Arithmetic and Logic Instructions

Introduction

- We examine the arithmetic and logic instructions. The arithmetic instructions include addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, comparison, negation, increment, and decrement.
- The logic instructions include AND, OR, Exclusive-OR, NOT, shifts, rotates, and the logical compare (TEST).

ADD

- The general format of ADD instruction is
- ADD destination, source
- The ADD instruction directs the CPU to add the value contained in the destination operand and put the result in destination operand

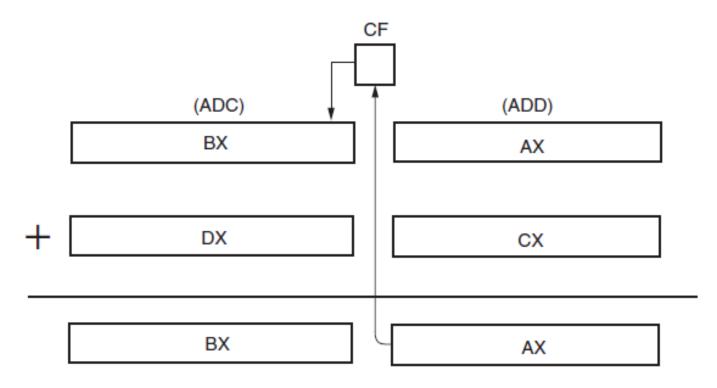
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Register, Memory (e.g., ADD AX, Var1)
Memory, Register (e.g., ADD Var1, AX)
Register, Register (e.g., ADD AX, BX)
Memory, Immediate (e.g., ADD Var1, 4)
Register, Immediate (e.g., ADD AX, 4)
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Assembly Language	Operation
ADD AL,BL	AL = AL + BL
ADD CX,DI	CX = CX + DI
ADD EBP,EAX	EBP = EBP + EAX
ADD CL,44H	CL = CL + 44H
ADD BX,245FH	BX = BX + 245FH
ADD EDX,12345H	EDX = EDX + 12345H
ADD [BX],AL	AL adds to the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by BX with the sum stored in the same memory location
ADD CL,[BP]	The byte contents of the stack segment memory location addressed by BP add to CL with the sum stored in CL
ADD AL,[EBX]	The byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by EBX add to AL with the sum stored in AL
ADD BX,[SI+2]	The word contents of the data segment memory location addressed by SI + 2 add to BX with the sum stored in BX
ADD CL,TEMP	The byte contents of data segment memory location TEMP add to CL with the sum stored in CL
ADD BX,TEMP[DI]	The word contents of the data segment memory location addressed by TEMP + DI add to BX with the sum stored in BX
ADD [BX+D],DL	DL adds to the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by BX + DI with the sum stored in the same memory location
ADD BYTE PTR [DI],3	A 3 adds to the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by DI with the sum stored in the same location
ADD BX,[EAX+2*ECX]	The word contents of the data segment memory location addressed by EAX plus 2 times ECX add to BX with the sum stored in BX
ADD RAX,RBX	RBX adds to RAX with the sum stored in RAX (64-bit mode)
ADD EDX,[RAX+RCX]	The doubleword in EDX is added to the doubleword addressed by the sum of RAX and RCX and the sum is stored in EDX (64-bit mode)

Addition-with-Carry

- An addition-with-carry instruction (ADC) adds the bit in the carry flag (C) to the operand data.
- ADC affects the flags after the addition

Assembly Language	Operation
ADC AL,AH	AL = AL + AH + carry
ADC CX,BX	CX = CX + BX + carry
ADC EBX,EDX	EBX = EBX + EDX + carry
ADC RBX,0	RBX = RBX + 0 + carry (64-bit mode)
ADC DH,[BX]	The byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by BX add to DH with the sum stored in DH
ADC BX,[BP+2]	The word contents of the stack segment memory location addressed by BP plus 2 add to BX with the sum stored in BX
ADC ECX,[EBX]	The doubleword contents of the data segment memory location addressed by EBX add to ECX with the sum stored in ECX



Addition with-carry showing how the carry flag (C) links the two 16-bit additions into one 32-bit addition.

