

## 2. Subtraction:

### a. subtraction in decimal system:

**First:** normal subtraction:

$n1 > n2$ , result is positive

$n1 < n2$ , result is negative

$$\begin{array}{r} n1 \quad 47 \\ n2 \quad -29 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

+18

$$\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ -47 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

-18

**Second:** Subtraction using 9's complement:

$$\begin{array}{r} n1 \quad 47 \\ n2 \quad -29 \rightarrow 70 \text{ (9's complement of (29))} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} n1 \quad 47 \\ n2 \quad +70 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 117 \\ \quad 1+ \\ \hline \end{array}$$

+18

means that the result is +ve.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ -47 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

-18

$$\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ +52 \rightarrow \text{(9's complement of (47))} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 081 \rightarrow \text{means that the result is -ve.} \\ -18 \rightarrow \text{and the result in 9's complement} \end{array}$$

**Third:** subtraction in 10's complement

$$\begin{array}{r}
 n1 \quad 47 \\
 n2 \quad +71 \\
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 118 \rightarrow \text{means that the result is +ve.} \\
 +18 \\
 \hline
 29 \\
 + \quad 53 \rightarrow (10\text{'s complement of } (47)) \\
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 82 \rightarrow \text{means that the result is -ve.} \\
 -18 \rightarrow (10\text{'s complement})
 \end{array}$$

**b. subtraction in Binary system:**

**First:** normal subtraction:

The four basic rules for subtracting bits are as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 0 - 0 = 0 \\
 1 - 1 = 0 \\
 1 - 0 = 1 \\
 10 - 1 = 1 \quad 0 - 1 \text{ with a borrow of } 1
 \end{array}$$

When subtracting numbers, you sometimes have to borrow from the next column to the left. A borrow is required in binary only when you try to subtract a 1 from a 0. In this case, when a 1 is borrowed from the next column to the left, a 10 is created in the column being subtracted, and the last of the four basic rules just listed must be applied. Examples 2–8 and 2–9 illustrate binary subtraction; the equivalent decimal subtractions are also shown.

**EXAMPLE 2-8**

Perform the following binary subtractions:

- (a)  $11 - 01$                       (b)  $11 - 10$

**Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(a)} \quad 11 \quad 3 \quad \text{(b)} \quad 11 \quad 3 \\
 \underline{-01} \quad \underline{-1} \quad \underline{-10} \quad \underline{-2} \\
 10 \quad 2 \quad 01 \quad 1
 \end{array}$$

No borrows were required in this example. The binary number 01 is the same as 1.

**Related Problem**

Subtract 100 from 111.