

We will approach the operation of Subtraction by Converting the second operand into its negative equivalent and then adding :

for example : $7 - 2 \equiv 7 + (-2)$

But how do we negate a number? What do we have to do to z to get $-z$?

In two's Complement representation:

(i) Invert each bit

(ii) Add 1

For z : $z = 0010$

(i) Invert each bit $\rightarrow 1101$

(ii) Add 1 $\rightarrow 1110 = -2$

Negate -5 : $-5 = 1011$

(i) Invert $\rightarrow 0100$

(ii) add 1 $\rightarrow 0101 = 5$

etc

0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7
1000	-8
1001	-7
1010	-6
1011	-5
1100	-4
1101	-3
1110	-2
1111	-1

0 0 0 0	0	→	
0 0 0 1	1	→	1 1 1 1 -1
0 0 1 0	2	→	1 1 1 0 -2
0 0 1 1	3	→	1 1 0 1 -3
0 1 0 0	4	→	1 1 0 0 -4
0 1 0 1	5	→	1 0 1 1 -5
0 1 1 0	6	→	1 0 1 0 -6
0 1 1 1	7	→	1 0 0 1 -7
1 0 0 0	-8	→	1 0 0 0 -8
1 0 0 1	-7	→	0 1 1 1 7
1 0 1 0	-6	→	0 1 1 0 6
1 0 1 1	-5	→	0 1 0 1 5
1 1 0 0	-4	→	0 1 0 0 4
1 1 0 1	-3	→	0 0 1 1 3
1 1 1 0	-2	→	0 0 1 0 2
1 1 1 1	-1	→	0 0 0 1 1
			0 0 0 0 0

To negate a number x :

Get the bit-wise complement of x

(\bar{x}) and add 1.

Note: zero, and the max negative number
 $(-2^n, \text{ i.e., } -8 \text{ in our example})$

are unaffected by this transformation.

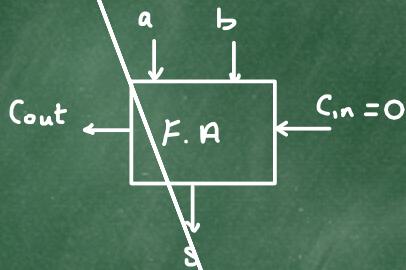
In general:

$$a - b = a + (-b) = a + (\bar{b} + 1)$$

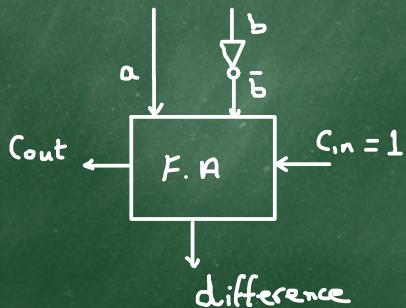
minus plus minus plus not plus

we see that we have reduced subtraction to a logical inversion and the addition of 3 things.

This puts us in mind of the F.A., which also add 3 things

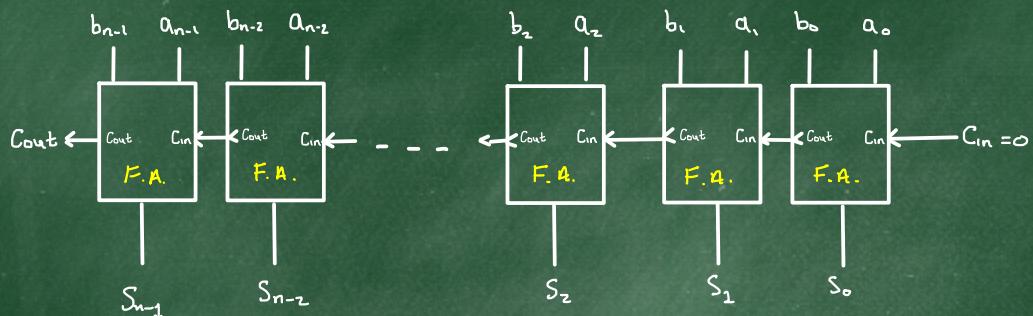


Since $a - b = a + (\bar{b} + 1)$ we can reuse our F.A. to do subtraction by inverting the b input and by setting the $C.in$ to 1, instead of 0:



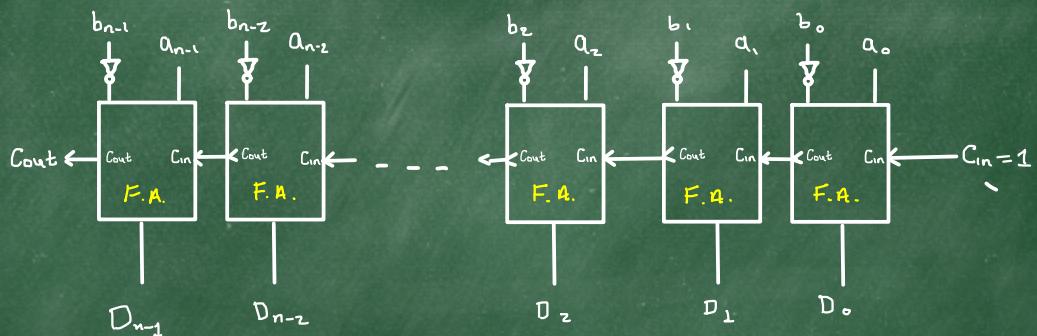
Mult-bit Subtraction

Recall



An n-bit multidigit Binary Ripple-Carry Addition

$$\begin{array}{r}
 A = \quad a_{n-2} \ a_{n-1} \dots a_2 \ a_1 \ a_0 \\
 + \quad b = \quad b_{n-2} \ b_{n-1} \dots b_2 \ b_1 \ b_0 \\
 \hline
 S = C_{out} \ S_{n-2} \ S_{n-1} \dots S_2 \ S_1 \ S_0
 \end{array}$$



