

Computer Arithmetic

**What is the difference between
(signed) int and unsigned int?**

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Addition

Adding 2 1-bit numbers: $\text{sum} = a + b$

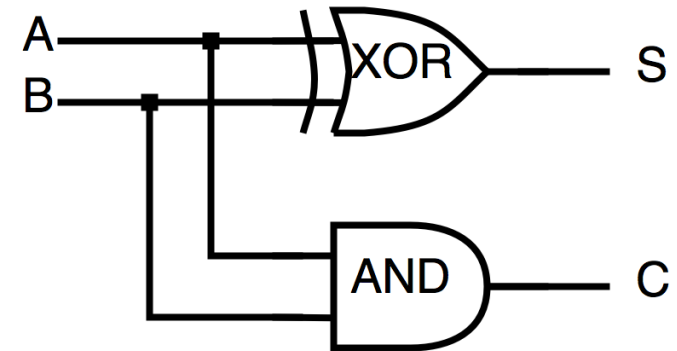
a	b	sum
0	0	00
0	1	01
1	0	01
1	1	10

Adding 2 1-bit numbers (Half Adder)

a	b	sum
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0	1	01
1	0	01
1	1	10

lsb bit 0 of sum: $S = a \oplus b$

msb 1 of sum: $C = a \& b$



Have reduced addition to logical operations!

Adding 2 8-bit numbers

	Carry
00000111	A
+00001011	B

	Sum

Adding 2 8-bit numbers

	1	Carry
00000111	A	
+00001011	B	

	0	Sum

Adding 2 8-bit numbers

	11	Carry
00000111	A	
+00001011	B	

	10	Sum

Adding 2 8-bit numbers

00001111 Carry

 00000111 A

+00001011 B

 00010010 Sum

Adding 3 1-bit numbers

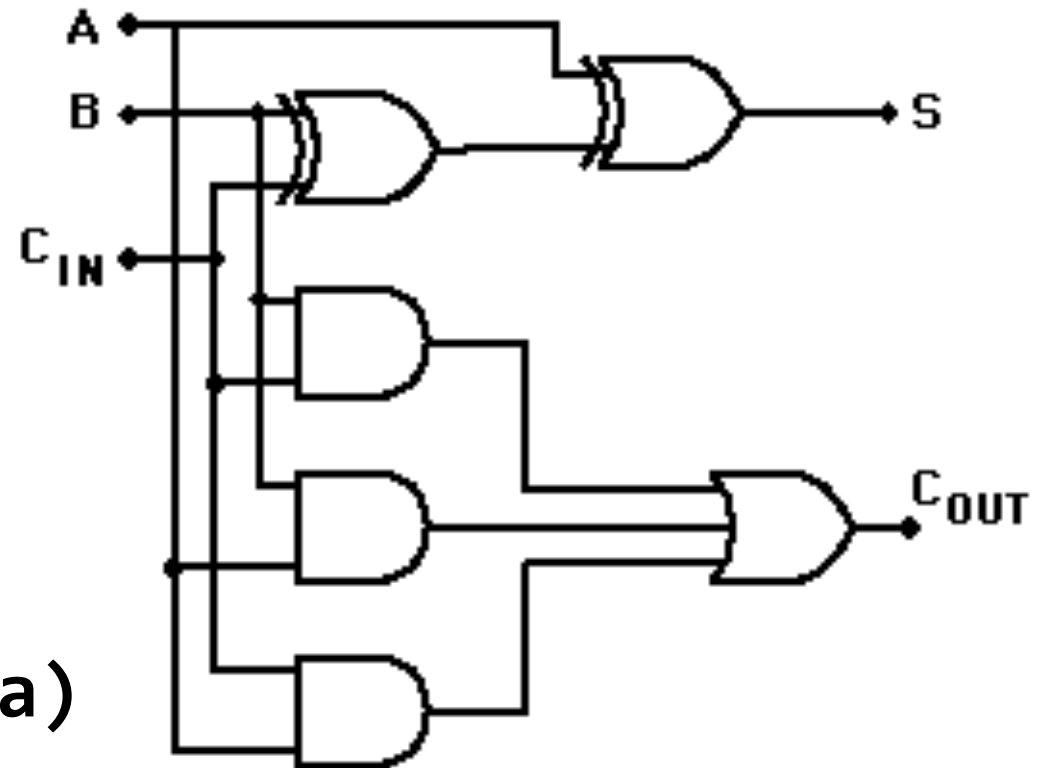
a	b	c	=	c	s
0	0	0		0	0
0	1	0		0	1
1	0	0		0	1
1	1	0		1	0
0	0	1		0	1
0	1	1		1	0
1	0	1		1	0
1	1	1		1	1

Adding 3 1-bit numbers (Full Adder)

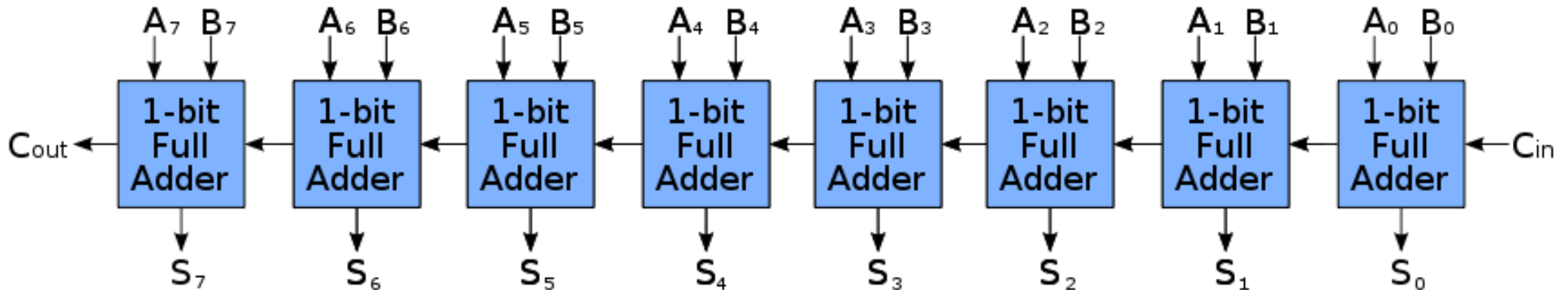
a	b	ci	=	co	s
0	0	0		0	0
0	1	0		0	1
1	0	0		0	1
1	1	0		1	0
0	0	1		0	1
0	1	1		1	0
1	0	1		1	0
1	1	1		1	1

$$s = a \oplus b \oplus ci$$

$$co = (a \& b) \mid (b \& c) \mid (c \& a)$$



8-bit Ripple Adder



Note C_{in} (carry in) and C_{out} (carry out)

```
// Multiple precision addition  
// https://gcc.gnu.org/z/6TRmY8
```

```
uint64_t add64(uint64_t a, uint64_t b)  
{  
    return a + b;  
}
```

```
add64:  
    adds r0, r0, r2  
    adc  r1, r1, r3  
    bx   lr
```

