Network Addresses, Masking and Subnet

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Network Addresses

The network address is the first address.

The network address defines the network to the rest of the Internet.

Given the network address, we can find the class of the address, the block, and the range of the addresses in the block

Note

In classful addressing, the network address (the first address in the block) is the one that is assigned to the organization.

Example 8

Given the network address 132.21.0.0, find the class, the block, and the range of the addresses

Solution

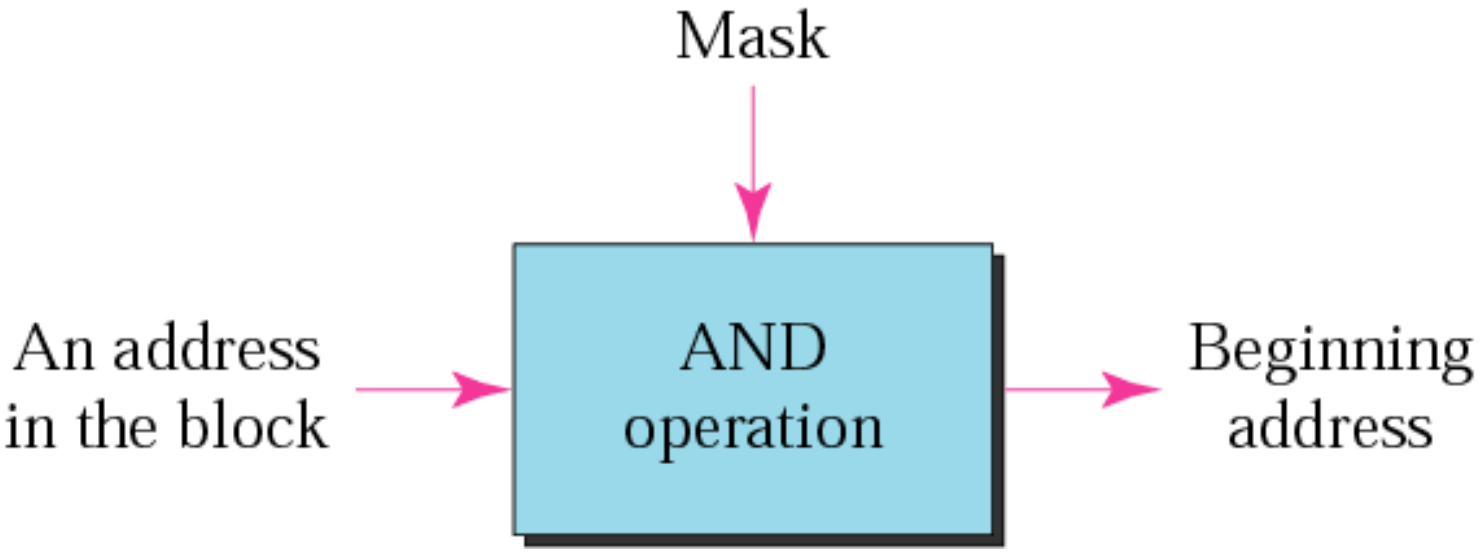
The 1st byte is between 128 and 191.
Hence, Class B
The block has a netid of 132.21.
The addresses range from
132.21.0.0 to 132.21.255.255.

Mask

- A mask is a 32-bit binary number.
- The mask is ANDeD with IP address to get
  - The bloc address (Network address)
  - Mask And IP address = Block Address

