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Question no: 01

**Suppose that a byte contains the ASCII code of a lower case letter.
What hex number should be added to/subtracted from it to convert it to upper case?**

Answer: Let's consider the byte contains the ASCII code of a lower case letter 'a'. Now the goal is to convert 'a' into its upper case letter 'A'.

We know The ASCII code for 'a' = 97d = 61h

And The ASCII code for 'A' = 65d = 41h

Now, for this conversion HEX subtraction needs to be done.

Hex subtraction:

$$97d = 61h$$

$$\underline{65d = 41h}$$

$$32d = 20h$$

Therefore, 20h hex number should be subtracted from it to convert into upper case letter.

Question:02

For each of the following 16-bit signed numbers, tell whether it is positive or negative.

a. 9AC4h

b. 78E3h

Answer: a) 9AC4h begins with 9. We know the integers starting with 8-Fh have 1 in their sign bit so that they are negative. Hence 9AC4h is negative.

b) 78E3h begins with 7. We know the integers starting with 0-7h have 0 in their sign bit so that they are positive. Hence 78E3h is positive.

Question:3

Give the unsigned and signed decimal interpretations of each of the following 16-bit or 8- bit numbers.

a. 7FFEh

b. A9h

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{a) } 7\text{FFEh} &= (7 \cdot 16^3) + (15 \cdot 16^2) + (15 \cdot 16^1) + (14 \cdot 16^0) \\ &= 32766\text{d}\end{aligned}$$

This is unsigned decimal interpretation.

As we know that from 0000h-7FFEh the signed decimal

=unsigned decimal interpretation.

Therefore the signed decimal interpretation is also 32766d.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } A9h &= (10 \cdot 16^1) + (10 \cdot 16^0) \\ &= 169d \end{aligned}$$

This is unsigned decimal interpretation.

We know that for 80h - FFh, the signed decimal = unsigned -256

Therefore, the signed decimal interpretation is

$$= 169d - 256d$$

$$= -87d$$

Question:03

Perform the following subtractions using two's complement addition

a. $10110100 - 10010111$

b. $10001011 - 11110111$

Answer:

a) 10010111

01101000

$\underline{\hspace{1.5cm}} + 1(2's \text{ Complement})$

$= 01101001$

Now, 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 0

0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1

0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 (answer)

b) 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1

0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0

+ 1(2's complement)

0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1

now, 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 1

0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1

1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 (answer)