Increment Addition

- Increment addition (INC) adds 1 to a register or a memory location.
- INC instruction adds 1 to any register or memory location, except a segment register

Assembly Language	Operation
INC BL	BL = BL + 1
INC SP	SP = SP + 1
INC EAX	EAX = EAX + 1
INC BYTE PTR[BX]	Adds 1 to the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by BX
INC WORD PTR[SI]	Adds 1 to the word contents of the data segment memory location addressed by SI
INC DWORD PTR[ECX]	Adds 1 to the doubleword contents of the data segment memory location addressed by ECX
INC DATA1	Adds 1 to the contents of data segment memory location DATA1
INC RCX	Adds 1 to RCX (64-bit mode)

Subtraction

- The general format of the SUB instruction is
- SUB destination, source
- SUB instruction directs the CPU to subtract the value contained in the source operand from the value contained in the destination operand and put the result in the destination operand.

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Register, Memory (e.g., SUB AX, Var1)
Memory, Register (e.g., SUB Var1, AX)
Register, Register (e.g., SUB AX, BX)
Memory, Immediate (e.g., SUB Var1, 4)
Register, Immediate (e.g., SUB AX, 4)
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Immediate Subtraction

• microprocessor also allows immediate operands for the subtraction of constant data

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MOV CH, 22H

SUB CH, 44H
Z = 0 \text{ (result not zero)}
C = 1 \text{ (borrow)}
A = 1 \text{ (half-borrow)}
S = 1 \text{ (result negative)}
P = 1 \text{ (even parity)}
O = 0 \text{ (no overflow)}
Flags changed
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Assembly Language	Operation
SUB CL,BL	CL = CL - BL
SUB AX,SP	AX = AX - SP
SUB ECX,EBP	ECX = ECX - EBP
SUB RDX,R8	RDX = RDX - R8 (64-bit mode)
SUB DH,6FH	DH = DH - 6FH
SUB AX,0CCCCH	AX = AX - 0CCCCH
SUB ESI,2000300H	ESI = ESI - 2000300H
SUB [DI],CH	Subtracts CH from the byte contents of the data segment memory addressed by DI and stores the difference in the same memory location
SUB CH,[BP]	Subtracts the byte contents of the stack segment memory location addressed by BP from CH and stores the difference in CH
SUB AH,TEMP	Subtracts the byte contents of memory location TEMP from AH and stores the difference in AH
SUB DI,TEMP[ESI]	Subtracts the word contents of the data segment memory location addressed by TEMP plus ESI from DI and stores the difference in DI
SUB ECX,DATA1	Subtracts the doubleword contents of memory location DATA1 from ECX and stores the difference in ECX
SUB RCX,16	RCX = RCX - 18 (64-bit mode)

Decrement Subtraction

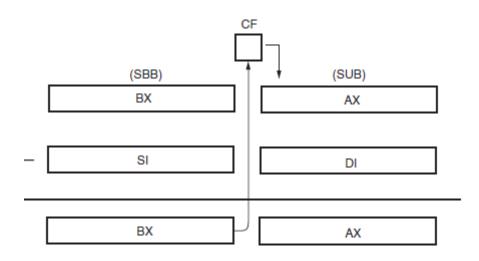
• Decrement subtraction (DEC) subtracts 1 from a register or the contents of a memory location.

Assembly Language	Operation
DEC BH	BH = BH - 1
DEC CX	CX = CX - 1
DEC EDX	EDX = EDX - 1
DEC R14	R14 = R14 - 1 (64-bit mode)
DEC BYTE PTR[DI]	Subtracts 1 from the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by DI
DEC WORD PTR[BP]	Subtracts 1 from the word contents of the stack segment mem- ory location addressed by BP
DEC DWORD PTR[EBX]	Subtracts 1 from the doubleword contents of the data segment memory location addressed by EBX
DEC QWORD PTR[RSI]	Subtracts 1 from the quadword contents of the memory location addressed by RSI (64-bit mode)
DEC NUMB	Subtracts 1 from the contents of data segment memory location NUMB

Subtraction-with-Borrow

• A subtraction-with-borrow (SBB) instruction functions as a regular subtraction, except that the carry flag (C), which holds the borrow, also subtracts from the difference.

