

Student's question: I didn't understand why the negation of four is minus five.

Answer:

specific to the example and when 'x' is an integer, ^x means x + 1, and also reverse the sign;

x=4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	+
y=1								1	
x+y = -5	-	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	

x=3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	+
y=1								1	
x+y = -4	-	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	

x=5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	+
y=1								1	
x+y = -6	-	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	

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var a byte
var b int
a = 3
b = 3
fmt.Printf("%8d %08b\n", a, a) // 3 00000011
fmt.Printf("%8d %08b\n", b, b) // 3 00000011
fmt.Printf("%8d %08b\n", ^a, ^a) // 252 11111100
fmt.Printf("%8d %08b\n", ^b, ^b) // -4 -0000100
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fmt.Println()
a = 4
b = 4
fmt.Printf("%8d %08b\n", a, a) // 4 00000100
fmt.Printf("%8d %08b\n", b, b) // 4 00000100
fmt.Printf("%8d %08b\n", ^a, ^a) // 251 11111011
fmt.Printf("%8d %08b\n", ^b, ^b) // -5 -0000101
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