## The CS 5 Times

## CS 5 Penguin Prepares Revenge

Claremont (AP): After suffering unmentionably rude treatment at the trailing end of a physics professor's dog, the CS5 penguin filed a formal complaint with the HMC administration, according to a lowly placed source. "This friendly rivalry has gone too far, and we demand justice!" complained one professor A march in support of the penguin is planned at Pitzer College this evening. "We're not quite sure what happened," explained an incensed Pitzer student, "but we stand ready to protest anything at any time."
Meanwhile, the CS 5 penguin repaired to a local bar. Fellow penguins familiar with the incident explained that he was preparing himself to return the indignity in kind.

## Today: Representing Numbers

1. Representing numbers in different bases
2. Converting between bases
3. Arithmetic in different bases
4. Clever Russian peasants!


## Computer Organization

(Or "How Computers Really Work!")

This week...

1. How data is represented in a computer
2. How computers do arithmetic
3. Building digital circuits!

Then: Building digital circuits From circuits to a computer!

And: Programming the computer in its own "machine language"!

## Representing Numbers



## Base 2

$\begin{array}{lllll}2^{3} & 2^{2} & 2^{1} & 2^{0} & \leftrightharpoons \begin{array}{l}\text { Now we're using } \\ \text { powers of 2 }\end{array}\end{array}$

There are 10 kinds of people: Those who use binary and those who don't!

## Counting in Base b

Count from zero to six in each of the following bases:

Base 2

Base 3:

What's the "algorithm" for counting in a general base $b$ ?

## Arbitrary Bases (base "b")

## When using base $b$, the digits permitted are:

What is 5 in ..
base 2?
base 3?
base 4?
base 5?
base 6?
base 42?

## Mathematical Aside

How do we know that all non-negative integers can really be uniquely represented in a given base $b$ ?


## Is There Such a Thing as Base 1?

Unary!

| $1^{3}$ | $1^{2}$ | $1^{1}$ | $1^{0}$ | Now we're using |
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## A Brief History of Bases

Unary: Used since at least 400 BCE

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { III III IIII WH. } \\
& \text {-TFIF IF } \\
& \text { China, Japan, Korea }
\end{aligned}
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Base 60 ("Sexagesimal"): Sumerians in Mesopotamia (lraq) around 300-400 BCE

Base 20 ("Vigesimal"): Olmec and other Mesoamerican cultures - 3000 year period before Columbus arrives in the Americas

Base 8 ("Octal"): Yuki Tribe of Northern CA, Pamean Mesoamerican culture

## Comparing Representations

 in Different BasesConsider the number $10^{9}$ in base $1,2,3,10$, and 20 :

Base 1: 11111111111111111111111111111111111111111111..

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At 10 " 1's" per inch, this will be 1578 miles long!
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Base 2: 111011100110101100101000000000

Base 3: 2120200200021010001
Base 10: 1000000000
Base 20: FCAOOOO


Two "Special" Bases: 2 and 10

Base 10: Elamites in Iran use early form of base 10 system around 3500 B.C.E.

Base 2: References to base 2 appeared in the I Ching.
Computers are "simple".
Base 2 is the simplest reasonable base.
Therefore, computers use base 2 !
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## Multiplication

Base 10 Multiplication


682
$0 \quad 0 \quad 0$
$+341$
$\begin{array}{lllll}3 & 4 & 7 & 8 & 2\end{array}$

Base 2 Multiplication
$\qquad$
$\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 1\end{array}$
$\times 101$

## Negative Numbers

(with the nifty "two's complement" method)

- Assume that we have only 8 bits to represent numbers
- If we try to increment 11111111 by 1 , what happens?
- 00000011 represents $3_{10}$. What property should the representation of $-3_{10}$ have so that arithmetic with positive and negative numbers works nicely?

Aside: Multiplication with Russian Peasants

Compute $21 \times 6$ :

$6+24+96=126$

(Translation: "Why does this work?")

## Worksheet...

In two' s complement (with 3 bits to keep things simpler)..

- What's the negative of 0 ?
- How is -1 represented?
-What's the largest positive number that can be represented?
- What's the smallest negative number that can be represented?
- Does addition work as expected?
- Is a double negative a positive?