Assembly Language	Operation
SBB AH,AL	AH = AH - AL - carry
SBB AX,BX	AX = AX - BX - carry
SBB EAX,ECX	EAX = EAX - ECX - carry
SBB CL,2	CL = CL - 2 - carry
SBB RBP,8	RBP = RBP-2 - carry (64-bit mode)
SBB BYTE PTR[DI],3	Both 3 and carry subtract from the data segment memory location addressed by DI
SBB [DI],AL	Both AL and carry subtract from the data segment memory location addressed by DI
SBB DI,[BP+2]	Both carry and the word contents of the stack segment memory location addressed by BP plus 2 subtract from DI
SBB AL,[EBX+ECX]	Both carry and the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by EBX plus ECX subtract from AL



Comparison

- The comparison instruction (CMP) is a subtraction that changes only the flag bits;
- The destination operand never changes. A comparison is useful for checking the entire contents of a register or a memory location against another value.
- A CMP is normally followed by a conditional jump instruction, which tests the condition of the flag bits.

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CMP AL, 10H
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Assembly Language	Operation
CMP CL,BL	CL – BL
CMP AX,SP	AX – SP
CMP EBP,ESI	EBP – ESI
CMP RDI,RSI	RDI – RSI (64-bit mode)
CMP AX,2000H	AX – 2000H
CMP R10W,12H	R10 (word portion) – 12H (64-bit mode)
CMP [DI],CH	CH subtracts from the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by DI
CMP CL,[BP]	The byte contents of the stack segment memory location addressed by BP subtracts from CL
CMP AH,TEMP	The byte contents of data segment memory location TEMP subtracts from AH
CMP DI,TEMP[BX]	The word contents of the data segment memory location addressed by TEMP plus BX subtracts from DI
CMP AL,[EDI+ESI]	The byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by EDI plus ESI subtracts from AL

Multiplication

- The format of MUL is
- MUL operand

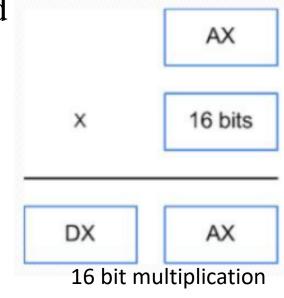
Register (e.g., MUL BL) Memory (e.g., MUL Var1)

• The operation is as follows:

✓ If the operation is a MUL instruction is 16 bit wide, then it is the

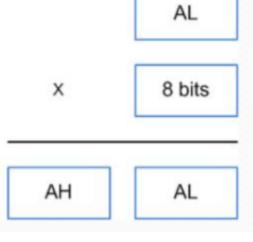
multiplier and the AX register is the multiplicand

✓ The product appears in the DX/AX register pair



✓ If the operand of a MUL instruction is only 8bits wide, then it is the multiplier and the AL register is the multiplicand. The product appears

in the AX register.



8 bits multiplication

Assembly Language	Operation
MUL CL	AL is multiplied by CL; the unsigned product is in AX
IMUL DH	AL is multiplied by DH; the signed product is in AX
IMUL BYTE PTR[BX]	AL is multiplied by the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by BX; the signed product is in AX
MUL TEMP	AL is multiplied by the byte contents of data segment memory location TEMP; the unsigned product is in AX

Division

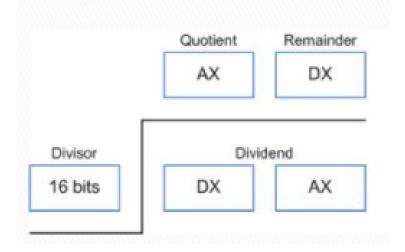
- The format of division instruction is
- DIV operand

Division operation is as follows:

• If the operand in a DIV instruction is 16bits wide, the contents of the operand are divided into the DX/AX register pair

• Integer part of the quotient is stored in AX, and the remainder is stored

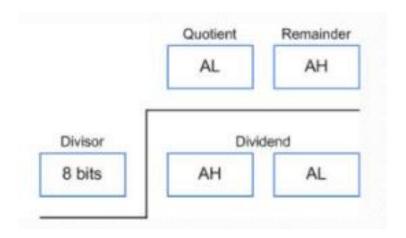
in DX



• If the operand of a DIV instruction is only 8bits wide, the contents of the operand are divided into AX.

• Integer part of the quotient is stored in AL, and the remainder is stored

in AH.



BCD and ASCII Arithmetic

- The microprocessor allows arithmetic manipulation of both BCD (binary-coded decimal) and ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) data.
- BCD operations occur in systems such as point-of-sales terminals (e.g., cash registers) and others that seldom require complex arithmetic.