Figure 4-10

Masking concept



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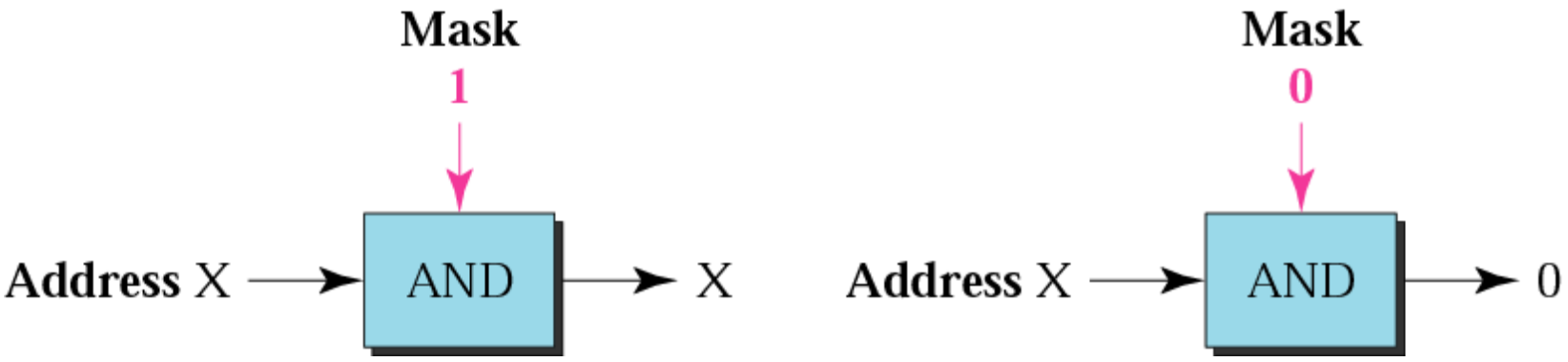
AND operation



Note

The network address is the beginning address of each block. It can be found by applying the default mask to any of the addresses in the block (including itself). It retains the netid of the block and sets the hostid to zero.

Default Mak

- Class A default mask is 255.0.0.0
- Class B default mask is 255.255.0.0
- Class C Default mask 255.255.255.0

Chapter 5

Subnetting/Supernetting and Classless Addressing

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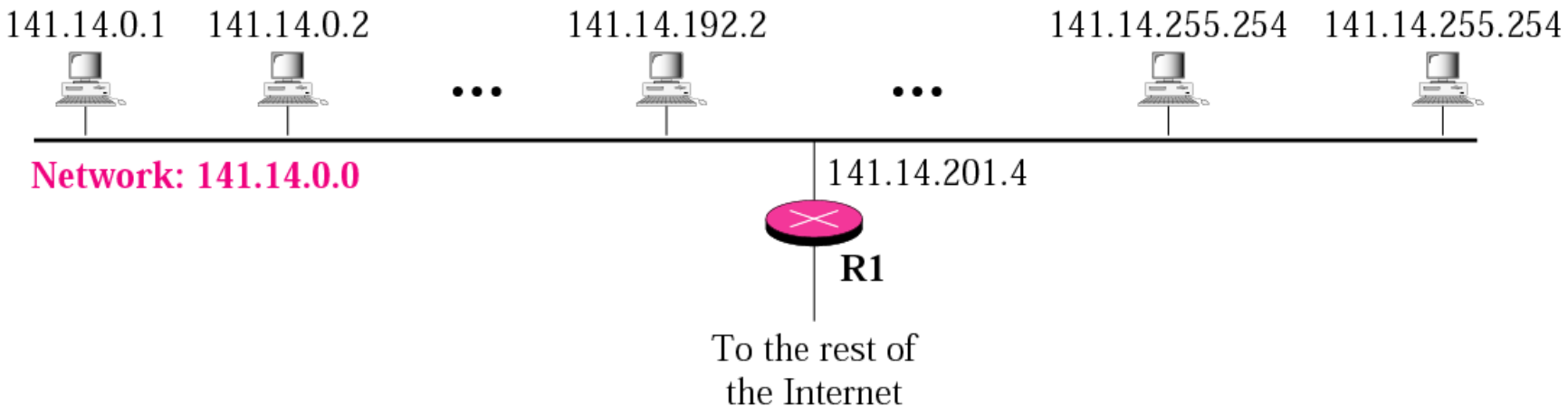
SUBNETTING

Note

IP addresses are designed with two levels of hierarchy.

Figure 5-1

A network with two levels of hierarchy (not subnetted)



