

Arithmetic and Logic Instructions

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Breakdown of Intel 8086 Assembly Instructions

1. **Data transfer:** copy data among state variables (registers, memory and I/O ports)
 - Their execution **do not** modify **FLAGS**
 - eg. **MOV** instruction
2. **Data manipulation:** modify state variable values
 - Executed within the ALU data path
 - Their execution **do modify** the **FLAGS**
 - eg. **Arithmetic** : ADD, SUB, CMP
 - eg. **Logical** : AND, OR, NOT, XOR
 - eg. **Shift, Rotate** : SHL, SAR, RCL, ROL
3. **Control-flow:** determine “next” instruction to execute
 - Their execution allow non-sequential execution
 - eg. JMP and JE

Data Manipulation Instructions

Compute new value ... modify flags

Some common flag results :

ZF = zero flag set iff result = 0

CF = carry flag reflect carry value

set = 1, clear = 0

SF = sign flag set iff result < 0

assumes 2's complement encoding! iff == If-and-only-if

OF = overflow flag

set iff signed overflow

specific use of “**overflow**” – not the same as the general concept!

Signed versus Unsigned Arithmetic

- These operations perform a bitwise add/subtract of values of width **n** to give a result of width **n**
- 8-bit Unsigned Integer Examples:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 117_{10} & = & 0111\ 0101_2 \\ +\ 99_{10} & = & 0110\ 0011_2 \\ \hline 216_{10} & = & 1101\ 1000_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 133_{10} & = & 1000\ 0101_2 \\ -\ 51_{10} & = & 0011\ 0011_2 \\ \hline 82_{10} & = & 0101\ 0010_2 \end{array}$$

Arithmetic Operations : Binary Addition and Subtraction

8-bit Signed Integer Examples:

- The computer does exactly the same thing for 2's complement signed integers! ☺

$$\begin{array}{r} -117_{10} = 1000\ 1011_2 \\ +\ 99_{10} = +0110\ 0011_2 \\ \hline -18_{10} = 1110\ 1110_2\ (0001\ 0001_2 + 1 = 12h = 18d) \end{array}$$

Signed is now being
used to mean 2's
complement signed

$$\begin{array}{r} -32_{10} = 1110\ 0000_2 \\ -\ 5_{10} = -0000\ 0101_2 \\ \hline -37_{10} = 1101\ 1011_2\ (0010\ 0100_2 + 1 = 25h = 37d) \end{array}$$

Arithmetic Operations : Binary Addition and Subtraction

Computers often implement subtraction using “negate and add”

$$X - Y = X + (-Y)$$

Example : $32 - 65 = 32 + (-65)$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 32_{10} & = & 0010\ 0000_2 \\ + \quad -\ 65_{10} & = & \textcolor{red}{+}\ 1011\ 1111_2\ (0100\ 0000_2 + 1 = 41\text{h} = 65\text{d}) \\ \hline -\ 33_{10} & = & 1101\ 1111_2\ (0010\ 0000_2 + 1 = 21\text{h} = 33\text{d}) \end{array}$$

Overflow : The Concept

Overflow : Result of operation **outside the range** that can be represented

- Problem arising due to **limited range** of **fixed-width** representation.
- Result is still produced; the result is just **meaningless**.

- 8-bit **Unsigned** Integer Example:

We need 9 bits to represent the result

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 255_{10} & = & 1111\ 1111_2 \\ + \quad 1_{10} & = & 0000\ 0001_2 \\ \hline 256\ ?? & 0_{10} = & (1) 0000\ 0000_2 \\ & \uparrow & \\ & \text{CARRY} & \end{array}$$

What is the range of an 8-bit unsigned number ?

- In this case (with fixed 8-bits) : OVERFLOW OCCURRED!
CF=1
- In this case (**unsigned**) : A **carry** @ MSB is important in the INTERPRETATION of the result.

Addition and Subtraction Overflow

Is that the only interpretation of the example?

$$\begin{array}{r} 1111\ 1111_2 (= -1_{10}) \\ +\ 0000\ 0001_2 (= +1_{10}) \\ \hline (1)\ 0000\ 0000_2 (= 0_{10}) \end{array}$$

Same binary pattern !

- What if the values are interpreted as 8-bit **signed** integers ?
 - The result is **correct** ($-1 + 1 = 0$). There is **no overflow**.
OF=0 (CF=1)
 - In this case (signed), the carry at MSB still occurs but is not important to the interpretation!
 - ZF = ? SF = ?

Overflow:

- Carry flag (CF) for **unsigned** numbers
- Overflow flag (OF) for **singed** numbers

Addition and Subtraction Overflow

Another example : With Borrow

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{8-bit result} & 32_{10} = & 0010\ 0000_2 \\
 - & 65_{10} = & 0100\ 0001_2 \\
 \hline
 - & 33_{10} = & 1\ 1101\ 1111_2 \quad (= +223_{10} : \text{unsigned}) \\
 & & \quad \quad \quad (= -33_{10} : \text{signed})
 \end{array}$$

8-bit result

- If the values are interpreted as unsigned, the borrow implies overflow (actually, underflow) : the result is **WRONG**.
- If the value are interpreted as signed, there is no overflow; ignore the borrow : the result is **CORRECT**.