BCD Arithmetic

- Two arithmetic techniques operate with BCD data: addition and subtraction.
- DAA (decimal adjust after addition) instruction follows BCD addition,
- DAS (decimal adjust after subtraction) follows BCD subtraction.
 - both correct the result of addition or subtraction so it is a BCD number

DAA Instruction

- DAA follows the ADD or ADC instruction to adjust the result into a BCD result.
- After adding the BL and DL registers, the result is adjusted with a DAA instruction before being stored in CL.

DAS Instruction

• Functions as does DAA instruction, except it follows a subtraction instead of an addition.

EXAMPLE 5-18

0000 BA 1234	MOV	DX,1234H	;load 1234 BCD
0003 BB 3099	MOV	вх,3099Н	;load 3099 BCD
0006 8A C3	MOV	AL,BL	;sum BL and DL
0008 02 C2	ADD	AL,DL	
000A 27	DAA		
000B 8A C8	VOM	CL,AL	;answer to CL
000D 9A C7	VOM	AL,BH	;sum BH, DH an carry
000F 12 C6	ADC	AL,DH	
0011 27	DAA		
0012 8A E8	MOV	CH, AL	;answer to CH

MOV AL,71H

SUB AL,43H; AL = 2EH

DAS ; AL = 28 H

- If the least significant four bits in AL are>9 or if AF=1, it subtracts 6 from AL and sets AF
- If the most significant four bits in AL are >9 or if CF=1, it subtracts 60 from AL and sets the CF

Processing Packed BCD Numbers

- Two instructions to process packed BCD numbers
- 1. DAA Decimal Adjust after addition used after ADD or ADC instruction
- 2. DAS Decimal adjust after subtraction used after SUB or SBB instruction
- No support for multiplication or division

ASCII Arithmetic

- ASCII arithmetic instructions function with coded numbers, value 30H to 39H for 0–9.
- Four instructions in ASCII arithmetic operations:
 - AAA (ASCII adjust after addition)
 - AAD (ASCII adjust before division)
 - AAM (ASCII adjust after multiplication)
 - AAS (ASCII adjust after subtraction)
- These instructions use register AX as the source and as the destination.

BCD Number System

• BCD number system:

- In computer literature one encounters two terms for BCD numbers:
- Unpacked BCD
- In unpacked BCD, the lower 4 bits of the number represent the BCD number and the rest of the bits are 0.
- Example: 0000 1001 and 0000 0101 are unpacked BCD for 9 and 5, respectively.
- Packed BCD
- In the case of packed BCD, a single byte has two BCD numbers in it, one in the lower 4 bits and one in the upper 4 bits.
- Example: 0101 1001 is packed BCD for 59. It takes only a byte of memory to store the packed BCD operands.

ASCII numbers

Key	ASCII	Binary	BCD unpacked
	(hex)		
0	30	011 0000	0000 0000
1	31	011 0001	0000 0001
2	32	011 0010	0000 0010
3	33	011 0011	0000 0011
4	34	011 0100	0000 0100
5	35	011 0101	0000 0101
6	36	011 0110	0000 0110
7	37	011 0111	0000 0111
8	38	011 1000	0000 1000
9	39	011 1001	0000 1001

ASCII to BCD conversion:

ASCII to unpacked BCD conversion:

To convert ASCII data to BCD, the programmer must get rid of the tagged "011" in the highest 4 bits of the ASCII. To do that, each ASCII number is ANDed with "0000 1111" (0FH).

ASCII to packed BCD conversion:

To convert ASCII to packet BCD, it is first converted to unpacked BCD (to get rid of 3) and then combined to make packed BCD. For example, for 9 and 5 the keyboard gives 39 and 35 receptively. The goal is to produce 95H or "1001 0101", which is called packed BCD.

Key	ASCII	Unpacked BCD	Packed BCD
4	34	0000 0100	0100 0111
7	37	0000 0111	Or 47H

AAA Instruction

- ASCII adjust AL after addition.
- Adjusts the sum of two unpacked BCD values to create an unpacked BCD result.
- The AL register is the implied source and destination operand for this instruction.
- only useful when it follows an ADD instruction

MOV AL, '5'; AL=35

ADD AL, '2'; add to AL 32 the ASCII of 2

AAA ; changes 67H to 07H

OR AL, 30 ; OR AL with 30 to get ASCII

AAS Instruction

- Adjusts the result of the subtraction of two unpacked BCD values to create a unpacked BCD result.
- The AL register is the implied source and destination operand for this instruction.
- only useful when it follows an SUB instruction.