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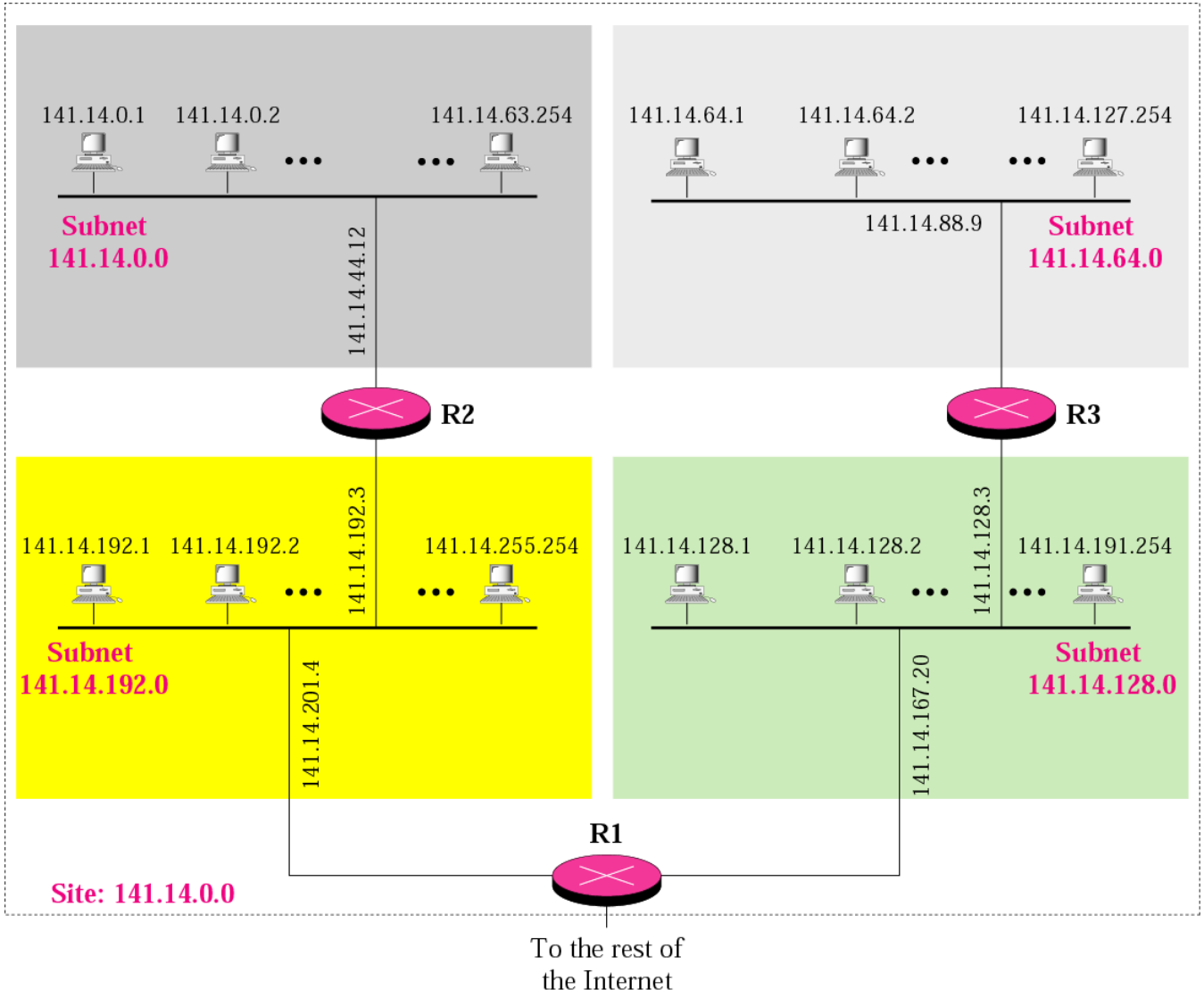
A network with three levels of hierarchy (subnetted)