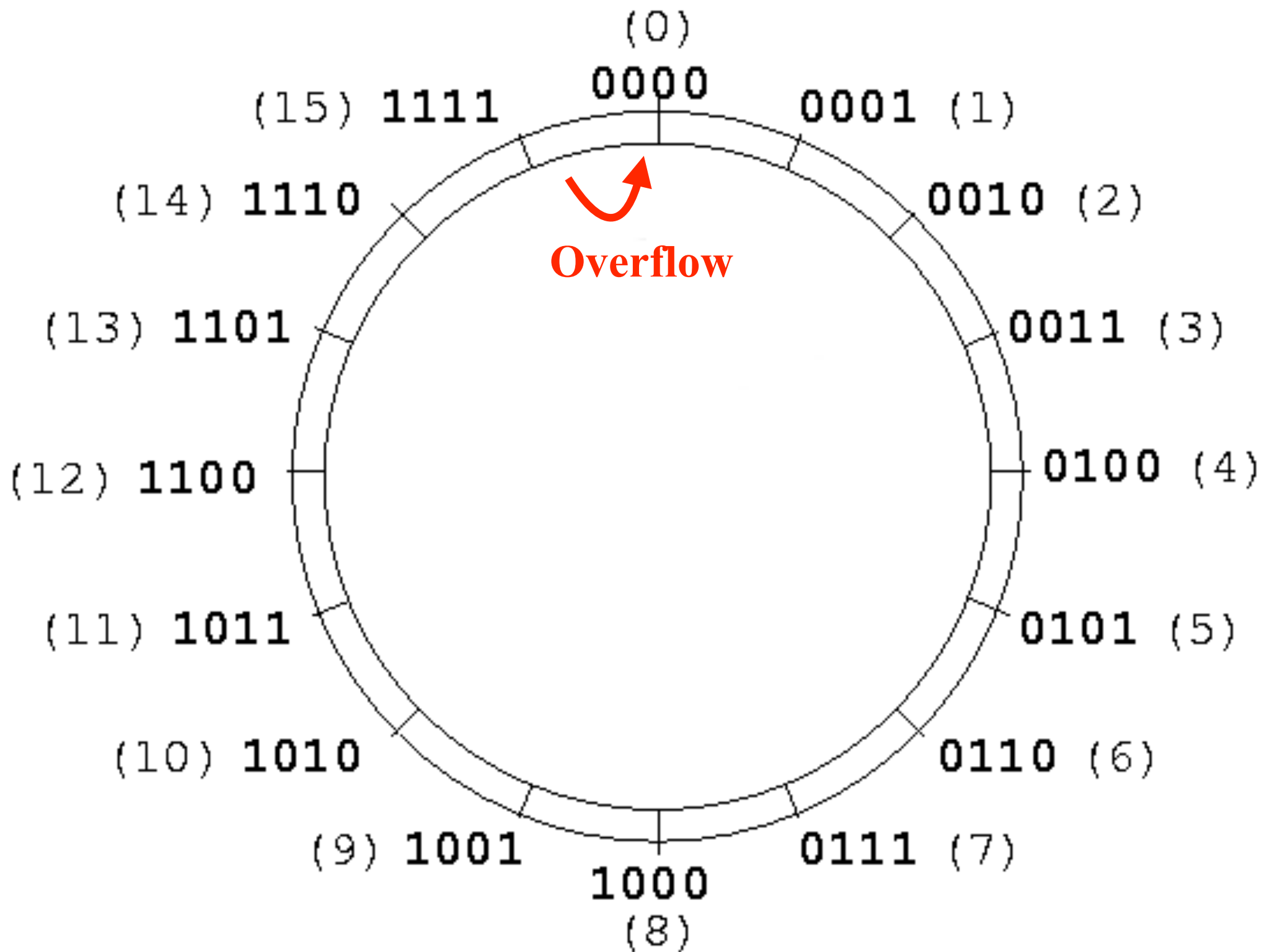
Binary Addition - Modular Arithmetic

```
11111111  Carry
 11111111  A
+00000001  B
-----
100000000  Sum
```

To represent the result of adding two n -bit numbers to full precision requires $n+1$ bits

But we only have 8-bits!

```
sum = (A+B)%256 = 0b00000000
```



Gangnam Style overflows INT_MAX, forces YouTube to go 64-bit

Psy's hit song has been watched an awful lot of times.