MOV AH, 0 ; AH=0 MOV AL, '8' ; AX=0038H SUB AL, '9' ; AX=00FFH AAS ; AX=FF09H OR AL, 30h ; AX=FF39H

AAM Instruction

- Adjust the result of the multiplication of two unpacked BCD values to create a pair of unpacked BCD values.
- The AX register is the implied source and destination.
- The AAM instruction is only useful when it follows a MUL instruction.

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MOV BL, 5

MOV AL, 6

MUL BL ; AX= 001EH

AAM ; AX= 0300H
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• The AAM instruction is used to adjust the content of the AL and AH registers after the AL register has been used to perform the multiplication of two unpacked BCD bytes. The CPU uses the following simple logic: $al = al \mod 10$ ah = al/10

AAD Instruction

- Appears before a division.
- The AAD instruction requires the AX register contain a twodigit unpacked BCD number (not ASCII) before executing.
- Before dividing the unpacked BCD by another unpacked BCD, AAD is used to convert it to HEX. By doing that the quotient and reminder are both in unpacked BCD.

MOV AX,3539H ;AX=3539 ASCII for 59

AND AX,0F0FH; AH=05, AL=09 unpacked BCD data

AAD ; AX=003BH hex equivalent of 59

MOV BH,08H ; divide by 08

DIV BH ; 3B/08 gives AL=07, AH=03

OR AX,3030H; AL=37H (quotient) AH=33H (rem)

LOGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

AND

- Performs logical multiplication, illustrated by a truth table
- AND op1, op2
- This performs a bitwise Logical AND of two operands.
- The result of the operation is stored in the op1 and used to set the flags.
- Each bit of the result is set to 1 if the corresponding bit in both of the operands are 1. Otherwise the bit in the result is cleared to 0

Α	В	Т
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

• AND clears bits of a binary number called as masking

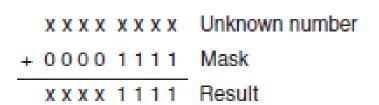
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00001111 Mask
0000 xxxx Result
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- AND uses any mode except memory-to memory and segment register addressing.
- An ASCII number can be converted to BCD by using AND to mask off the leftmost four binary bit positions

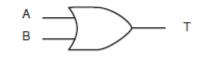
Assembly Language	Operation		
AND AL,BL	AL = AL and BL		
AND CX,DX	CX = CX and DX		
AND ECX,EDI	ECX = ECX and EDI		
AND RDX,RBP	RDX = RDX and RBP (64-bit mode)		
AND CL,33H	CL = CL and 33H		
AND DI,4FFFH	DI = DI and 4FFFH		
AND ESI,34H	ESI = ESI and 34H		
AND RAX,1	RAX = RAX and 1 (64-bit mode)		
AND AX,[DI]	The word contents of the data segment memory location addressed by DI are ANDed with AX		
AND ARRAY[SI],AL	The byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by ARRAY plus SI are ANDed with AL		
AND [EAX],CL	CL is ANDed with the byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by ECX		

OR

- Performs logical addition
- The OR instruction uses any addressing mode except segment register addressing
- The OR function generates a logic 1 output if any inputs are 1.
- The OR gate sets (1) for any bit of a binary number.



Α	В	T
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1



Assembly Language	Operation
OR AH,BL	AL = AL or BL
OR SI,DX	SI = SI or DX
OR EAX,EBX	EAX = EAX or EBX
OR R9,R10	R9 = R9 or R10 (64-bit mode)
OR DH,0A3H	DH = DH or 0A3H
OR SP,990DH	SP = SP or 990DH
OR EBP,10	EBP = EBP or 10
OR RBP,1000H	RBP = RBP or 1000H (64-bit mode)
OR DX,[BX]	DX is ORed with the word contents of data segment memory location addressed by BX
OR DATES[DI + 2],AL	The byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by DI plus 2 are ORed with AL

Exclusive-OR

- Differs from Inclusive-OR (OR) in that the 1,1 condition of Exclusive-OR produces a 0.
- a 1,1 condition of the OR function produces a 1
- The Exclusive-OR operation excludes this condition; the Inclusive-OR includes it.
- If inputs of the Exclusive-OR function are both 0 or both 1, the output is 0; if the inputs are different, the output is 1
- Exclusive-OR is sometimes called a comparator
- XOR uses any addressing mode except segment register addressing.

