
WEEK 3 LESSON 2

CHAPTER 4 PART-2

BASIC ARITHMETIC INSTRUCTIONS

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OUTLINE

- Few Basic Instructions (Revising)
- Arithmetic Instructions
- Translation of High-level Language to Assembly Language
- Related Exercises



FEW BASIC INSTRUCTIONS

MOV instruction:

- The MOV instruction is used to transfer data between registers, between a register and a memory location, or to move a number directly into a register or memory location.

Syntax: **MOV destination, source**

Example:

MOV AX, WORD I ; moving the value/content of word I into AX

MOV AX, BX ; moving the content of BX register into AX

MOV AX, 'A' ; moving the ASCII value (41h) of character 'A'



SWAPPING/EXCHANGING CONTENTS OF TWO REGISTERS

- Lets say AX contains 1234h and BX contains 5678h. How we have to swap/exchange the values of AX and BX.
- Possible way to do this: Using another register (CX or DX) for temporary use

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MOV CX,AX
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```
MOV AX,BX
```

```
MOV BX,CX
```

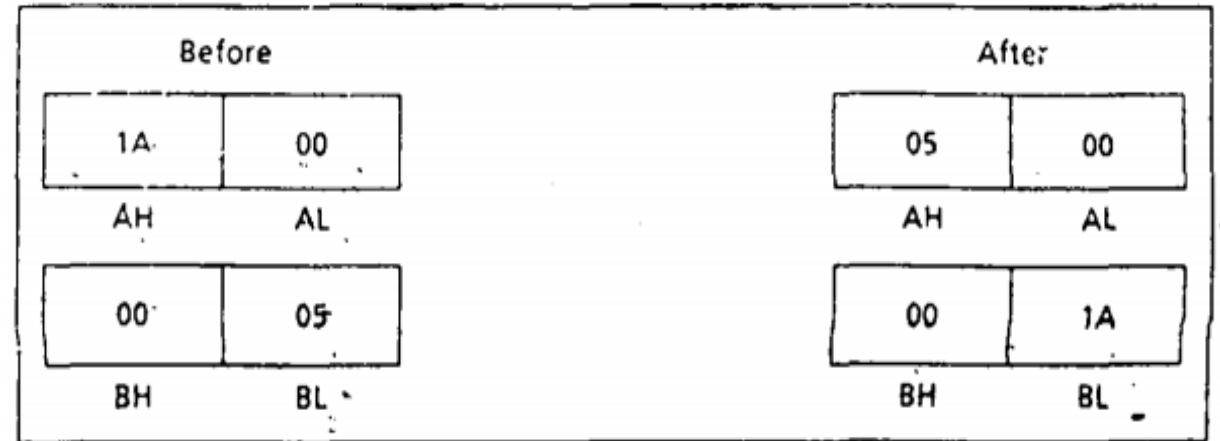
Or lets see how XCHG works....



XCHG INSTRUCTION

- Syntax: XCHG destination, source

- Example: XCHG AH, BL



- To do the same task of the last swapping example,

we can simply write,

XCHG AX, BX



ARITHMETIC INSTRUCTIONS

- Basic arithmetic operations can be performed in 8086.
- For Addition, Subtraction, Increment, Decrement, Negation, in 8086 we have separate instructions.
- “ADD” instruction is used for adding two values/contents of registers.

Syntax:

ADD destination, source

- Content of destination is added with the content of source and the result is stored in destination operand.

Example:

ADD WORD1, AX

Content of WORD1 is added with the content of AX and the result is stored in WORD1.

ADD WORD1, AX



ADDITION INSTRUCTION

Legal and illegal ADD instructions:

- **Case 1:**

```
ILLEGAL: ADD BYTE1, BYTE2
```

A solution is to move BYTE2 to a register before adding, thus

