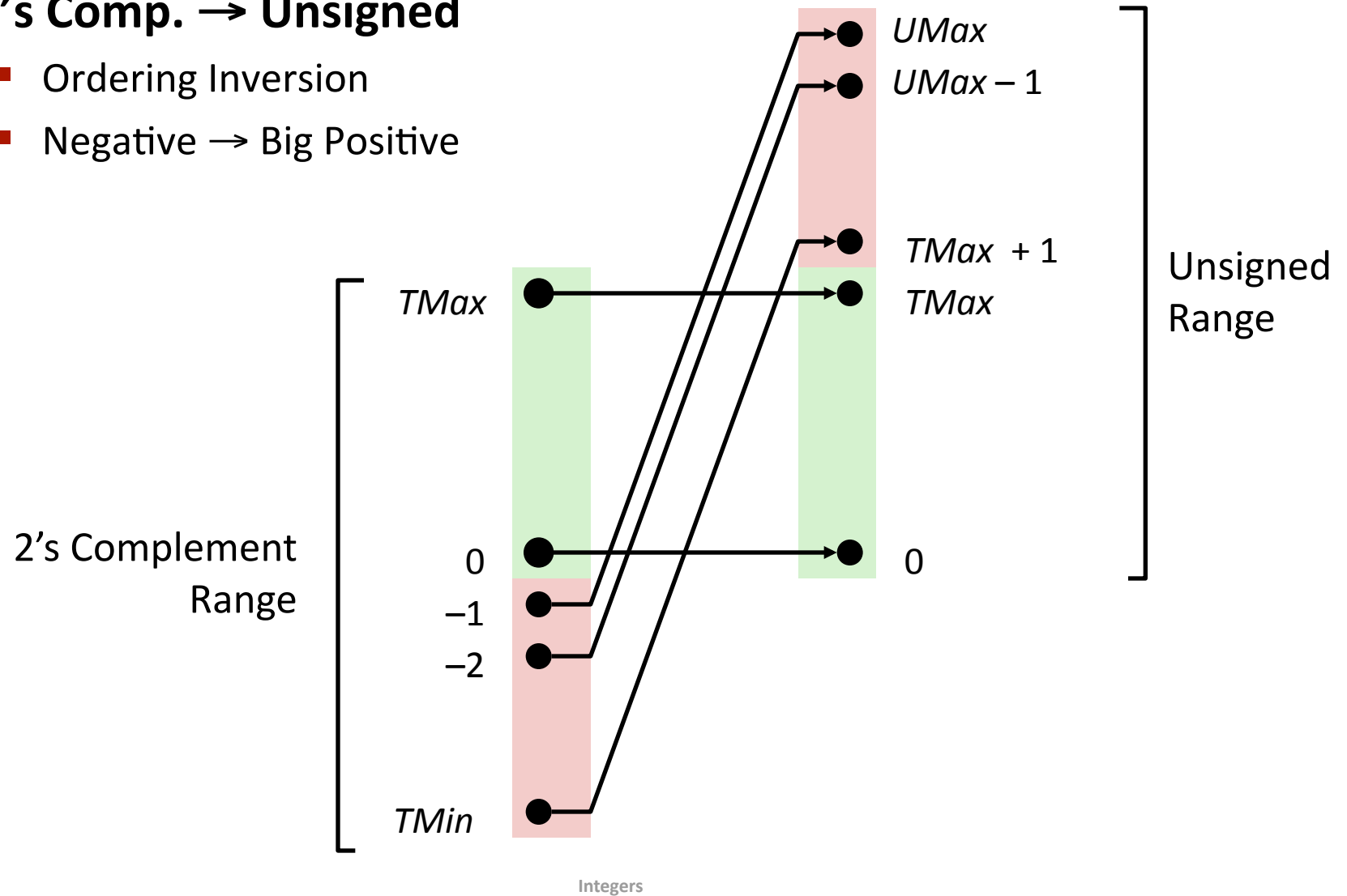
## ■ C Programming

- `#include <limits.h>`
- Declares constants, e.g.,
  - `ULONG_MAX`
  - `LONG_MAX`
  - `LONG_MIN`
- Values platform specific

# Conversion Visualized

## ■ 2's Comp. → Unsigned

- Ordering Inversion
- Negative → Big Positive



# Signed vs. Unsigned in C

## ■ Constants

- By default are considered to be signed integers
- Unsigned if have “U” as suffix
  - `0U, 4294967259U`

## ■ Casting

- `int tx, ty;`
- `unsigned ux, uy;`
- Explicit casting between signed & unsigned same as U2T and T2U
  - `tx = (int) ux;`
  - `uy = (unsigned) ty;`
- Implicit casting also occurs via assignments and procedure calls
  - `tx = ux;`
  - `uy = ty;`

# Casting Surprises

## ■ Expression Evaluation

- If you mix unsigned and signed in a single expression, then *signed values implicitly cast to unsigned*
- Including comparison operations  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $==$ ,  $<=$ ,  $>=$
- Examples for  $W = 32$ : **TMIN = -2,147,483,648**    **TMAX = 2,147,483,647**

| ■ Constant <sub>1</sub> | Constant <sub>2</sub> | Relation | Evaluation |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| 0                       | 0U                    | ==       | unsigned   |
| -1                      | 0                     | <        | signed     |
| -1                      | 0U                    | >        | unsigned   |
| 2147483647              | -2147483647-1         | >        | signed     |
| 2147483647U             | -2147483647-1         | <        | unsigned   |
| -1                      | -2                    | >        | signed     |
| (unsigned)-1            | -2                    | >        | unsigned   |
| 2147483647              | 2147483648U           | <        | unsigned   |
| 2147483647              | (int) 2147483648U     | >        | signed     |

