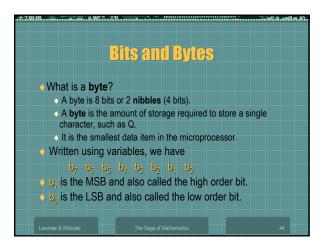
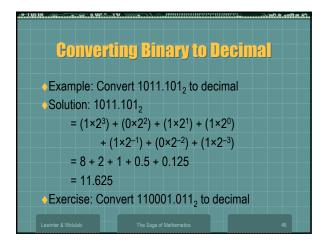


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What is a bit?
A bit is a number (a place) in a set of binary numbers.
The bigger the number, the more bits there will be
A bit or binary digit is the smallest element a computer can deal with and is either 1 or 0.
A binary number consists of several bits.
The right-most bit is called the LSB (least significant bit).
The left-most bit is called the MSB (most significant bit) or the HOB (high order bit).
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Simplest number system is base 2, or binary Uses the 2 digits ("bits") 0 and 1 Used exclusively in computers (ON/OFF switches, magnetized/demagnetized memory elements) A typical binary number is 1011.101₂ The subscript 2 denotes the base – the base should be included if it is not 10



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We'll begin by converting integers

Example: Convert 183 to binary

Solution: Note that the powers of 2 are 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, ....

Now write 183 using just these powers.

Thus 183 = 128 + 55

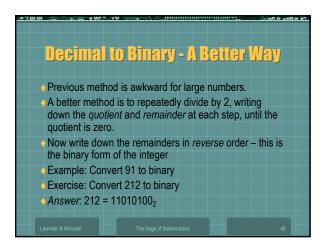
= 128 + 32 + 23 = 128 + 32 + 16 + 7

= 128 + 32 + 16 + 4 + 2 + 1 = 10110111<sub>2</sub>

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25. Al		l to Bina		ter Way
	Operation	Quotient	Remainder	
	91 ÷ 2 =	45	1	
	45 ÷ 2 =	22	1	
	22 ÷ 2 =	11	0	
	11 ÷ 2 =	5	1	
	5 ÷ 2 =	2	1	
	2 ÷ 2 =	1	0	
	1 ÷ 2 =	0	1	
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