The following are a few examples of bitwise logical operations and basic arithmetic operations supported by ALUs:

- Addition. Adds A and B with carry-in or carry-out sum at Y.
- **Subtraction.** Subtracts B from A or vice versa with the difference at Y and carry-in or carry-out.
- **Increment.** Where A or B is increased by one and Y represents the new value.
- Decrement. Where A or B is decreased by one and Y represents the new value.
- AND. The bitwise logic AND of A and B is represented by Y.
- OR. The bitwise logic OR of A and B is represented by Y.
- Exclusive-OR. The bitwise logic XOR of A and B is represented by Y.

ALU shift functions cause A or B operands to shift, either right or left, with the new operand represented by Y. Complex ALUs utilize barrel shifters to shift A or B operands by any number of bits in a single operation.