# Digital Electronics (SKEE1223) Digital Codes 

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## BCD (Binary-Coded Decimal)

- Four-bit code that represents one of the ten decimal digits from 0 to 9.
- BCD code requires more bits than straight binary code.
- Suitable for input and output operations in digital systems.
- Two kinds, based on weighting: 8421 and 2421
- BCD 2421 is self-complementing code, means inverting all bits in a coded number yields 9's complement of the number itself.


## BCD Code

| Decimal | BCD (8421) | BCD (2421) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0000 | 0000 |
| 1 | 0001 | 0001 |
| 2 | 0010 | 0010 |
| 3 | 0011 | 0011 |
| 4 | 0100 | 0100 |
| 5 | 0101 | 1011 |
| 6 | 0110 | 1100 |
| 7 | 0111 | 1101 |
| 8 | 1000 | 1110 |
| 9 | 1001 | 1111 |

## BCD Code

Decimal number

BCD Code


## Excess-3 (XS3) Code

- Obtained by adding binary 0011 to the natural BCD code of the digit.
- It is not weighted code.
- Its self-complementing code, means inverting all bits in a coded number yields 9's complement of the number itself.
- Used in systems performing subtraction operations.


## Excess-3 Code

| Decimal | Excess-3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0011 |
| 1 | 0100 |
| 2 | 0101 |
| 3 | 0110 |
| 4 | 0111 |
| 5 | 1000 |
| 6 | 1001 |
| 7 | 1010 |
| 8 | 1011 |
| 9 | 1100 |

## Gray Code

- Differs from leading and following number by a single bit.
- No weights are assigned to the bit positions.
- Extensively used in shaft encoders.


A shaft encoder.

## Binary to Gray



## Gray to Binary



## ASCII Code

- Stands for American Standard Code Information Interchange
- Standard ASCII is a 7-bit code supporting 127 characters.
- Standard ASCII series starts from 00 to 7F, where 001F are used as control characters and 20-7F as printable symbols.
- Many other codes derived from ASCII to support non-English languages e.g. Extended ASCII, Unicode


## ASCII Code Chart

|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | NUL | SOH | STX | ETX | EOT | ENQ | ACK | BEL | BS | HT | LF | VT | FF | CR | SO | SI |
| 1 | DLE | DC1 | DC2 | DC3 | DC4 | NAK | SYN | ETB | CAN | EM | SUB | ESC | FS | GS | RS | US |
| 2 |  | ! | " | \# | \$ | \% | \& | ' | ( | ) | * | + | , | - | . | / |
| 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | . | , | < | = | > | ? |
| 4 | @ | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | 0 |
| 5 | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | [ | 1 | ] | $\wedge$ | - |
| 6 |  | a | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i | j | k | 1 | m | n | 0 |
| 7 | p | q | r | s | t | u | v | w | x | y | z | \{ | \| | \} | $\sim$ | DEL |