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Subtraction

BIG IDEA: Define subtraction using addition

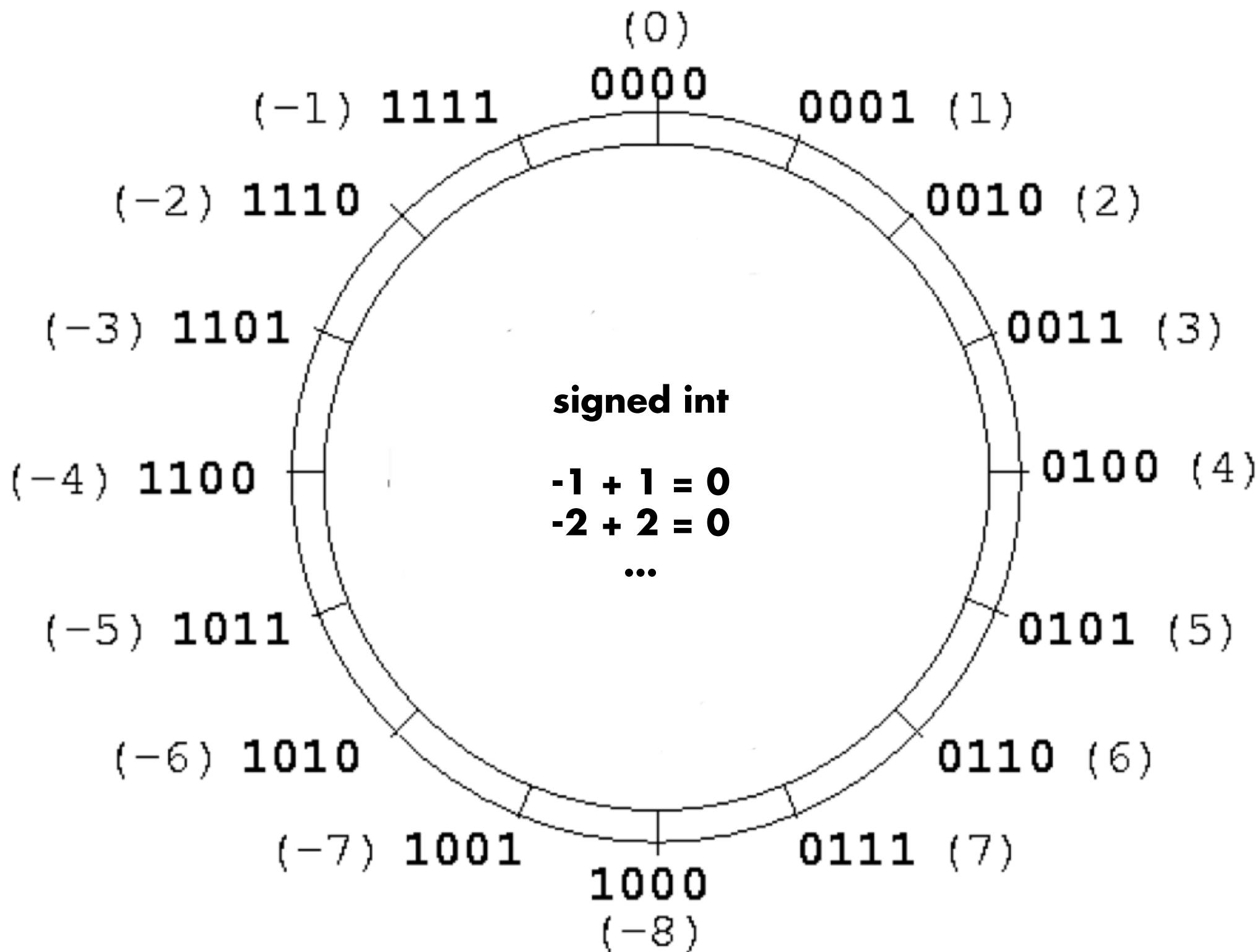
A clever way of defining subtraction by 1 is to find a number to add that yields the same result as the subtract by 1.

This number is the *negative* of the number.

More precisely, this number is the number that when added to 1, results in 0 (mod 16)

$$0x1 - 0x1 = 0x1 + 0xf = 0x10 \% 16 = 0x0$$

0xf can be *interpreted* as -1



Signed 4-bit numbers,

0x0 = 0

0xf = -1

0xe = -2

...

0x8 = -8 (could be interpreted as 8)

0x7 = 7

...

0x1 = 1

0x0 = 0

if we choose to *interpret* 0x8 as -8,
then the most-significant bit of the
number indicates that it is negative (n)

signed int **vs** as unsigned int

**Are just *different interpretations* of
the bits comprising the number**

0xff **vs -1**

Negation

How do we negate an 8-bit number?

Find a number $-x$, s.t. $(x + (-x)) \% 256 = 0$

Subtract it from $256 = 2^8 = 100000000$

$$-x = 100000000 - x$$

Since then $(x + (-x)) \% 256 = 0$

11111111	Borrow	100000000	Carry
100000000		00000001	
-00000001		+11111111	
-----		-----	
11111111		00000000	

Thus the term *two's complement*

Another way to negate

Rewrite $100000000 = (11111111 + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} -x &= (11111111+1)-x \\ &= (11111111-x)+1 \\ &= \sim x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Bitwise invert: $\sim x = 11111111-x$ (one's complement)

For example, -1

$$\begin{array}{r} \sim 00000001 = 11111111 \\ \quad - 00000001 \\ \quad \text{-----} \\ \quad 11111110 \end{array}$$

$$11111110 + 00000001 = 11111111$$

Subtraction is converted negation + addition

-B is implemented using $\sim B + 1$

$$A - B = A + \sim B + 1$$

$$01 - 00 = 01 + ff + 01 = 01 + c$$

$$01 - 01 = 01 + fe + 01 = 00 + c$$

$$01 - 02 = 01 + fd + 01 = ff$$

Note the carry out bit c

The +1 can be done by setting Cin to 1!


```
unsigned int timer_get_ticks(void)
{
    return *SYSTIMERCLO;
}
```

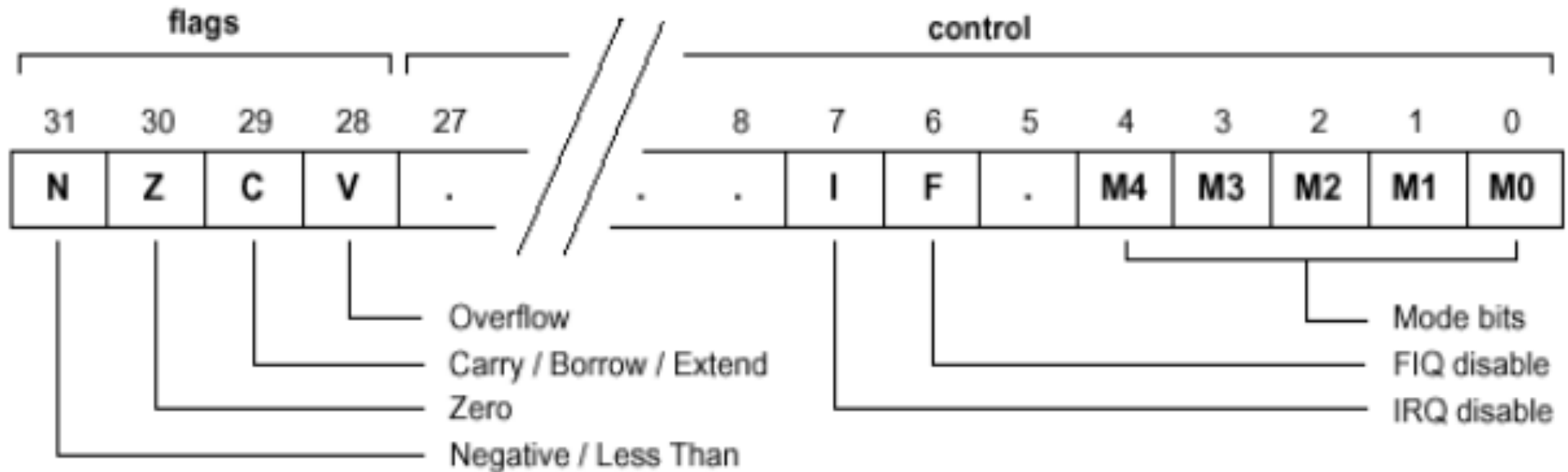
```
void timer_delay_us(unsigned int usecs)
{
    unsigned int start=timer_get_ticks();
    while (timer_get_ticks()-start) < usecs);
}
```

// The timer continuously ticks.

