Multiplication

The numbers in a multiplication are the **multiplicand**, the **multiplier**, and the **product**. These are illustrated in the following decimal multiplication:

8	Multiplicand
× 3	Multiplier
24	Product

Multiplication is equivalent to adding a number to itself a number of times equal to the multiplier.

The multiplication operation in most computers is accomplished using addition. As you have already seen, subtraction is done with an adder; now let's see how multiplication is done.

Direct addition and *partial products* are two basic methods for performing multiplication using addition. In the direct addition method, you add the multiplicand a number of times equal to the multiplier. In the previous decimal example (8 × 3), three multiplicands are added: 8 + 8 + 8 = 24. The disadvantage of this approach is that it becomes very lengthy if the multiplier is a large number. For example, to multiply 350 × 75, you must add 350 to itself 75 times. Incidentally, this is why the term *times* is used to mean multiply.

When two binary numbers are multiplied, both numbers must be in true (uncomplemented) form. The direct addition method is illustrated in Example 2–21 adding two binary numbers at a time.

EXAMPLE 2–21

Multiply the signed binary numbers: 01001101 (multiplicand) and 00000100 (multiplier) using the direct addition method.

Solution

Since both numbers are positive, they are in true form, and the product will be positive. The decimal value of the multiplier is 4, so the multiplicand is added to itself four times as follows:

01001101	1st time
+ 01001101	2nd time
10011010	Partial sum
+ 01001101	3rd time
11100111	Partial sum
+ 01001101	4th time
100110100	Product

Since the sign bit of the multiplicand is 0, it has no effect on the outcome. All of the bits in the product are magnitude bits.

Related Problem

Multiply 01100001 by 00000110 using the direct addition method.

The partial products method is perhaps the more common one because it reflects the way you multiply longhand. The multiplicand is multiplied by each multiplier digit beginning with the least significant digit. The result of the multiplication of the multiplicand by a multiplier digit is called a *partial product.* Each successive partial product is moved (shifted) one place to the left and when all the partial products have been produced, they are added to get the final product. Here is a decimal example.

239	Multiplicand
× 123	Multiplier
717	1st partial product (3 × 239)
478	2nd partial product (2 × 239)
+ 239	3rd partial product (1 × 239)
29,397	Final product

The sign of the product of a multiplication depends on the signs of the multiplicand and the multiplier according to the following two rules:

- **If the signs are the same, the product is positive.**
- **If the signs are different, the product is negative.**

The basic steps in the partial products method of binary multiplication are as follows:

Step 1: Determine if the signs of the multiplicand and multiplier are the same or different. This determines what the sign of the product will be.

Step 2: Change any negative number to true (uncomplemented) form. Because most computers store negative numbers in 2's complement, a 2's complement operation is required to get the negative number into true form.

Step 3: Starting with the least significant multiplier bit, generate the partial products. When the multiplier bit is 1, the partial product is the same as the multiplicand. When the multiplier bit is 0, the partial product is zero. Shift each successive partial product one bit to the left.

Step 4: Add each successive partial product to the sum of the previous partial products to get the final product.

Step 5: If the sign bit that was determined in step 1 is negative, take the 2's complement of the product. If positive, leave the product in true form. Attach the sign bit to the product.

EXAMPLE 2–22

Multiply the signed binary numbers: 01010011 (multiplicand) and 11000101 (multiplier).

Solution

Step 1: The sign bit of the multiplicand is 0 and the sign bit of the multiplier is 1. The sign bit of the product will be 1 (negative).

Step 2: Take the 2's complement of the multiplier to put it in true form.

$$11000101 \longrightarrow 00111011$$

Step 3 and 4: The multiplication proceeds as follows. Notice that only the magnitude bits are used in these steps.

1010011	Multiplicand
× 0111011	Multiplier
1010011	1st partial product
+ 1010011	2nd partial product
11111001	Sum of 1st and 2nd
+ 0000000	3rd partial product
011111001	Sum
+ 1010011	4th partial product
1110010001	Sum
+ 1010011	5th partial product
100011000001	Sum
+ 1010011	6th partial product
1001100100001	Sum
+ 0000000	7th partial product
1001100100001	Final product

what form is this? true or complement?

