## Signed 8-bit Operands

- D7 (MSB) is the sign and D0 to D6 are the magnitude of the number
  - ▶ If D7=0, the operand is positive, and if D7=1, it is negative



- Positive numbers are 0 to +127
- Negative number representation (2's complement)
  - 1. Write the magnitude of the number in 8-bit binary (no sign)
  - 2. Invert each bit
  - 3. Add 1 to it



Signed 8-bit Operands (cont') Show how the 8051 would represent -34H

#### **Solution:**

- 1. 0011 0100 34H given in binary
- 2. 1100 1011 invert each bit
- 3. 1100 1100 add 1 (which is CC in hex)

Signed number representation of -34 in 2's complement is CCH

Decimal	Binary	Hex
-128	1000 0000	80
-127	1000 0001	81
-126	1000 0010	82
-2	1111 1110	FE
-1	1111 1111	FF
0	0000 0000	00
+1	0000 0001	01
+2	0000 0010	02
+127	0111 1111	7F



## Overflow Problem

- If the result of an operation on signed numbers is too large for the register
  - An overflow has occurred and the programmer must be noticed

Examine the following code and analyze the result.

```
MOV A, #+96 ;A=0110 0000 (A=60H)
MOV R1, #+70 ;R1=0100 0110(R1=46H)
ADD A,R1 ;A=1010 0110
;A=A6H=-90,INVALID
```

#### **Solution:**

$$+96$$
 0110 0000  
+  $+70$  0100 0110  
+ 166 1010 0110 and OV =1

According to the CPU, the result is -90, which is wrong. The CPU sets OV=1 to indicate the overflow

**OV Flag** 

# In 8-bit signed number operations, OV is set to 1 if either occurs:

- 1. There is a carry from D6 to D7, but no carry out of D7 (CY=0)
- 2. There is a carry from D7 out (CY=1), but no carry from D6 to D7

OV = 1The result +126 is wrong



OV Flag (cont')

OV = 0The result -7 is correct

OV = 0The result +25 is correct



OV Flag (cont')

- In unsigned number addition, we must monitor the status of CY (carry)
  - ▶ Use JNC or JC instructions
- In signed number addition, the OV (overflow) flag must be monitored by the programmer
  - > JB PSW. 2 or JNB PSW. 2

2's Complement To make the 2's complement of a number

```
CPL A ;1's complement (invert)
ADD A,#1 ;add 1 to make 2's comp.
```