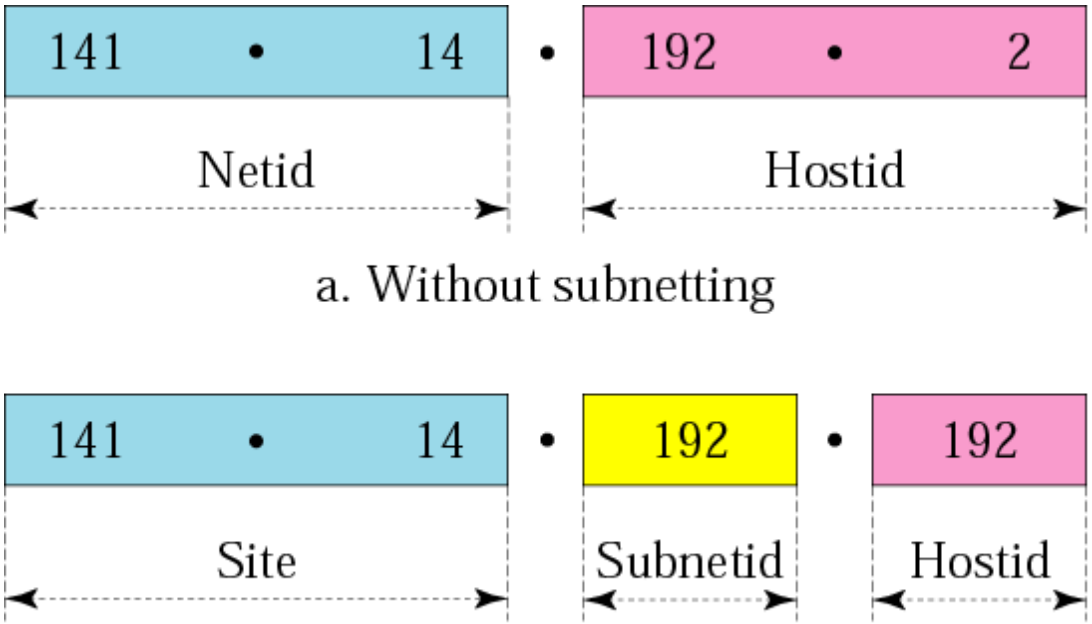


Note

- Subnetting is done by borrowing bits from the host part and add them the network part

Figure 5-3

Addresses in a network with and without subnetting



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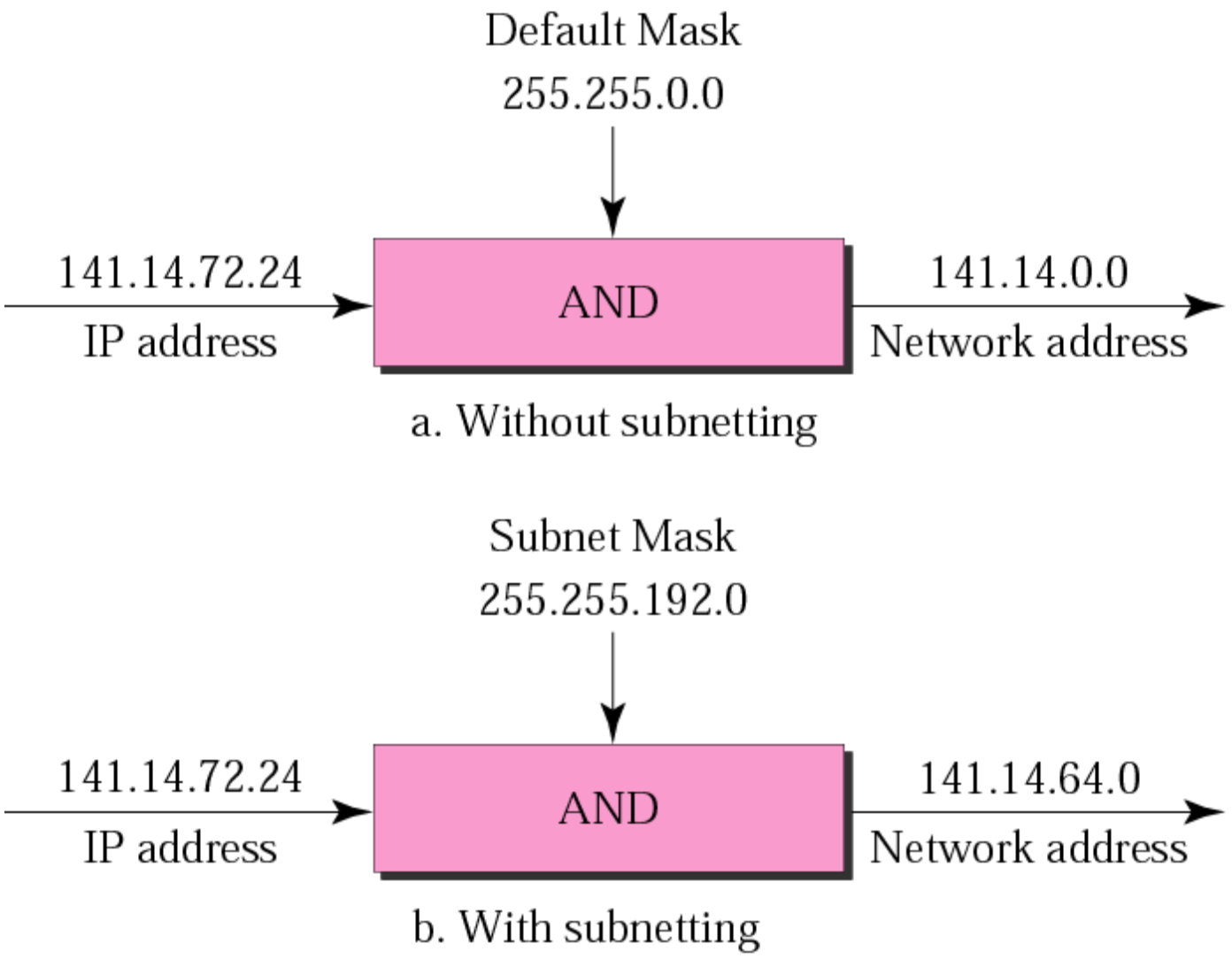
Default mask and subnet mask