Step 5: Since the sign of the product is a 1 as determined in step 1, take the 2's complement of the product.

1001100100001 ⟶ 0110011011111

Attach the sign bit ⟶

1 0110011011111

Related Problem Please do.

Verify the multiplication is correct by converting to decimal numbers and performing the multiplication.

Division

The numbers in a division are the **dividend**, the **divisor**, and the **quotient**. These are illustrated in the following standard division format.

$$\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} = \text{quotient}$$

The division operation in computers is accomplished using subtraction. Since subtraction is done with an adder, division can also be accomplished with an adder.

The result of a division is called the *quotient;* the quotient is the number of times that the divisor will go into the dividend. This means that the divisor can be subtracted from the dividend a number of times equal to the quotient, as illustrated by dividing 21 by 7.

21	Dividend
− 7	1st subtraction of divisor
14	1st partial remainder
− 7	2nd subtraction of divisor
7	2nd partial remainder
− 7	3rd subtraction of divisor
0	Zero remainder

In this simple example, the divisor was subtracted from the dividend three times before a remainder of zero was obtained. Therefore, the quotient is 3.

The sign of the quotient depends on the signs of the dividend and the divisor according to the following two rules:

- **If the signs are the same, the quotient is positive.**
- **If the signs are different, the quotient is negative.**

When two binary numbers are divided, both numbers must be in true (uncomplemented) form. The basic steps in a division process are as follows:

Step 1: Determine if the signs of the dividend and divisor are the same or different. This determines what the sign of the quotient will be. Initialize the quotient to zero.

Step 2: Subtract the divisor from the dividend using 2's complement addition to get the first partial remainder and add 1 to the quotient. If this partial remainder is positive, go to step 3. If the partial remainder is zero or negative, the division is complete.

Step 3: Subtract the divisor from the partial remainder and add 1 to the quotient. If the result is positive, repeat for the next partial remainder. If the result is zero or negative, the division is complete.

Continue to subtract the divisor from the dividend and the partial remainders until there is a zero or a negative result. Count the number of times that the divisor is subtracted and you have the quotient. Example 2–23 illustrates these steps using 8-bit signed binary numbers.

EXAMPLE 2–23

Divide 01100100 by 00011001.

Solution

Step 1: The signs of both numbers are positive, so the quotient will be positive. The quotient is initially zero: 00000000.

Step 2: Subtract the divisor from the dividend using 2's complement addition (remember that final carries are discarded).

01100100	Dividend
+ 11100111	2's complement of divisor
01001011	Positive 1st partial remainder

Add 1 to quotient: 00000000 + 00000001 = 00000001.

Step 3: Subtract the divisor from the 1st partial remainder using 2's complement addition.

01001011	1st partial remainder
+ 11100111	2's complement of divisor
00110010	Positive 2nd partial remainder

Add 1 to quotient: 00000001 + 00000001 = 00000010.

Step 4: Subtract the divisor from the 2nd partial remainder using 2's complement addition.

00110010	2nd partial remainder
+ 11100111	2's complement of divisor
00011001	Positive 3rd partial remainder

Add 1 to quotient: 00000010 + 00000001 = 00000011.

Step 5: Subtract the divisor from the 3rd partial remainder using 2's complement addition.

00011001	3rd partial remainder
+ 11100111	2's complement of divisor
00000000	Zero remainder

Add 1 to quotient: 00000011 + 00000001 = **00000100** (final quotient). The process is complete.

Related Problem

Verify that the process is correct by converting to decimal numbers and performing the division.

SECTION 2–7 CHECKUP

1. List the four cases when numbers are added.
2. Add the signed numbers 00100001 and 10111100.
3. Subtract the signed numbers 00110010 from 01110111.
4. What is the sign of the product when two negative numbers are multiplied?
5. Multiply 01111111 by 00000101.
6. What is the sign of the quotient when a positive number is divided by a negative number?
7. Divide 00110000 by 00001100.