Addition of two 1's-complement numbers N₁ and N₂

A) Case 1

N1 and N2 are both positive.

RULE 1:

When N1 and N2 are both positive, add the numbers.

- a) If the left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number is a 0, it indicates that the answer is correct.
- b) If the left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number is a 1, it indicates an overflow (i.e. the answer is incorrect).

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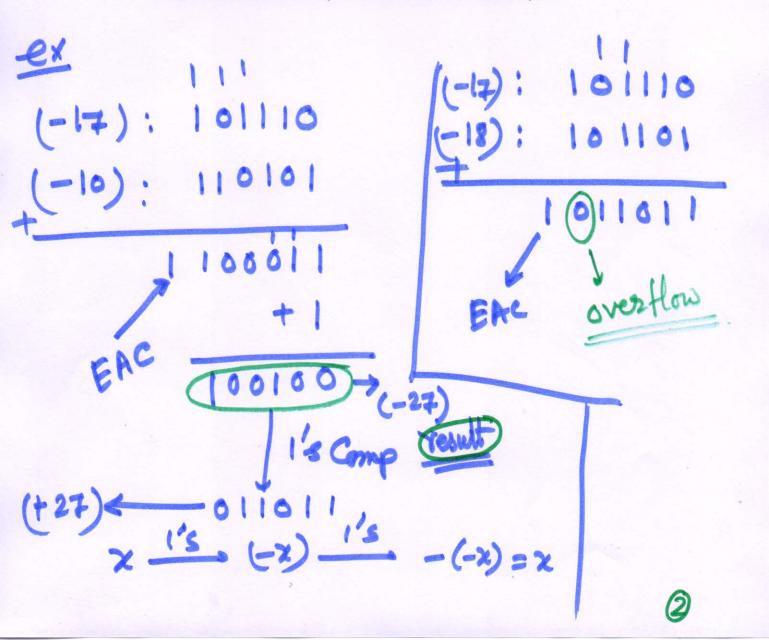
B) Case 2

N1 and N2 are both negative.

RULE 2:

When two negative numbers are added, an end-around-carry (EAC) always occurs. This EAC is added to the least significant bit (LSB) position.

- a) If the left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number is a 1, it indicates that the answer is correct. It signifies that the resulting number is negative, and to obtain its decimal value, take 1's-complement of the resulting number first and then convert it to decimal.
- b) If the left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number is a 0, it indicates an overflow (i.e. the answer is incorrect).



C) Case 3

N1 and N2 have different signs.

RULE 3:

Two numbers, N1 and N2, of unlike signs are added and

- a) If the positive number is larger, an EAC always occurs. This EAC is added to LSB position.
- b) If the negative number is larger, there is no such carry. The left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number turns out to be a 1 signifying a negative resulting number whose decimal value could be obtained by taking 1's-complement of the resulting number first and then converting the result to decimal.

Addition of two 2's-complement numbers N1 and N2

A) Case 1

N1 and N2 are both positive.

RULE 1:

When N1 and N2 are both positive, add the numbers.

- a) If the left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number is a 0, it indicates that the answer is correct.
- b) If the left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number is a 1, it indicates an overflow (i.e. the answer is incorrect).
 - The rule is same as that for the 1's-complement system.

B) Case 2

N1 and N2 are both negative.

RULE 2:

When two negative numbers are added, an EAC always occurs, but it must be disregarded.

- a) If the left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number is a 1, it indicates that the answer is correct. It signifies that the resulting number is negative, and to obtain its decimal value, take 2's-complement of the resulting number first and then convert it to decimal.
- b) If the left most bit (i.e. sign bit) of the resulting number is a 0, it indicates an overflow (i.e. the answer is incorrect).

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