Finding the Subnet Address

Given an IP address, we can find the subnet address the same way we found the network address. We apply the mask to the address. We can do this in two ways: straight or short-cut.

Straight Method

In the straight method, we use binary notation for both the address and the mask and then apply the AND operation to find the subnet address.

Example 9

What is the subnetwork address if the destination address is 200.45.34.56 and the subnet mask is 255.255.240.0?

Solution

11001000 00101101 00100010 00111000

11111111 11111111 1111**0000** **00000000**

11001000 00101101 0010**0000** **00000000**

The subnetwork address is **200.45.32.0**.

Short-Cut Method

** If the byte in the mask is 255, copy the byte in the address.

** If the byte in the mask is 0, replace the byte in the address with 0.

** If the byte in the mask is neither 255 nor 0, we write the mask and the address in binary and apply the AND operation.

Example 10

What is the subnetwork address if the destination address is 19.30.80.5 and the mask is 255.255.192.0?

Solution

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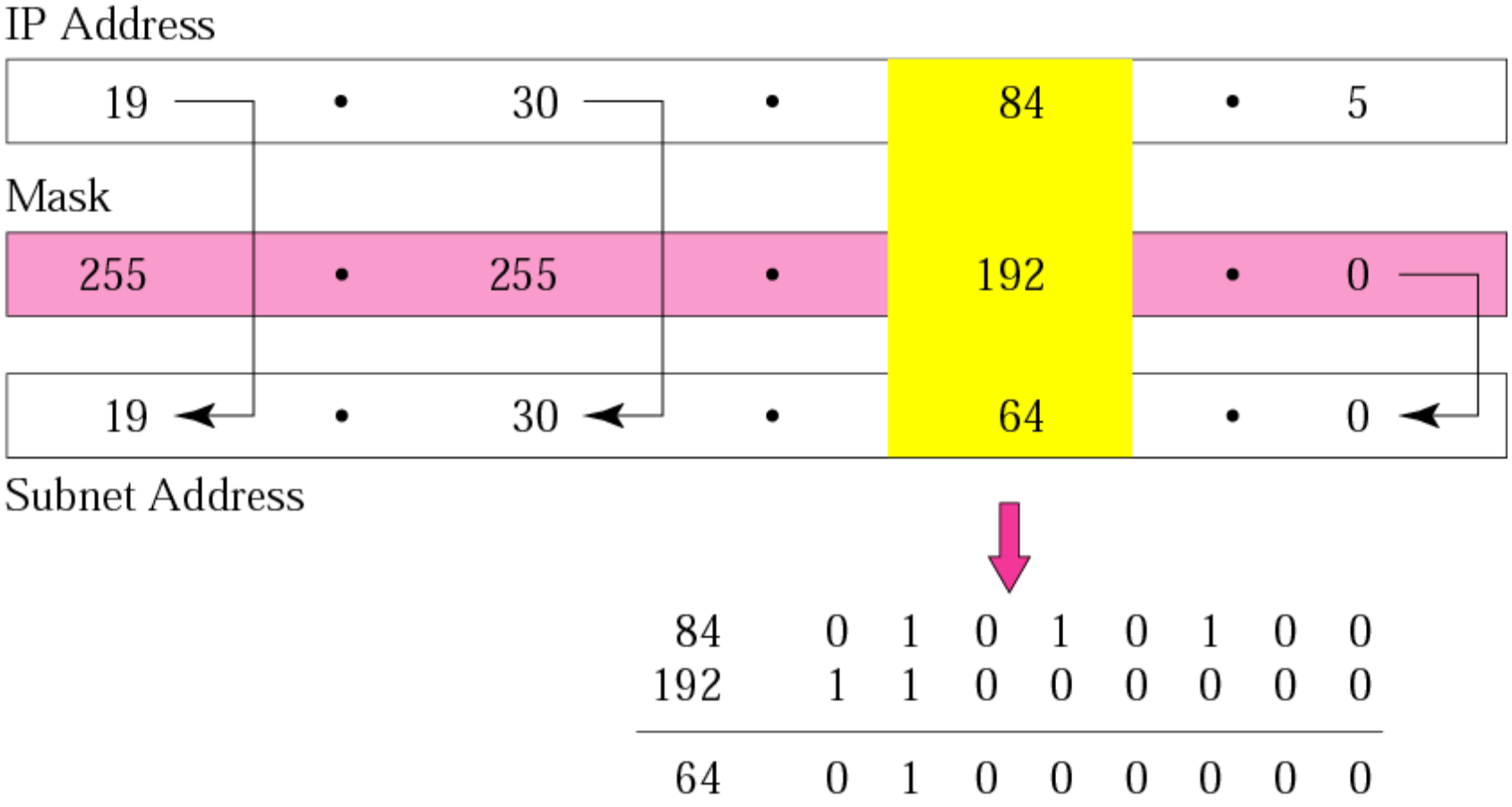
Figure 5-6

