

Complements

Complements are used in digital computers for simplifying the subtraction operation and for logical manipulation. There are two types of complements for each base r system: the r 's complement and the $(r - 1)$'s complement.

When the value of the base r is substituted in the name, the two types are referred to as the 2's and 1's complement for binary numbers and the 10's and 9's complement for decimal numbers.

$(r - 1)$'s Complement

9's Complement

- Given a number N in base r having n digits, the $(r - 1)$'s complement of N is defined as $(r^n - 1) - N$.
- For decimal numbers $r = 10$ and $r - 1 = 9$, so the 9's complement of N is $(10^n - 1) - N$.
- 10^n represents a number that consists of a single 1 followed by n 0's.
- $10^n - 1$ is a number represented by n 9's.
- For example, with $n = 4$ we have $10^4 = 10000$ and $10^4 - 1 = 9999$. It follows that the 9's complement of a decimal number is obtained by subtracting each digit from 9.
- For example, the 9's complement of 546700 is $999999 - 546700 = 453299$ and the 9's complement of 12389 is $99999 - 12389 = 87610$.

1's Complement

- 1's complement of N is $(2^n - 1) - N$.
- 2^n is represented by a binary number that consists of a 1 followed by n 0's.
- $(2^n - 1)$ is a binary number represented by n 1's.
- For example, with $n = 4$, we have $2^4 = (10000)_2$ and $2^4 - 1 = (1111)_2$. Thus the 1's complement of a binary number is obtained by subtracting each digit from 1.
- However, the subtraction of a binary digit from 1 causes the bit to change from 0 to 1 or from 1 to 0. Therefore, the 1's complement of a binary number is formed by changing 0 to 1 and 1 to 0. For example, the 1's complement of 1011001 is 0100110.

The $(r - 1)$'s complement of octal or hexadecimal numbers are obtained by subtracting each digit from 7 or F (decimal 15) respectively.

7's Complement

Example of Finding the $(r - 1)$'s complement of octal

Let's take an octal number, for example, 245_8

Step 1: Find the 7's Complement

To find the 7's complement of 245_8 , subtract each digit from 7:

- First digit: $7 - 2 = 5$
- Second digit: $7 - 4 = 3$
- Third digit: $7 - 5 = 2$

So, the 7's complement of $245_8 = 532_8$

15's Complement

Example of Finding the $(r - 1)$'s complement of octal

Let's take a hexadecimal number as an example: $2A3_{16}$

Step 1: Find the 15's Complement

To find the 15's complement of $2A3_{16}$ subtract each digit from 15. In hexadecimal, the digits are: 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, A, B, C, D, E, F (where A = 10, B = 11, C = 12, D = 13, E = 14, F = 15).

So for each digit:

- **First digit (2):** $15 - 2 = 13$. In hexadecimal, 13 is represented as D.
- **Second digit (A):** $15 - 10 = 5$. So, A becomes 5.
- **Third digit (3):** $15 - 3 = 12$. In hexadecimal, 12 is represented as C.

So, the 15's complement of $2A3_{16}$ is $D5C_{16}$