- Exclusive-OR is useful if some bits of a register or memory location must be inverted
- Figure shows how just part of an unknown quantity can be inverted by XOR.
 - when a 1 Exclusive-ORs with X, the result is X'
 - if a 0 Exclusive-ORs with X, the result is X

Assembly Language	Operation
XOR CH,DL	CH = CH xor DL
XOR SI,BX	SI = SI xor BX
XOR EBX,EDI	EBX = EBX xor EDI
XOR RAX,RBX	RAX = RAX xor RBX (64-bit mode)
XOR AH,0EEH	AH = AH xor 0EEH
XOR DI,00DDH	DI = DI xor 00DDH
XOR ESI,100	ESI = ESI xor 100
XOR R12,20	R12 = R12 xor 20 (64-bit mode)
XOR DX,[SI]	DX is Exclusive-ORed with the word contents of the data segment memory location addressed by SI
XOR DEAL[BP+2],AH	AH is Exclusive-ORed with the byte contents of the stack segment memory location addressed by BP plus 2

Test and Bit Test Instructions

- TEST performs the AND operation
 - only affects the condition of the flag register, which indicates the result of the test
 - functions the same manner as a CMP
 - Normally tests a single bit or multiple bits
- Usually followed by either the JZ (jump if zero) or JNZ (jump if not zero) instruction.
 - > Z=0 if the bit under test is not zero
 - > Z=1 if the bit under test is a zero

• The destination operand is normally tested against immediate data (indicating the bit weight).

Operation
DL is ANDed with DH
CX is ANDed with BX
EDX is ANDed with ECX
RDX is ANDed with R15 (64-bit mode)
AH is ANDed with 4
EAX is ANDed with 256

NOT and NEG

- The NOT instruction inverts all bits of a byte, word, or doubleword. One's complement.
 - > None of flags affected.
- NEG two's complements a number.
 - ➤ the arithmetic sign of a signed number changes from positive to negative or negative to positive
 - The CF flag cleared to 0 if the source operand is 0; otherwise it is set to 1. other flags are set according to the result.
- The NOT function is considered logical, NEG function is considered an arithmetic operation.
- NOT and NEG can use any addressing mode except segment register addressing.

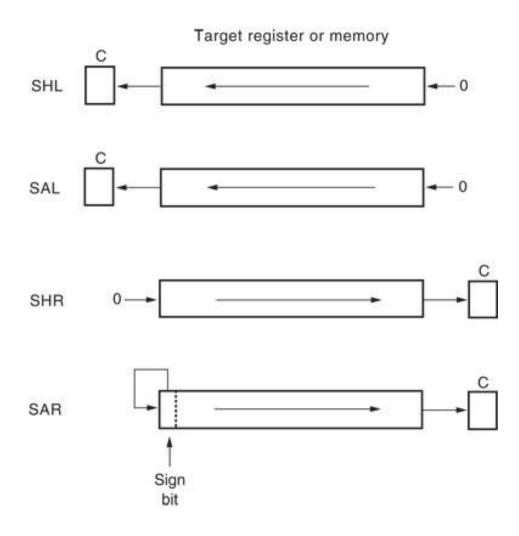
Assembly Language	O peration
NOT CH	CH is one's complemented
NEG CH	CH is two's complemented
NEG AX	AX is two's complemented
NOT EBX	EBX is one's complemented
NEG ECX	ECX is two's complemented
NOT RAX	RAX is one's complemented (64-bit mode)
NOT TEMP	The contents of data segment memory location TEMP is one's complemented
NOT BYTE PTR[BX]	The byte contents of the data segment memory location addressed by BX are one's complemented

Shift and Rotate

- Shift and rotate instructions manipulate binary numbers at the binary bit level.
 - as did AND, OR, Exclusive-OR, and NOT
- Common applications in low-level software used to control I/O devices.
- The microprocessor contains a complete complement of shift and rotate instructions that are used to shift or rotate any memory data or register.