CF = 1

OF = 0

SF = 1

ZF = 0

Addition and Subtraction Overflow

Overflow depends on the *interpretation* of the values.

Another example:

unsigned

signed

0111 1111₂

127

127

+ 0000 0001₂

+ 1

+ 1

1000 0000₂

128

– 128

CORRECT

WRONG

CF = 0 (CF → unsigned number)

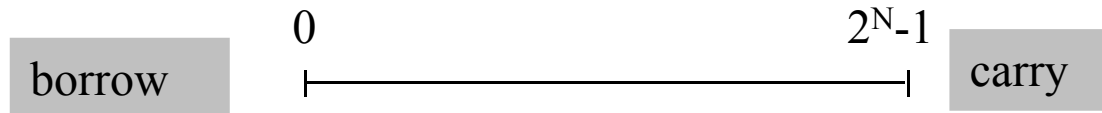
OF = 1 (OF → signed number)

SF = 1

OVERFLOW ...
even though
there is no carry
outside of fixed
width!

Overflow Cookie Cutters

Unsigned: Carry or borrow means overflow



Signed : Ignore carry or borrow

Overflow possible if :

positive + positive = negative

(positive – negative = negative)

negative + negative = positive

(negative – positive = positive)

Overflow impossible if :

positive + negative

(positive – positive)

negative + positive

(negative – negative)

Data Manipulation : ADD

Example: Suppose that AL contains 73H, when it is executed :

execute: **ADD AL, 40H**

73 H + 40 H

= B3H **carry?**

results: **AL := B3H** (= 1011 0011 B)

ZF := 0 result \neq 0

SF := 1 result is negative (signed)

CF := 0 (no carry out of msbit)

OF := 1 +ve + +ve = -ve

Correct result for unsigned number (CF = 0)

Wrong result for signed number (OF = 1)

Problem : Write a program to perform the following operation :

$z = x + y$ where $x = 55667788h$ and $y = 99669988h$

Solution:

.data

x DW 7788h

DW 5566h

y DW 9988h

DW 9966h

z DW ?

DW ?

	1 111	
	5566 7788	5566 7788
+	9966 9988	+ 9966 9988
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	EECD 1110	EECC 1110
		(BX) (AX)

.code

MOV AX, x

MOV BX, x+2

ADD AX, y → CF=1

ADD BX, y+2 → **ADC** BX, y+2 ⇔ $BX := BX + (y+2) + CF$

MOV z, AX

MOV z+2, BX

END

Control Flow : JMP instructions

Four types of JUMP instructions:

Unary (unconditional) jumps : always execute

JMP target

Conditional
Jumps

Simple jumps: jump is taken when a specific status flag is set

JC target (Jump if CF=1)

Unsigned jumps: jumps are taken when a comparison or test of **unsigned** numbers results in a specific combination of status flag

JA target (Jump if above)

Implication : Preceded
by an instruction that alters
the appropriate flags

Signed jumps: jumps are taken when a comparison or test of **signed** quantities results in a specific combination of status flags

JG target (Jump if greater than)

Signed and Unsigned Conditional Instructions

- The processor provides status flags to reflect results of (binary) manipulation under both signed and unsigned interpretations
- For this reason, there are separate conditional jump instructions for signed and unsigned
 - Semantically equivalent but implementation tests the flags appropriate to the data type.

Unsigned		Signed	
JA	Above	JG	Greater
JAE	Above or Equal	JGE	Greater or Equal
JB	Below	JL	Less
JBE	Below or Equal	JLE	Less or Equal

- There are also instructions for Not conditions too!

Example : Conditional Branches

Suppose AL contains 7FH:

Unsigned Scenario

CMP AL, 80h

JA Bigger

Signed Scenario

CMP AL, 80h

JG Bigger

In each scenario, is the jump taken? Why?

Programmer MUST know how binary values are to be interpreted!
(e.g. value in AX above)

Limitation of J* Instructions

- **Conditional jump** are restricted to **8-bit signed relative** offset!
 - $IP := IP + (\text{offset sign-extended to 16-bits})$
 - Can't jump very far! $-128 \leftrightarrow +127$ bytes

- Example: JL Less

....

maximum possible
distance = 127 bytes

Less: MOV ...

- One possible workaround if distance is greater than 127 bytes (but not the only one!):

JNL Continue

JMP can have 16-bit relative offset

JMP Less

distance can now be > 127

Continue:

Less: MOV ...