// Does this code work if the timer overflows?

**Addition and Subtraction
of signed and unsigned numbers
are the same!**

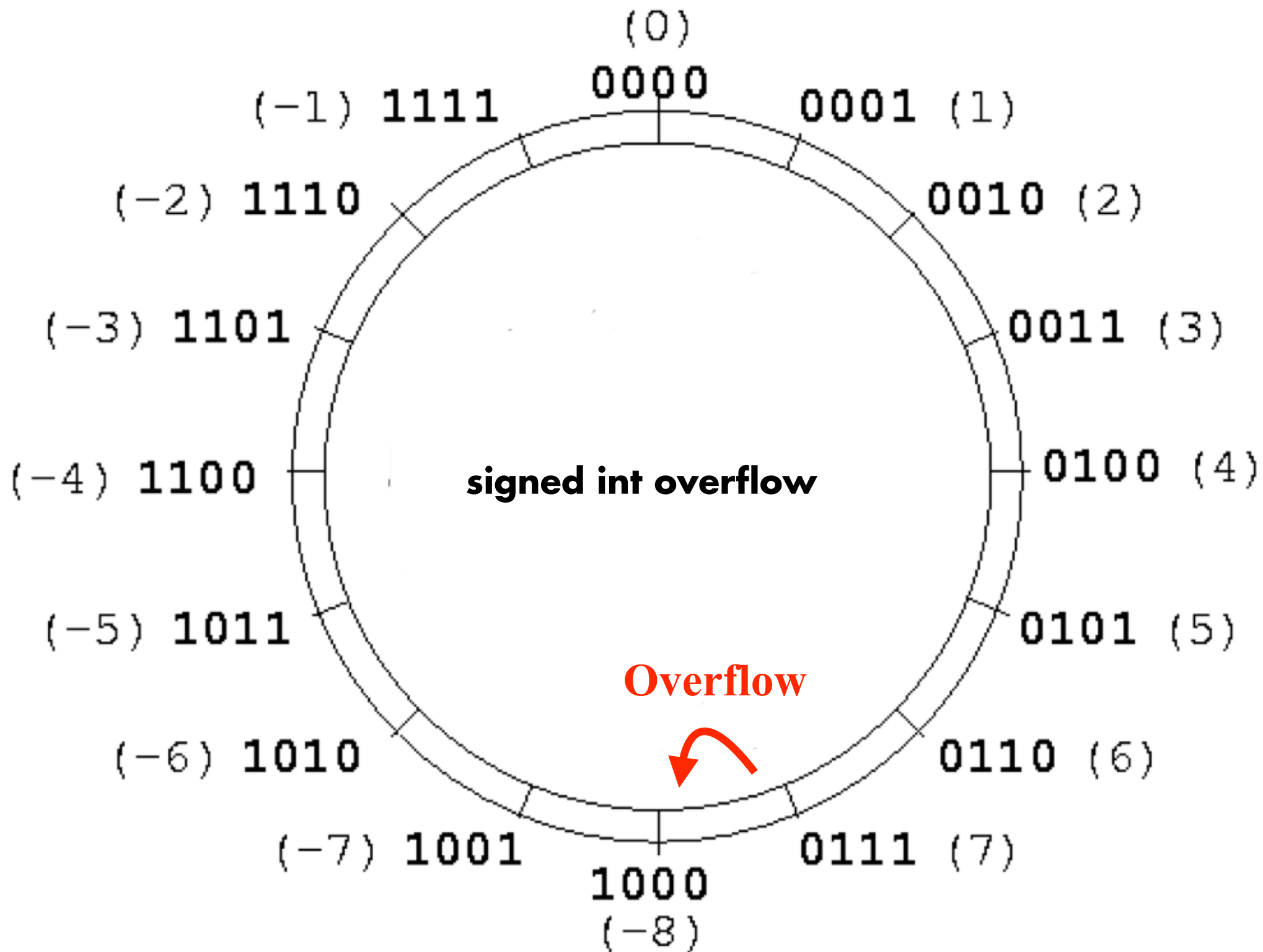