Solution



84	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
192	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

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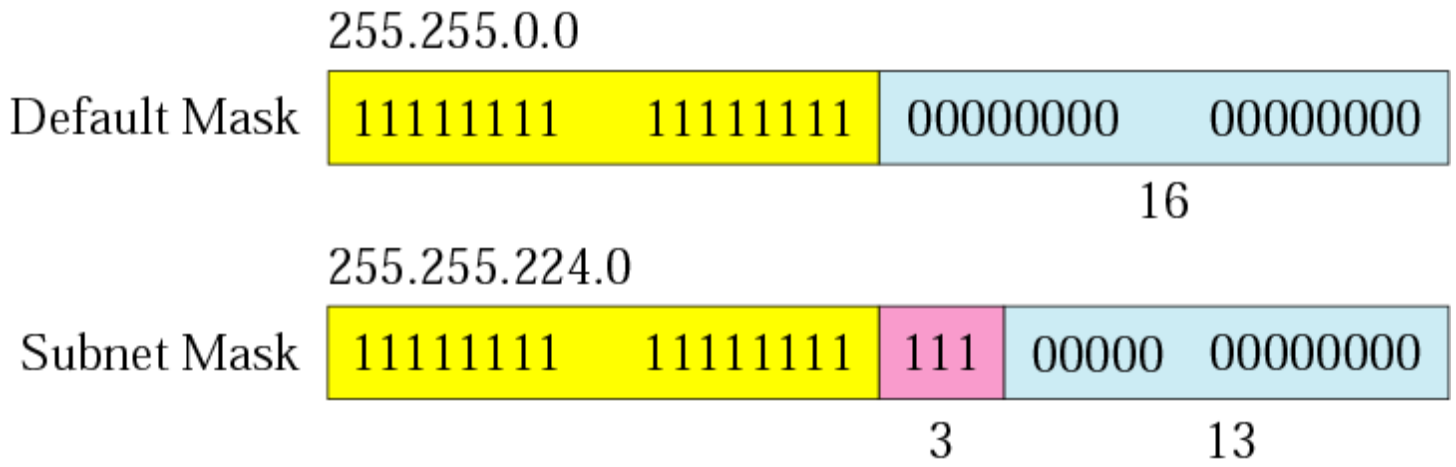
Comparison of a default mask and a subnet mask



Note

The number of subnets must be a power of 2.

Example 11

A company is granted the site address 201.70.64.0 (class C). The company needs six subnets. Design the subnets.

Solution

The number of 1s in the default mask is 24 (class C).

Solution (Continued)

The company needs six subnets. This number 6 is not a power of 2. The next number that is a power of 2 is 8 (2^3). We need 3 more 1s in the subnet mask. The total number of 1s in the subnet mask is 27 (24 + 3).

The total number of 0s is 5 (32 – 27). The mask is

Solution (Continued)

11111111 11111111 11111111 11100000

or

255.255.255.224

The number of subnets is 8.

The number of addresses in each subnet is 2^5 (5 is the number of 0s) or 32.