Shift

- Position or move numbers to the left or right within a register or memory location.
 - also perform simple arithmetic as multiplication by powers of 2^{+n} (left shift) and division by powers of 2^{-n} (right shift).
- The microprocessor's instruction set contains four different shift instructions:
 - two are logical; two are arithmetic shifts
- All four shift operations appear in Figure .



- logical shifts move 0 in the rightmost bit for a logical left shift;
- The arithmetic shift left is identical to the logical shift left.
- > 0 to the leftmost bit position for a logical right shift
- arithmetic right shift copies the sign-bit through the number.

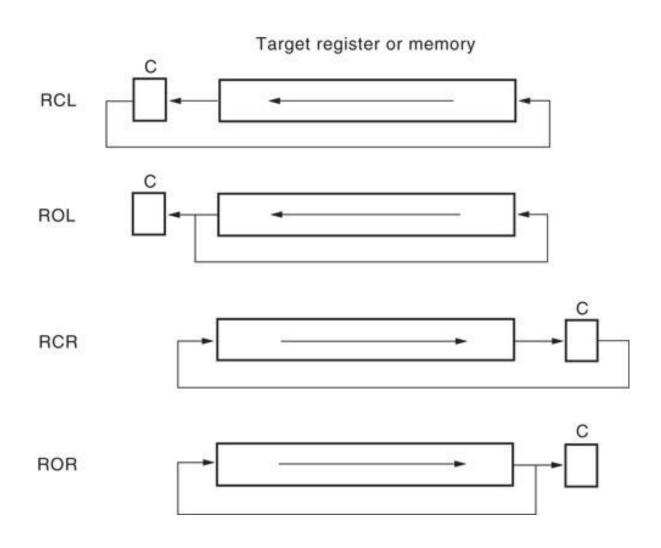
- Logical shifts multiply or divide unsigned data, arithmetic shifts multiply or divide signed data.
 - > a shift left always multiplies by 2 for each bit position shifted
 - > a shift right always divides by 2 for each position

Assembly Language	Operation
SHL AX,1	AX is logically shifted left 1 place
SHR BX,12	BX is logically shifted right 12 places
SHR ECX,10	ECX is logically shifted right 10 places
SHL RAX,50	RAX is logically shifted left 50 places (64-bit mode)
SAL DATA1,CL	The contents of data segment memory location DATA1 are arithmetically shifted left the number of spaces specified by CL
SHR RAX,CL	RAX is logically shifted right the number of spaces specified by CL (64-bit mode)
SAR SI,2	SI is arithmetically shifted right 2 places
SAR EDX,14	EDX is arithmetically shifted right 14 places

Rotate

- Positions binary data by rotating information in a register or memory location, either from one end to another or through the carry flag.
 - used to shift/position numbers wider than 16 bits
- With either type of instruction, the programmer can select either a left or a right rotate.
- Addressing modes used with rotate are the same as those used with shifts

- A rotate count can be immediate or located in register CL.
 - if CL is used for a rotate count, it does not change
- Rotate instructions are often used to shift wide numbers to the left or right.



Assembly Language	Operation
ROL SI,14	SI rotates left 14 places
RCL BL,6	BL rotates left through carry 6 places
ROL ECX,18	ECX rotates left 18 places
ROL RDX,40	RDX rotates left 40 places
RCR AH,CL	AH rotates right through carry the number of places specified by CL
ROR WORD PTR[BP],2	The word contents of the stack segment memory location addressed by BP rotate right 2 places

Bit Scan Instructions

- Scan through a number searching for the first 1-bit.
 - > accomplished by shifting the number
 - > available in 80386—Pentium 4
- BSF scans the number from the leftmost bit toward the right; BSR scans the number from the rightmost bit toward the left.
 - ➤ if a 1-bit is encountered, the zero flag is set and the bit position number of the 1-bit is placed into the destination operand
 - if no 1-bit is encountered the zero flag is cleared

String Comparisons

- String instructions are powerful because they allow the programmer to manipulate large blocks of data with relative ease.
- Block data manipulation occurs with MOVS, LODS, STOS, INS, and OUTS.
- Additional string instructions allow a section of memory to be tested against a constant or against another section of memory.

SCAS (string scan); CMPS (string compare)