CPSR: Current Program Status Register

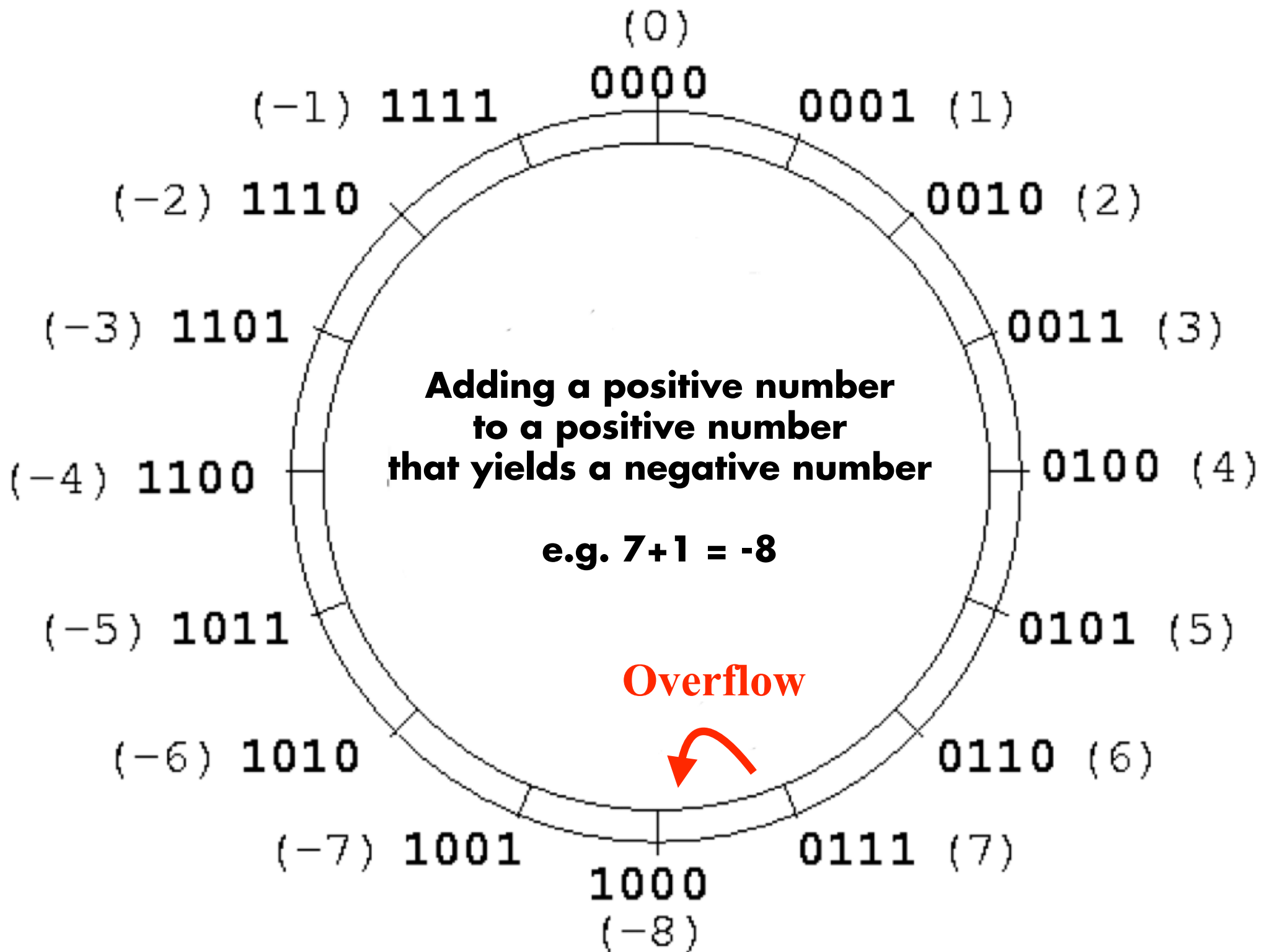


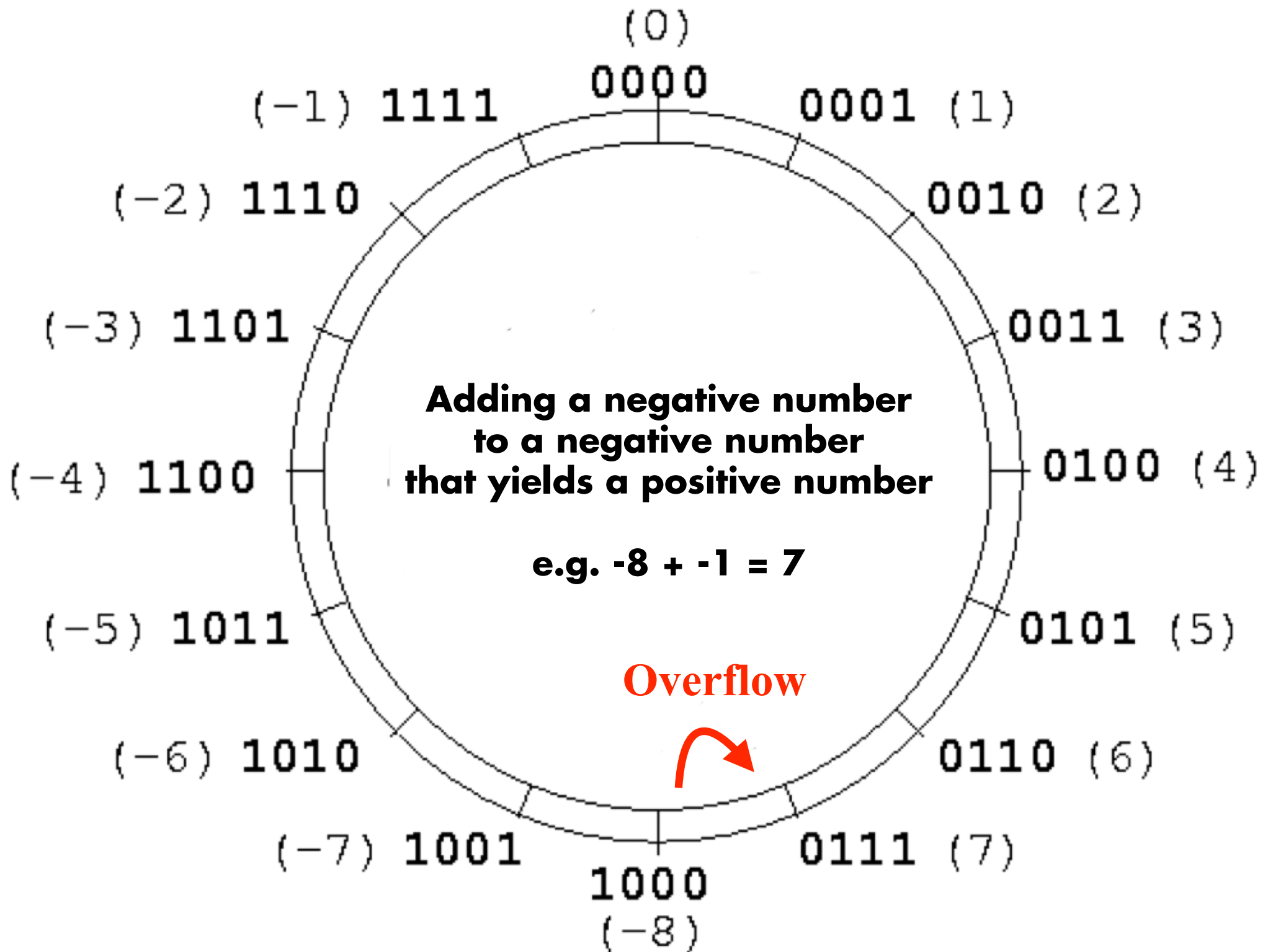
Arithmetic instructions set N, Z, C, V