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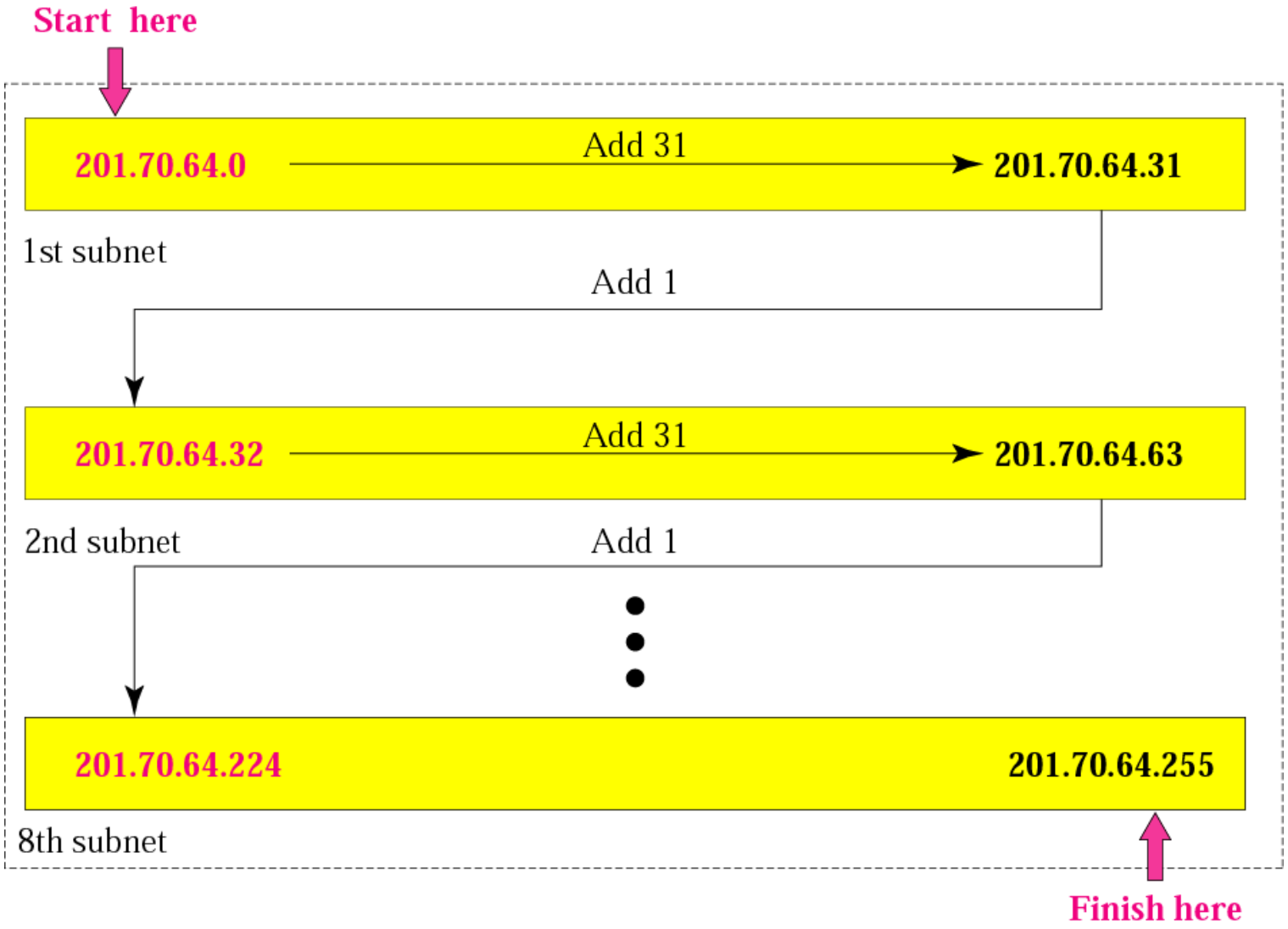
Figure 5-8

Example 3



Example 12

A company is granted the site address 181.56.0.0 (class B). The company needs 1000 subnets. Design the subnets.

Solution

The number of 1s in the default mask is 16 (class B).

Solution (Continued)

The company needs 1000 subnets. This number is not a power of 2. The next number that is a power of 2 is 1024 (2^{10}). We need 10 more 1s in the subnet mask.

