



# One's and Two's Complement Method of Subtraction

# Introduction

## ❑ What is Binary Subtraction?

- ❑ Binary subtraction is the process of subtracting binary numbers (base-2).
- ❑ Direct subtraction can be complex due to borrowing.
- ❑ Complement methods simplify binary subtraction by converting it into addition.

# Why Use Complement Methods for Subtraction?

- ❑ Simplifies subtraction by converting it into addition.
- ❑ Avoids the complexity of borrowing in binary..
- ❑ Widely used in computer systems for arithmetic operations.

# One's Complement method

- ❑ One's complement is obtained by inverting all the bits ( $0 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $1 \rightarrow 0$ ) of a binary number.
- ❑ Example:
  - ❑ Binary number: 1011--0100
- ❑ Steps:
  - ❑ Find the one's complement of the subtrahend (the number being subtracted).
  - ❑ Add the complement to the minuend (the number from which subtraction is done).
  - ❑ If there is a carryover, add it back to the result (end-around carry).
  - ❑ If not the result is negative and in it's 1 complement form.

❑ **Example:** Subtract 0101 (5) from 1010 (10):

❑ step 1: One's complement of subtrahend: 1010

❑ step 2:

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1010
+1010
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10100
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❑ step 3: End-around carry:

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0100
+   1
-----
0101 (5)
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❑ Result: 0101 (5)

# Two's Complement Method

❑ Two's complement is obtained by inverting all the bits and adding 1 to the least significant bit (LSB).

❑ Example: Binary number: 1011

❑ One's complement: 0100

❑ add 1 to the one's complement

❑ Two's complement: 0101

# Steps for Subtraction:

## □ Steps:

- Find the two's complement of the subtrahend.
- Add the complement to the minuend
- If final carry generated the result is in its true form (discard the carry)
- Otherwise the result is negative and in its 2 complement form

## ❑ Example: Subtract 0101 (5) from 1010 (10):

❑ Step 1: Two's complement of subtrahend: 1011

❑ Step 2: Add minuend and complement



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1010
+1011
-----
10101
```

❑ Step 3: Discard the carry: Result is 0101 (5).



# Comparison of One's and Two's Complement

Aspect	One's Complement	Two's Complement
Definition	Invert all bits	Invert all bits and add 1
End-around Carry	Required	Not required
Complexity	Slightly more complex	Simpler and more efficient
Usage	Less common	Widely used in computers

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