

Bit position 1 requires a borrow from bit position 2. Because of this borrow, minuend bit 2 is a 0. The subtraction continues through the MSB.

Example 1.18

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	bit position
0	0							
+	0	0	0	0	1	1		minuend
-	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
								subtrahend
0	1	0	1	1	0	1		difference

Bit 2 requires a borrow from bit 3; after this borrow, minuend bit 3 is 0. Then, bit 3 requires a borrow. Because bits 4 and 5 of the minuend are zeros, borrowing is from bit 6. In this process, the intermediate minuend bits 4 and 5 each attain a value of 1 (compare this with the decimal subtraction). The subtraction continues through the MSB.

**Multiplication** Binary multiplication is similar to decimal multiplication. From Table 1.3(c), we can see that  $0 \times 0 = 0$ ,  $0 \times 1 = 0$ ,  $1 \times 0 = 0$ , and  $1 \times 1 = 1$ . An example follows.

Example 1.19

1011	multiplier
$\times$ 1100	multiplier
0000	
0000	
1011	
1011	
1011	
10000100	product

In general, the product of two  $n$ -bit numbers is  $2n$  bits long. In Example 1.19, there are two nonzero bits in the multiplier, one in position 2

corresponding to  $2^2$  and the other in position 3 corresponding to  $2^3$ . These two bits yield partial products whose values are simply that of the multiplier shifted left two and three bits, respectively. The 0 bits in the multiplier contribute partial products with 0 values. Thus, the following shift-and-add algorithm can be adopted to multiply two  $n$ -bit numbers  $A$  and  $B$ , where  $B = (b_{n-1} b_{n-2} \dots b_1 b_0)$ .

1. Start with a  $2n$ -bit product with a value of 0.
2. For each  $b_i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ )  $\neq 0$  shift  $A$   $i$  positions to the left and add to the product.

This procedure reduces the multiplication to repeated shift and addition of the multiplicand.

**Division** The longhand (trial-and-error) procedure of decimal division can also be used in binary, as shown in Example 1.20.

Example 1.20

$$110101 \div 111 = ?$$

0111	Quotient
111	$X$
110,101	$Y$
$-111$	
1101	
$-111$	
1100	
$-111$	
1011	
$-111$	
100	

In this procedure, the divisor is compared with the dividend at each step. If the divisor is greater than the dividend, the corresponding quotient bit is 0; otherwise, the quotient bit is 1, and the divisor is subtracted from the dividend. The compare-and-subtract process is continued until the LSB of the dividend. The procedure is formalized in the following steps.

1. Align the divisor ( $D$ ) with the most significant end of the dividend. Let the portion of the dividend from its MSB to its bit aligned with