An n-bit Ripple-Carry adder being used for subtraction

$$\begin{array}{r}
 A = \quad a_{n-2} \ a_{n-1} \dots a_2 \ a_1 \ a_0 \\
 - \quad b = \quad \overline{b_{n-2}} \ \overline{b_{n-1}} \ \dots \ \overline{b_2} \ \overline{b_1} \ \overline{b_0} \\
 \hline
 d = C_{out} \ d_{n-2} \ d_{n-1} \ \dots \ d_2 \ d_1 \ d_0
 \end{array}$$

Example Subtractions

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 5 - 6 = 5 + (-6) = 5 + ((\text{Inverse of } 6) + 1)$$

$$5 = 0101 \quad (\equiv a_3 a_2 a_1 a_0)$$

$$6 = 0110 \quad (\equiv b_3 b_2 b_1 b_0)$$

$$\text{Inverse of } 6 = 1001 \quad (\equiv \bar{b}_3 \bar{b}_2 \bar{b}_1 \bar{b}_0)$$

Therefore $5 - 6$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 0101 \\
 & + 1001 \\
 & + \underline{1} \quad (\equiv c_m = 1) \\
 \hline
 1111 & = -1, \text{ as required}
 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad -3 - z = -3 + (-z) = -3 + ((\text{Inverse } z) + 1)$$

$$-3 = 0011,$$

$$-3 = 1100 + 1 = 1101$$

$$z = 0010$$

$$\text{Inverse of } z = 1101$$

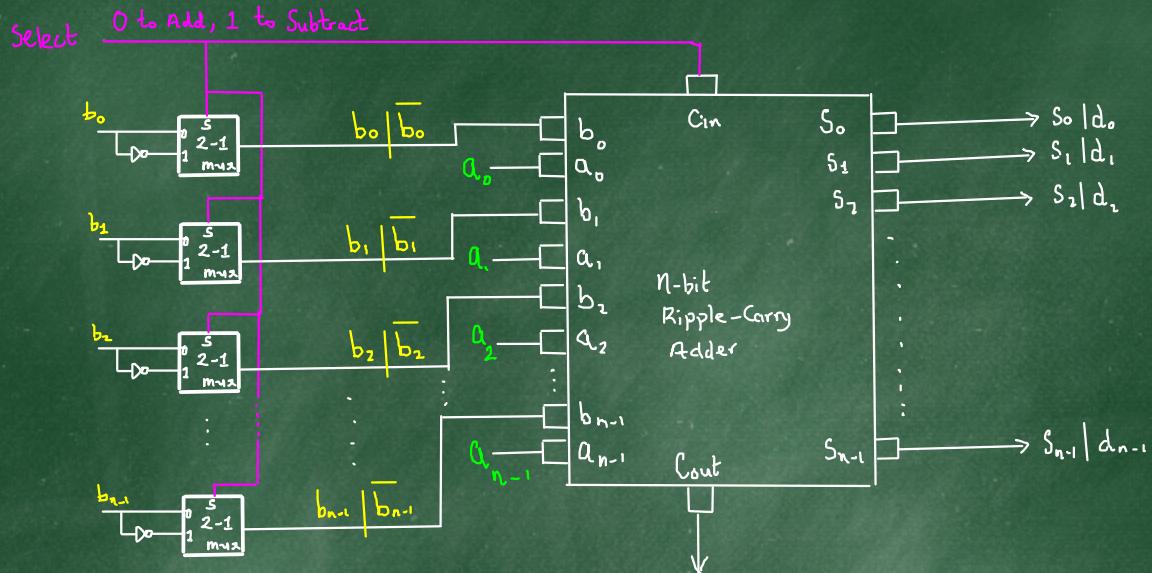
$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 1101 \\
 \text{Therefore } -3 - z & = + 1101 \\
 & + \underline{1} \\
 1 & \underline{\underline{1011}} \\
 & \Rightarrow = -5, \text{ as required.}
 \end{array}$$

ADD

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	6
0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	7
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-8
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-7
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6
1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1

Subtract

A Circuit to both add and to Subtract



Select acts as the Select line for the multiplexers
and as the Cin bit for the n-bit adder.

If Select = 0 we get $a + b$

If Select = 1 we get $a - b$

Therefore, Select can be viewed as an instruction — choosing different pathways through the circuit.

$$\text{Select} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{ADD } a, b$$

$$\text{Select} = 1 \Rightarrow \text{Sub } a, b$$