# Shift Operations

- **Left shift:**      $x \ll y$ 
  - Shift bit-vector  $x$  left by  $y$  positions
    - Throw away extra bits on left
    - Fill with 0s on right
  - Multiply by  $2^{**}y$
- **Right shift:**    $x \gg y$ 
  - Shift bit-vector  $x$  right by  $y$  positions
    - Throw away extra bits on right
  - Logical shift (for unsigned)
    - Fill with 0s on left
  - Arithmetic shift (for signed)
    - Replicate most significant bit on left
    - Maintain sign of  $x$
  - Divide by  $2^{**}y$
  - Correct truncation (towards 0) requires some care with signed numbers

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Argument $x$       | 01100010 |
| $\ll 3$            | 00010000 |
| Logical $\gg 2$    | 00011000 |
| Arithmetic $\gg 2$ | 00011000 |

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Argument $x$       | 10100010 |
| $\ll 3$            | 00010000 |
| Logical $\gg 2$    | 00101000 |
| Arithmetic $\gg 2$ | 11101000 |

**Undefined behavior when  
 $y < 0$  or  $y \geq \text{word\_size}$**

# Using Shifts and Masks

## ■ Extract 2nd most significant byte of an integer

- First shift:  $x \gg (2 * 8)$
- Then mask:  $(x \gg 16) \& 0xFF$

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| x                    | 01100001 01100010 01100011 01100100  |
| $x \gg 16$           | 00000000 00000000 01100001 01100010  |
| $(x \gg 16) \& 0xFF$ | 00000000 00000000 00000000 11111111<br>00000000 00000000 00000000 01100010 |

## ■ Extracting the sign bit

- $(x \gg 31) \& 1$  - need the “& 1” to clear out all other bits except LSB

## ■ Conditionals as Boolean expressions (**assuming x is 0 or 1**)

- if (x) a=y else a=z; which is the same as  $a = x ? y : z$ ;
- Can be re-written as:  $a = ((x \ll 31) \gg 31) \& y + (!x \ll 31) \gg 31) \& z$ ;



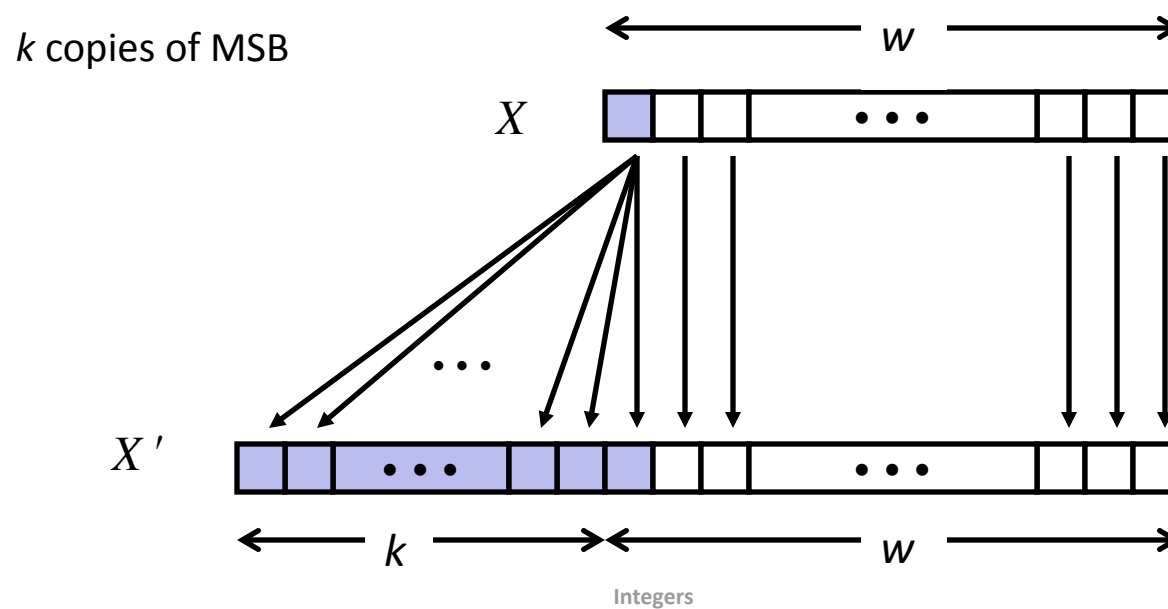
# Sign Extension

## ■ Task:

- Given  $w$ -bit signed integer  $x$
- Convert it to  $w+k$ -bit integer with same value

## ■ Rule:

- Make  $k$  copies of sign bit:
- $X' = \underbrace{x_{w-1}, \dots, x_{w-1}}_{k \text{ copies of MSB}}, x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \dots, x_0$



# Sign Extension Example

- Converting from smaller to larger integer data type
- C automatically performs sign extension

```
short int x = 12345;
int      ix = (int) x;
short int y = -12345;
int      iy = (int) y;
```

|    | Decimal | Hex         | Binary                              |
|----|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| x  | 12345   | 30 39       | 00110000 01101101                   |
| ix | 12345   | 00 00 30 39 | 00000000 00000000 00110000 01101101 |
| y  | -12345  | CF C7       | 11001111 11000111                   |
| iy | -12345  | FF FF CF C7 | 11111111 11111111 11001111 11000111 |