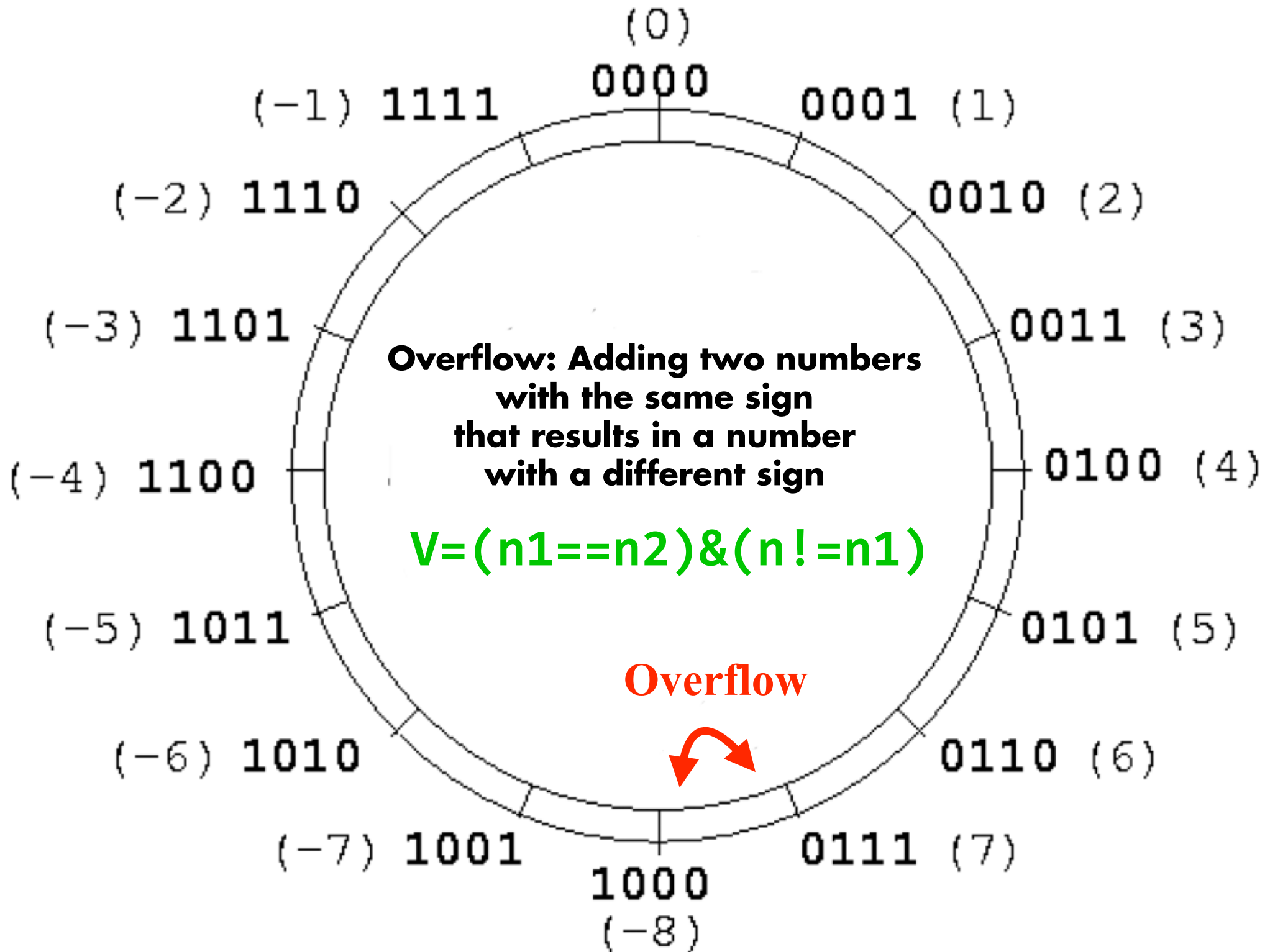
Logic instructions just set N, Z

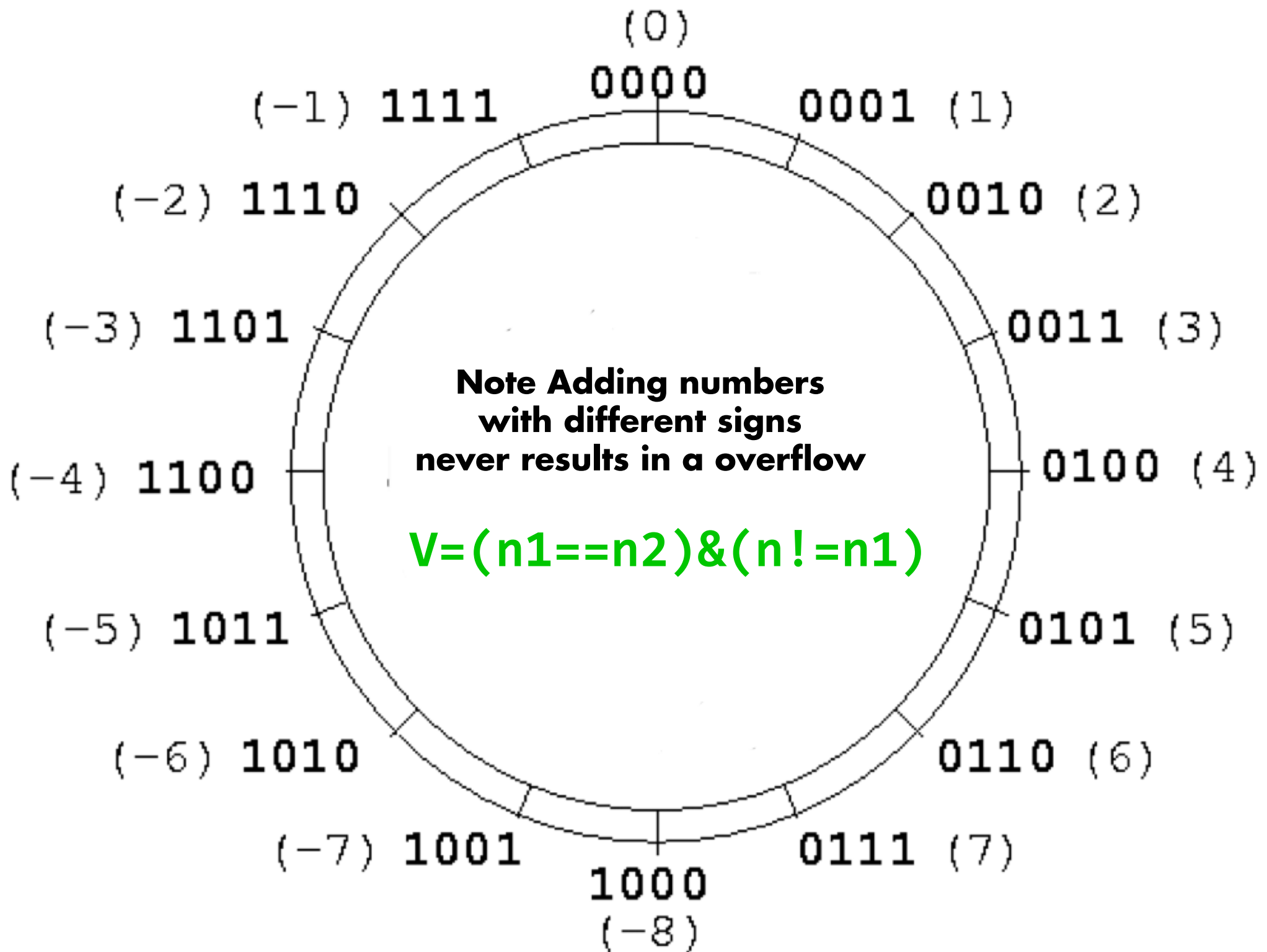
What is V?











