# Comparison of the unsigned and signed numbers:

• CMP instruction changes the flag bits CF, AF, SF, PF, ZF, and OF according to the comparison result.

## Comparison of the unsigned numbers:

CF and ZF are used to indicate the comparison result of the unsigned operands.

Comparison results	Flags
Destination > source	CF=0 and ZF=0
Destination < source	CF=1
Destination = source	ZF=1

**Comparison of the signed numbers:** SF, OF, and ZF are used to indicate the comparison result of the signed operands.

Comparison results	Flags
Destination > source	SF=OF and ZF=0
Destination < source	SF ≠ OF
Destination = source	ZF=1

#### **Example:**

MOV AX, 40

CMP AX, 30; Result = 10, SF = 0, OF = 0, ZF = 0

## **Example:**

MOV AX, 10

CMP AX, 15; Result = -5, SF = 1, OF = 0

## **Example:**

MOV AX, 5

CMP AX, 5; Result = 0, ZF = 1

## **Example:**

MOV AX, 25

CMP AX, 0; Result = 25, ZF = 0, CF = 0

## **Example:**

MOV AX, 10

CMP AX, 15; Result = -5, CF = 1

## **Example:**

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MOV AX, 5
CMP AX, 5; Result = 0, ZF = 1
```

**Example:** For each of the following Assembly instructions, show the results of the Compare instructions, SF, ZF, CF, and OF flags.

```
MOV AL, 12; 12 and 10 are unsigned numbers (12 > 10) CMP AL, 10; result = 2, CF = 0, ZF = 0 MOV AL, 0; 0 and 2 are unsigned numbers (0 < 2) CMP AL, 2; result = -2, CF = 1
```

**Example:** For each of the following signed arithmetic instructions, show the values of the destination operand, SF, ZF, and OF flags.

```
; AL = +127 = 7Fh
MOV AL, 127
               ; AL = -128 = 80h, SF = 1, ZF = 0, OF = 1
ADD AL, 1
              ; AL = 80h = -128
; AL = 7Eh = +126, SF = 0, ZF = 0, OF = 1
MOV AL, 80h
ADD AL, OFEh
MOV AL, 03h
               ; AL = 03h = +3
SUB AL, 04h
               ; AL = -1 = FFh, SF = 1, ZF = 0, OF = 0, SF \neq OF (destination < source)
MOV AL, 03h
               ; AL = +3
SUB AL, 01h
               ; AL = +2 = 02h, SF = 0, ZF = 0, OF = 0, SF = OF (destination > source)
MOV AL, 5
               ; AL = +5 = 05h
SUB AL, 5
               ; AL = +0 = 00h, SF = 0, ZF = 1, OF = 0 (destination = source)
```