Binary Addition & Subtraction

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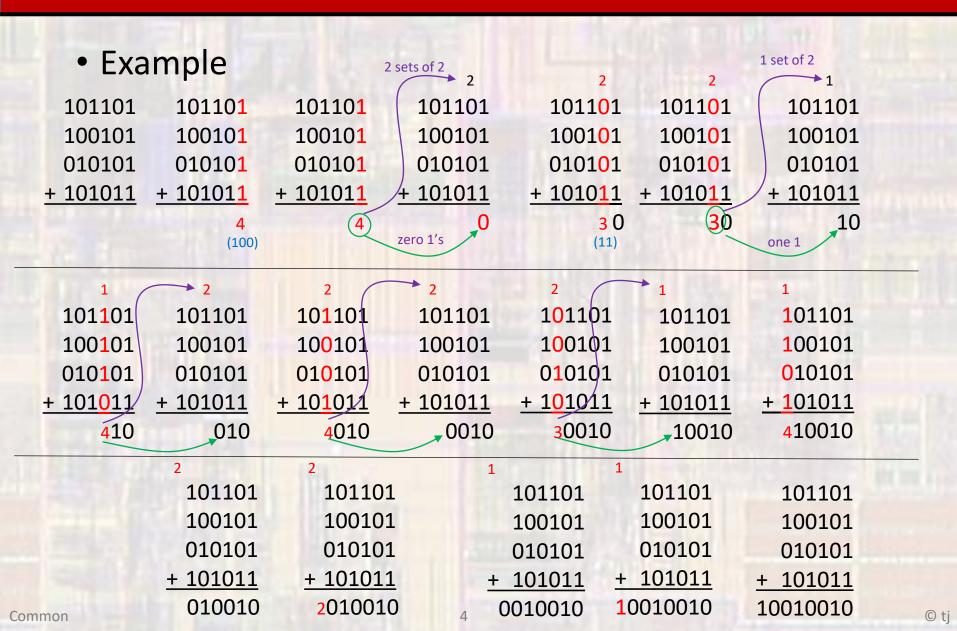
Addition

- Elementary school concepts
 - Add columns of numbers and keep track of the carry over to the next column
 - We normally use the decimal number system
 - Digits: 0-9
 - Carry over is in sets of 10x

Binary Addition - unsigned

- Extend elementary school concepts
 - Add columns of numbers and keep track of the carry over to the next column
 - Use the binary number system
 - Digits: 0-1
 - Carry over is in sets of 2x

Binary Addition - unsigned



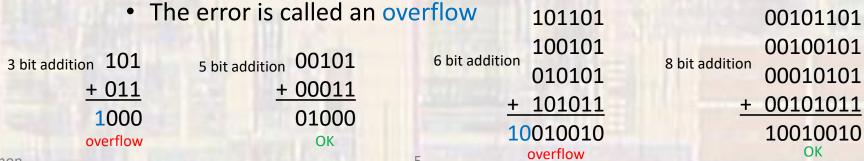
Binary Addition - unsigned

Overflow

 In elementary school we did not care how many digits the answer required

> + 589 1334

- In binary addition we are generally representing something that ultimately is to be executed in hardware
 - Our hardware cannot change the number of bits (wires) it can hold
 - We must establish a maximum number size and create an error when the result of the addition exceeds this size

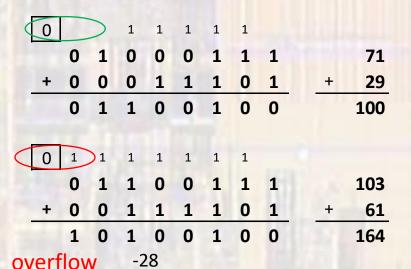


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Binary Addition - signed

- Signed binary addition is done the same way as unsigned addition
 - Signed means 2's complement representation
 - Overflow is determined differently
 - carry-in of the msb ≠ carry-out of the msb → overflow

8 bit signed addition



Subtraction

- Elementary school concepts
 - Subtract columns of numbers and keep track of how much is borrowed from the next column
 - This is very difficult to implement in hardware

Binary Subtraction - signed

- Binary Subtraction signed
 - Signed means 2's complement representation
 - Negate the subtrahend and add
 - Overflow same rule during addition