

# Assignment 1

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## 1 Question

Obtain the 1's and 2's complements of the following binary numbers:

- (a) 11100010
- (b) 00011000
- (c) 10111101
- (d) 10100101
- (e) 11000011
- (f) 01011000

## 2 Solution

To take the 1's complement of a binary number, we just to swap 0's and 1's. For 2' complement, we add 1 to 1's complement of the binary number.

1. 11100010

- 1's complement: 00011101
- Add 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{000}1 \\ 00011101 \\ + \phantom{000}1 \\ \hline 00011110 \end{array}$$

- 2's complement: 00011110

2. 00011000

- 1's complement: 11100111

- Add 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \\ 11100111 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 11101000 \end{array}$$

- 2's complement: 11101000

3. 10111101

- 1's complement: 01000010

- Add 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} 01000010 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 01000011 \end{array}$$

- 2's complement: 01000011

4. 10100101

- 1's complement: 01011010

- Add 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} 01011010 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 01011011 \end{array}$$

- 2's complement: 01011011

5. 11000011

- 1's complement: 00111100

- Add 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} 00111100 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 00111101 \end{array}$$

- 2's complement: 00111101

(f) 01011000

- 1's complement: 10100111

- Add 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \\ 10100111 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 10101000 \end{array}$$

- 2's complement: 10101000

**Question 2**

Determine the base of the numbers in each case for the following operations to be correct:

1.  $\frac{67}{5} = 11$

2.  $15 \times 3 = 51$

3.  $123 + 120 = 303$

**Solution:**

1. Let the base of the numbers be  $k$ . In base 10,

$$67 = 6 \times k^1 + 7 \times k^0$$

$$11 = 1 \times k^1 + 1 \times k^0$$

$$5 = 5 \times k^0$$

The equation in base 10 will be

$$\frac{6k+7}{5} = k+1$$

$$6k+7 = 5k+5$$

$$6k-5k = 5-7$$

$$k = -2$$

The base comes out to be -2 which is not possible. Hence there is no base for which the given equation makes sense.

2. Let the base of the numbers be  $k$

$$15 = 1 \times k^1 + 5 \times k^0$$

$$51 = 5 \times k^1 + 1 \times k^0$$

$$3 = 3 \times k^0$$

The equation in base 10 will be

$$3(k+5) = 5k+1$$

$$3k+15 = 5k+1$$

$$2k = 14$$

$$k = 7$$

Hence the equation holds true in base 7.

3. Let the base of the numbers be  $k$ . The value of the number in base 10 will be

$$123 = 1 \times k^2 + 2 \times k^1 + 3 \times k^0$$

$$120 = 1 \times k^2 + 2 \times k^1 + 0 \times k^0$$

$$303 = 3 \times k^2 + 0 \times k^1 + 3 \times k^0$$

Now,

$$(k^2 + 2k + 3) + (k^2 + 2k) = 3k^2 + 3$$

$$2k^2 + 4k + 3 = 3k^2 + 3$$

$$k^2 - 4k = 0$$

$$k = 0$$

$$k = 4$$

Base 0 is meaningless for the given problem, hence the base in which the given equation holds is base 4.

### Question 3

The solutions to the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 13x + 22 = 0$  are  $x = 7$  and  $x = 2$ . What is the base of the numbers?

### Solution

Let the numbers be in base  $k$  then, in base 10 the equation becomes

$$13 = 1 \times k^1 + 3 \times k^0$$

$$22 = 2 \times k^1 + 2 \times k^0$$

$$x^2 - (k + 3)x + (2k + 2) = 0$$

Since 2 and 7 are given to be solutions in the problem statement,

$$49 - 7(k + 3) + (2k + 2) = 0$$

$$k = 6$$

$$4 - 2(k + 3) + (2k + 2) = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

Arbitrary values of  $k$  can be used for  $x = 2$  to be a solution, however  $k = 6$  is the only value for  $x = 7$  to be the solution. Hence the value of  $k$  is 6.

### Question 4

How many printing characters are there in ASCII? How many of them are special

characters (not letters or numerals)?

**Solution**

There are 95 printing characters in ASCII out of which 33 are special characters

**Question 5**

What bit must be complemented to change an ASCII letter from capital to lowercase and vice versa?

**Solution**

Capital alphabets start from index 65 while lowercase alphabets start from index 97. Since the difference between the two is  $32 = 2^5$  the 6th bit (corresponding to  $2^5$ ) must be complemented to change an ASCII letter from capital to lowercase and vice versa.