Example Write a *code fragment* showing how you would implement the following pseudocode

```
boolean done = FALSE;
while ( ! done )
{
    ....
}
```

Solution:

```
TRUE equ 1
FALSE equ 0
.code
MOV AL, FALSE    ; AL= register variable done
notDone: CMP AL, TRUE
          JE     amDone
          ; ....; Somewhere : MOV AL, TRUE
          JMP    notDone
amDone: ...
```

LOOP Instruction

- Useful when you have an action repeated a given number of times
- C++ analogy
for (int i=max; i > 0; i--)

```
{  
    MOV    CX, max  
DoLoop:  
    . . .  
    SUB    CX, 1  
    JNZ    DoLoop  
}
```



Functionally equivalent

Different performance & code size

```
{  
    MOV    CX, max  
DoLoop:  
    . . .  
    LOOP   DoLoop  
}
```

- LOOP automatically decrements CX
- Only works with CX

Data Manipulation : DIV

Unsigned Integer Division

- Syntax : **DIV** src
- Semantics : Performs an integer division : **Accumulator** / src
 - The size of *divisor* (8-bit or 16-bit) is determined by size of **src**
 - **src** may be specified using register, direct or indirect mode but not immediate mode

16-bit dividend
8-bit divisor

- 8-bit division : DIV src where src = 8-bit operand

Two 8-bit
results

- Semantics divide *src* into 16-bit value in AX
- **AL** := **AX** ÷ src (unsigned divide)
- **AH** := **AX** mod src (unsigned modulus)
- The flags are undefined after DIV (values may have changed, no meaning)

Integer result

Integer remainder

Data Manipulation : DIV

32-bit dividend
16-bit divisor

- 16-bit division : $\text{DIV } \textit{src}$ where **src** = 16-bit operand
 - Semantics divide *src* into 32-bit value obtained by concatenating **DX** and AX (written DX:AX)

Two 16-bit results

Integer result

Integer remainder

AX := **DX:AX** \div *src* (unsigned divide)

DX := **DX:AX** mod *src* (unsigned modulus)

- The flags are undefined after DIV (values may have changed, no meaning)

Question : In either case, what if the result is too big to fit in destination?

- eg : $\text{AX} \div 1$?? $\text{AL} = ??$
- **overflow trap** – more later!

Data Manipulation : Logical Operations

Syntax : LOGICAL_MNEUMONIC dest, src

Semantics : dest = dest LOGICAL_MNEUMONIC src

Example : AND AL, 80h

Example : .data

control DB ?

.code

OR control, BH

(where BH=02h)

Example : XOR AX, AX

XOR AX, 0FFh

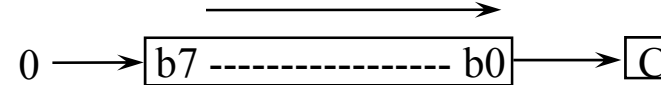
	AND	OR	XOR
0 0	0	0	0
0 1	0	1	1
1 0	0	1	1
1 1	1	1	0

Operation bit by bit!

Data Manipulation : Shift

- Versions for : Left/Right and Arithmetic/Logical

Logical Shift Right

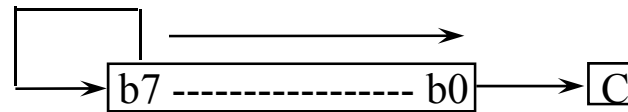


SHR AL, 1

Arithmetic Shift Right

MOV CL, 2

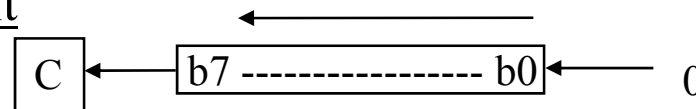
SAR AL, CL



Logical or Arithmetic Shift Left

SHL AL, 1

SAL AL, 1

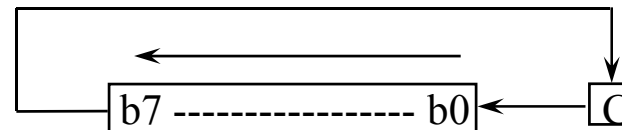


Data Manipulation : Rotate

- Versions for : Left/Right and with/out carry

Rotate-Carry-Left

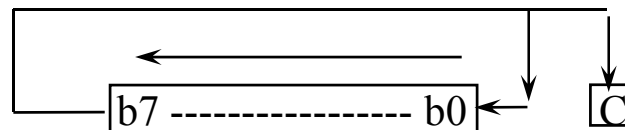
RCL AL, 1



Rotate Left

MOV CL, 4

ROL AL, CL



Example Write a **code fragment** to test whether a variable is divisible by 4, leaving the boolean result in AX.

Solution: A number divisible by 4 would have the least significant two bits equal 0s.

```
FALSE      equ      0
TRUE       equ      1
.data
variable   dw        1922h
.code
```

```
        MOV    AX, variable
        AND    AX, 03h
        JZ     yes      }
        MOV    AX, FALSE
        JMP    continue
yes: MOV    AX, TRUE
continue:
```

...

Alternative :

TEST variable, 03h

Example Suppose a robot has four motors, each of which can be off, on in forward direction or on in reverse direction. The status of these motors are written by the robot into a status word, say called “motors” in the following bitmap formation.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Motor1		Motor2		Motor3		Motor4	

where the two bits for each motor are set according

01	forward
10	reverse
11	off

Write a [code fragment](#) that waits until motor1 is off before continuing on.

...

Solution:

```
                                .data
                                motors db      ?
                                .code
waiting: MOV AL, motors
          AND AL, 0C0h
          CMP AL, 0C0h
          JNZ waiting
          ...
```