The total number of 1s in the subnet mask is 26 (16 + 10).

The total number of 0s is 6 (32 – 26).

Solution (Continued)

The mask is

11111111 11111111 11111111 11000000

or

255.255.255.192.

The number of subnets is 1024.

The number of addresses in each subnet is 2^6 (6 is the number of 0s) or 64.

Figure 5-9

Example 4

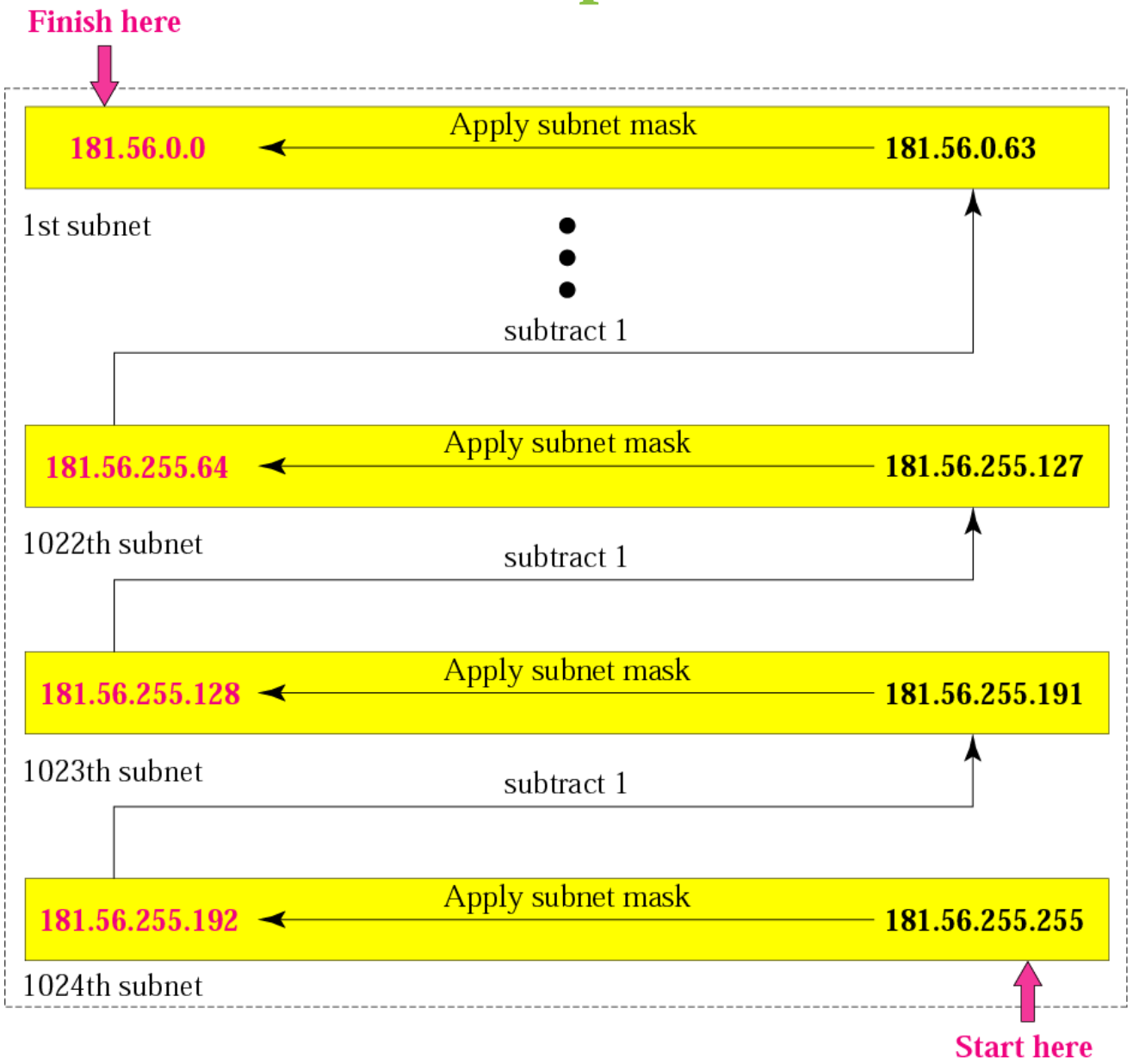


Figure 5-10

Variable-length subnetting