

# Two's Complement

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- Subtraction is done using a concept of **radix complement** ( two's complement binary)
- $A - B = A + (-B)$
- The **two's complement** of an N-bit number is defined as its complement with respect to  $2^N$ ; the sum of a number and its two's complement is  $2^N$
- **Example:**
  - For the three-bit number 010, the two's complement is 110, because  $010+110 = 8$  which is equal to  $2^3$ . The two's complement is calculated by **inverting the digits and adding one**

*Question:*

0011 1011 **and** 0010 0110 in binary

Let's find two's complement for subtrahend:

**Step 1:**

take the second number , 0010 0110, invert

**Step 2:**

1101 1001, add 1

**Step 3:**

1101 1010, sum with the first number

**Step 4:**

1101 1010

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**0011 1011**

**40001 0101 = 21**