Comparison (cmp)

Subtract and throw away result

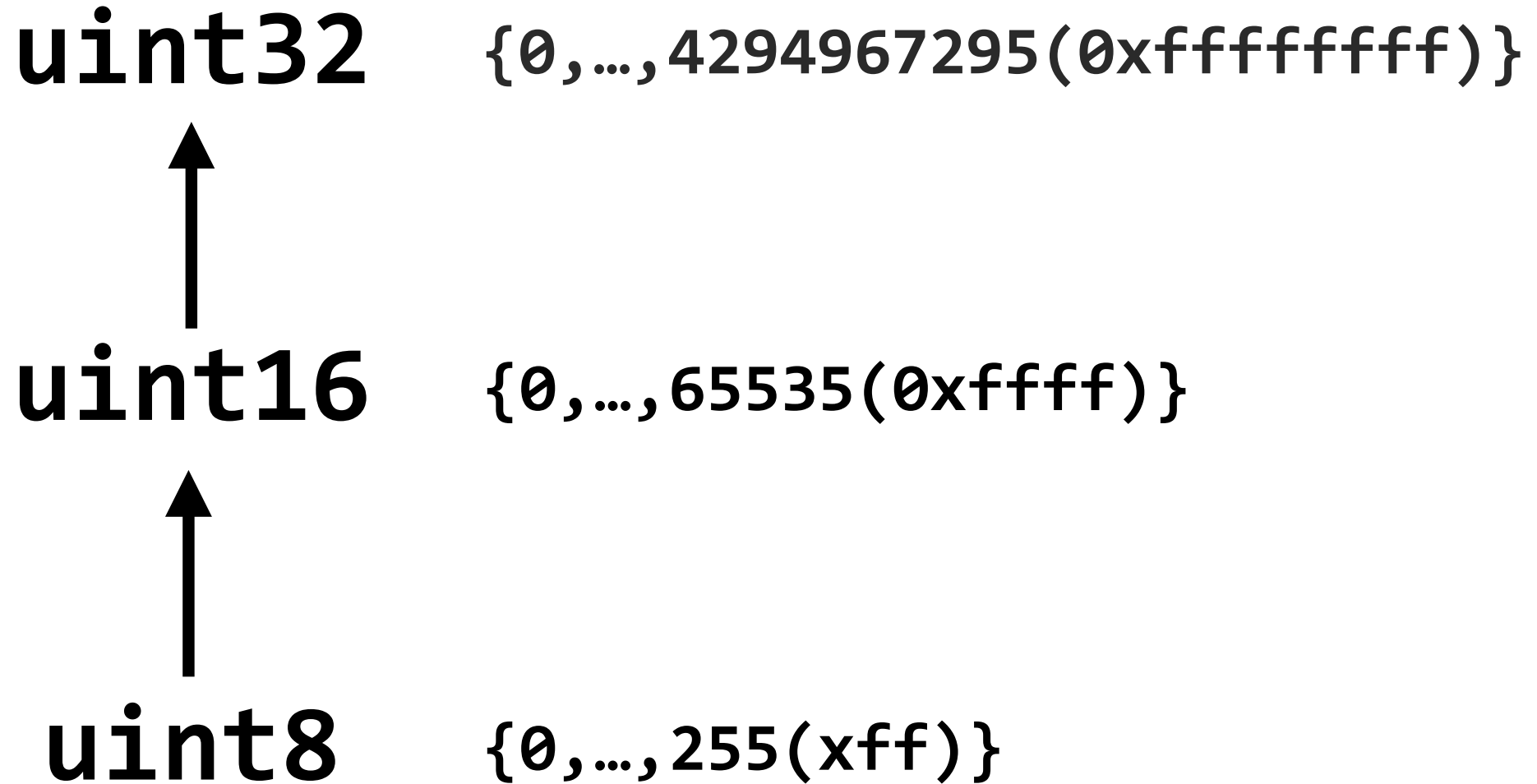
Always set the Flags

Code	Suffix	Flags	Meaning
0000	EQ	Z set	equal
0001	NE	Z clear	not equal
0010	CS	C set	unsigned higher or same
0011	CC	C clear	unsigned lower
0100	MI	N set	negative
0101	PL	N clear	positive or zero
0110	VS	V set	overflow
0111	VC	V clear	no overflow
1000	HI	C set and Z clear	unsigned higher
1001	LS	C clear or Z set	unsigned lower or same
1010	GE	N equals V	greater or equal
1011	LT	N not equal to V	less than
1100	GT	Z clear AND (N equals V)	greater than
1101	LE	Z set OR (N not equal to V)	less than or equal
1110	AL	(ignored)	always

**Methods used to *compare*
signed and unsigned numbers
are NOT the same!**

Types and Type Conversion

Unsigned Type Hierarchy



Types are *sets* of allowed values

Arrow indicate *subsets*: $\text{uint16} \subset \text{uint32}$

Type Conversion

Type conversion is a way of converting data from one type to another type

Explicit type conversion means that the programmer must specify type conversions. Often called ***casting***.