```
MOV AL, BYTE2      ;AX gets BYTE2
ADD BYTE1, AL       ;add it to BYTE1
```

- **Case 2:**

ADD 5, AX ;Illegal instruction

Reason: As the destination operand is not a register or memory location. It is an immediate value, which cannot store contents.

SUBTRACTION INSTRUCTION

SUB destination, source

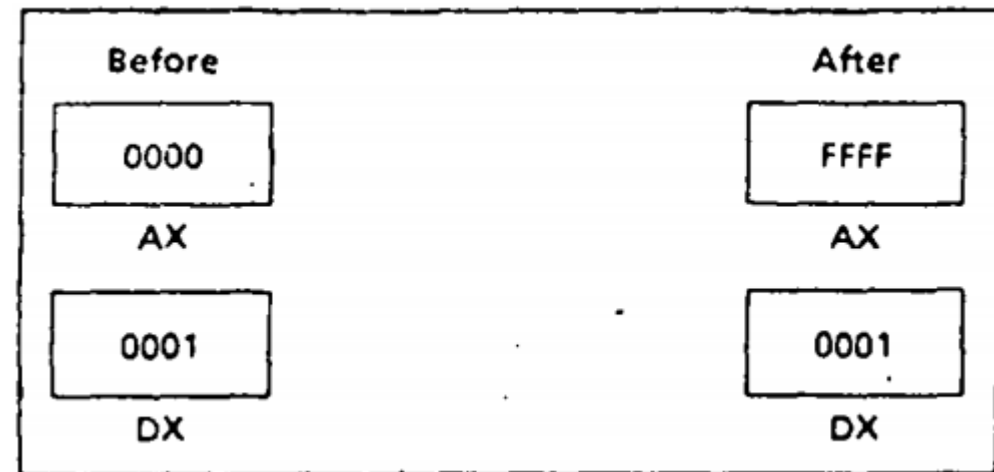
- The content of source operand is subtracted from the content of destination operand and the result is stored in the destination operand.

Example:

■ **SUB AX, DX**

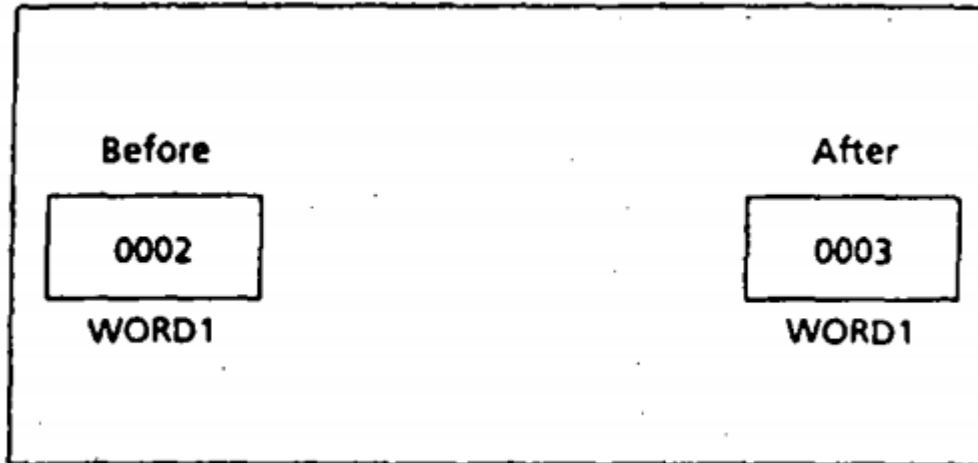
This instruction will do $AX - DX$ and the result will be stored in AX register.

SUB AX, DX



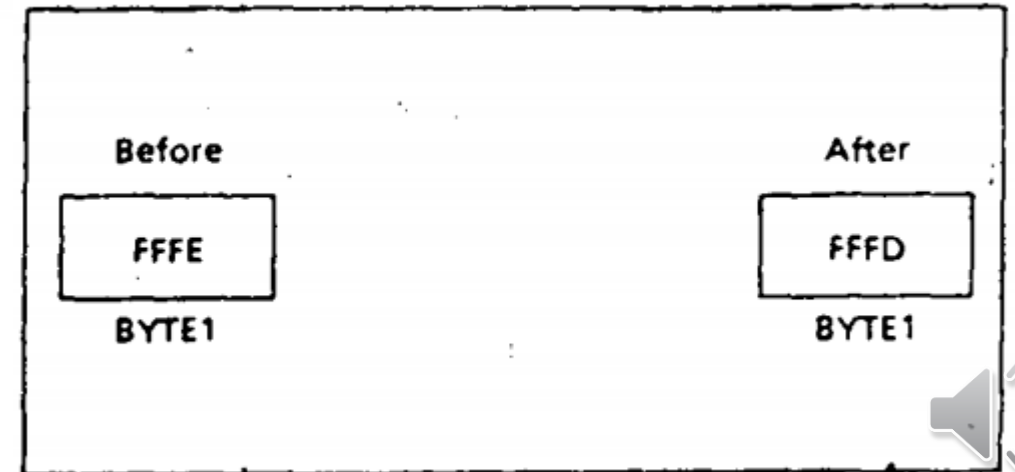
INCREMENT & DECREMENT INSTRUCTIONS

INC Word1



Just like `i++` and `i--` operations
in C programming

DEC Byte1



NEGATION INSTRUCTION

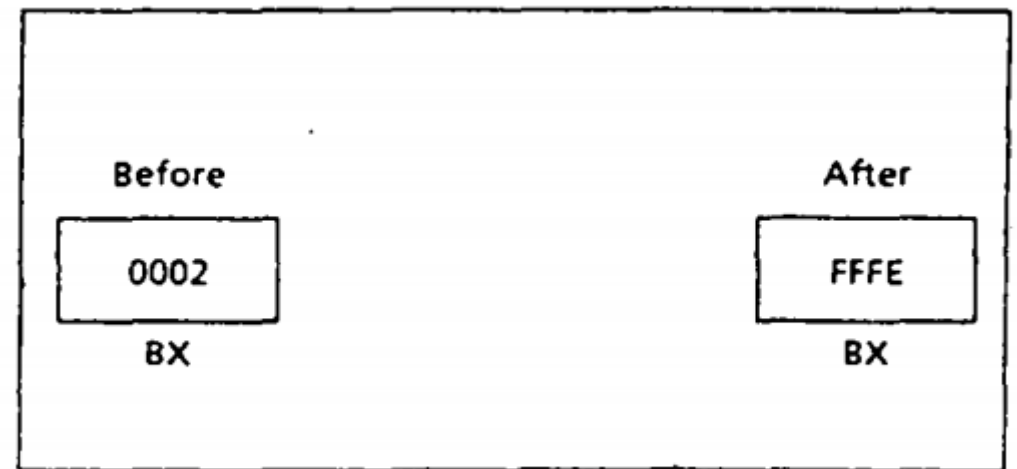
- “**NEG**” is used to negate the contents of the destination,
- NEG does this by replacing the contents by its two’s complement.

Syntax: **NEG destination**

- The destination may be a register or memory

Example: **NEG BX**

- This instruction will negate the content of BX.



TRANSLATION OF HIGH-LEVEL LANGUAGE TO ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE

- Statements given in high-level language (i.e. C, C++, JAVA) are to be converted into assembly language instruction.
- Using only MOV, XCHG, ADD, SUB, INC, DEC, NEG instructions.

Example 1:	Statement	Translation
	B = A	MOV AX, A ;move A into AX MOV B, AX ;and then into B

Example 2:	Statement	Translation
	A = 5 - A	MOV AX, 5 ;put 5 in AX SUB AX, A ;AX contains 5 - A MOV A, AX ;put it in A

Alternate Solution:	Statement	Translation
		NEG A ;A = -A
		ADD A, 5 ;A = 5 - A



DO EXERCISE

■ Chapter 4 Exercise 6

6. Using only MOV, ADD, SUB, INC, DEC, and NEG, translate the following high-level language assignment statements into assembly language. A, B, and C are word variables.

a. $A = B - A$

b. $A = -(A + 1)$

c. $C = A + B$

d. $B = 3 \times B + 7$

e. $A = B - A - 1$



THANK YOU