Implicit type conversions means that the language has rules for automatically performing type conversion. Often called ***coercion***

Casting usually refers to a reinterpretation of the same bits as a different type (`int* a = void* b`)

uint32



uint16



uint8

**Type *Promotion* is Safe
(values preserved)**

```
#include <stdint.h>
```

```
uint16_t x = 0xffff;
```

```
uint32_t y = x;
```

```
// x = 0xffff
```

```
// y = ?
```



```
#include <stdint.h>
```

```
uint16_t x = 0xffff;
```

```
uint32_t y = x;
```

```
// x = 0xffff
```

```
// y = 0x0000ffff
```

Signed Type Hierarchy

int32 $\{-2,147,483,648, \dots, 2,147,483,647\}$



int16 $\{-32768, \dots, 32767\}$



int8 $\{-128, \dots, 127\}$

Arrow indicate *subsets*: $\text{int16} \subset \text{int32}$

```
int16_t x = -1;  
int32_t y = x;
```

```
// x = -1  
// y = ?
```

```
int16_t x = -1;  
int32_t y = x;
```

```
// x = -1  
// y = -1
```

// positive

int16_t x = 1;

int32_t y = x;

// x = 1 = 0x0001

// y = 1 = 0x00000001

// negative

int16_t x = -1;

int32_t y = x;

// x = -1 = 0xffff

// y = -1 = 0xffffffff

// To preserve signed values need *sign extension*

int8_t 0xfe -> int32_t 0xfffffffffe

int8_t 0x7e -> int32_t 0x0000007e

// Sign extend instructions:

//

// sxtb - sign extend byte to word

// sxth - sign extend half word to word

//

```
int32_t x = 0x80000;  
int16_t y = x;
```

```
// x = 0x80000  
// y = ?
```

```
int32_t x = 0x80000;  
int16_t y = x;
```

```
// x = 0x80000  
// y = 0x0000
```



value has changed



int32



int16



int8

Defined (remove most significant bits)

Dangerous (doesn't preserve all values)

```
int32_t  x = -1;  
uint32_t y =  x;
```

```
// x = -1  
// y =  ?
```

```
int32_t  x = -1;  
uint32_t y =  x;
```

```
// x = -1  
// y = 0xffffffff = 4294967295
```

 value has changed

x is negative, but y is positive!

```
// draw_pixel(-1, -1, color);  
// !!
```

uint32 ← int32

uint16 ← int16

uint8 ← int8

Defined (copies bits)

uint32 ← int32

uint16 ← int16

uint8 ← int8

Dangerous! (neg maps to pos)

uint32 → int32

uint16 → int16

uint8 → int8

**Technically Not Defined
(arm: copies bits)**

uint32 → int32

uint16 → int16

uint8 → int8

Dangerous!

(large positive numbers change)

**"Whenever you mix
signed and unsigned numbers
you get in trouble."**

Bjarne Stroustrup

Implicit Type Promotion

in

Binary Operators

Type promotions for binary operations

Note that the type of the result can be different than the type of the operands!

	u8	u16	u32	u64	i8	i16	i32	i64
u8	i32	i32	u32	u64	i32	i32	i32	i64
u16	i32	i32	u32	u64	i32	i32	i32	i64
u32	u32	u32	u32	u64	u32	u32	u32	i64
u64	u64	u64	u64	u64	u64	u64	u64	u64
i8	i32	i32	u32	u64	i32	i32	i32	i64
i16	i32	i32	u32	u64	i32	i32	i32	i64
i32	i32	i32	u32	u64	i32	i32	i32	i64
i64	i64	i64	i64	u64	i64	i64	i64	i64

arm-none-eabi-gcc type promotions

uint32

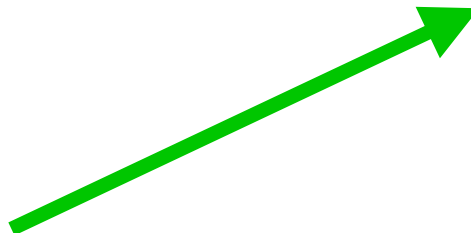
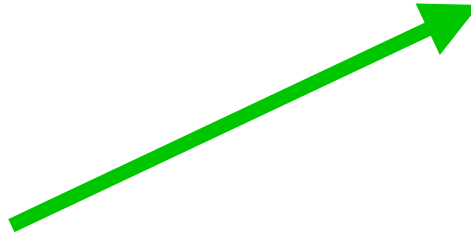
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Safe?

uint32

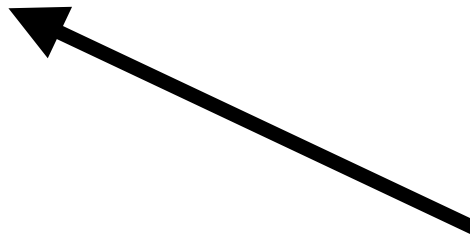
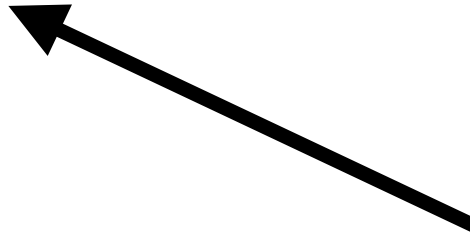
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Safe?

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Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    int a = -20;
```

```
    unsigned int b = 6;
```

```
    if( a < b )
```

```
        printf("-20<6 - all is well\n");
```

```
    else
```

```
        printf("-20>=6 - omg \n");
```

```
}
```

Be Wary of Implicit Type Conversion

Modern languages like rust and go do not perform implicit type conversion

Summary

Signed numbers are represented in two's complement

■ **Negation: $-x = 2^n - x = \sim x + 1$**

In 2's complement,

■ **Arithmetic between signed and unsigned numbers is identical**

■ **Comparison between signed and unsigned numbers is different**

Know the rules for type conversion, watch out for implicit type conversions and promotions!!

C Type Conversion and Promotion Rules

The semantics of numeric casts are:

Casting from a larger integer to a smaller integer (e.g. u32 -> u8) will truncate

Casting from a smaller integer to a larger integer (e.g. u8 -> u32) will zero-extend if the source is unsigned sign-extend if the source is signed

Casting between two integers of the same size (e.g. i32 -> u32) is a no-op

6.3.1.3 Signed and unsigned integers conversions

1 When a value with integer type is converted to another integer type, if the value can be represented by the new type, it is unchanged.

2 Otherwise, if the new type is unsigned, the value is converted by repeatedly adding or subtracting one more than the maximum value that can be represented in the new type until the value is in the range of the new type.

3 Otherwise, if the new type is signed and the value cannot be represented in it; either the result is implementation-defined or an implementation-defined signal is raised.

6.3.1.8 Usual arithmetic conversions

1 If both operands have the same type, then no further conversion is needed.

2 Otherwise, if both operands have signed integer types or both have unsigned integer types, the operand with the type of lesser integer conversion rank is converted to the type of the operand with greater rank.

3 Otherwise, if the operand that has unsigned integer type has rank greater or equal to the rank of the type of the other operand, then the operand with signed integer type is converted to the type of the operand with unsigned integer type.

4 Otherwise, if the type of the operand with signed integer type can represent all of the values of the type of the operand with unsigned integer type, then the operand with unsigned integer type is converted to the type of the operand with signed integer type.

5 Otherwise, both operands are converted to the unsigned integer type corresponding to the type of the operand with signed integer type.