

Conditional Branch: Changing the Next Instruction to Execute

```
cmp r3, r4 ← Branch guard
beq .Ldone

// otherwise fall through do the add
add r1, r2, 1

// now fall through to mov

.Ldone:
mov r3, r1
```

Condition	Meaning	Flag Checked
BEQ	Equal	Z = 1
В	Always (unconditional)	

How to implement a branch/loop guard in CSE30

- 1. Use a **cmp/cmm** instruction to set the condition bits
- 2. Follow the cmp/cmm with one or more variants of the conditional branch instruction
 - Conditional branch instructions if evaluate to true (based on the flags set by the cmp) the next instruction will the one at the branch label
 - Otherwise, execution falls through to the instruction that immediately follows the branch
- You may have one or more conditional branches after a single cmp/cmm

Examples: Guards (Conditional Tests) and their Inverse

Compare in C	"Inverse" Compare in C		
==	! =		
!=	==		
>	<=		
>=	<		
<	>=		
<=	>		

Conditional Branch: Changing the Next Instruction to Execute

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Branch instruction

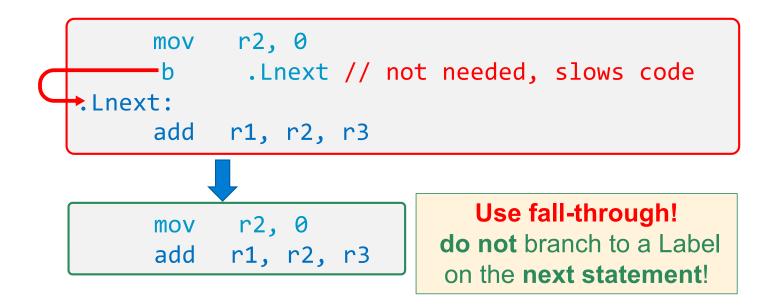
bsuffix .Llabel

- Bits in the condition field specify the conditions when the branch happens
- If the condition evaluates to be true, the next instruction executed is located at .Llabel:
- If the condition evaluates to be false, the next instruction executed is located immediately after the branch
- Unconditional branch is when the condition is "always"

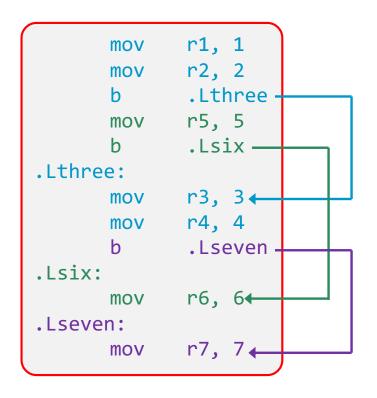
Condition	Meaning	Flag Checked		
BEQ	Equal	Z = 1		
BNE	Not equal	Z = 0		
BGE	Signed ≥ ("Greater than or Equal")	N = V		
BLT	Signed < ("Less Than")	N≠V		
BGT	Signed > ("Greater Than")	Z = 0 && N = V		
BLE	Signed ≤ ("Less than or Equal")	Z = 1 N ≠ V		
BHS	Unsigned ≥ ("Higher or Same") or	C = 1		
D113	Carry Set	C - 1		
BLO	Unsigned < ("Lower") or Carry Clear	C = 0		
ВНІ	Unsigned > ("Higher")	C = 1 && Z = 0		
BLS	Unsigned ≤ ("Lower or Same")	C = 0 Z = 1		
ВМІ	Minus/negative	N = 1		
BPL	Plus - positive or zero (non-negative)	N = 0		
BVS	Overflow	V = 1		
BVC	No overflow	V = 0		
B (BAL)	Always (unconditional)			

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Eliminate unnecessary branches and labels: use Fall Throughs



Branching, What not to do: Spaghetti Code



Observation
Using many branch
commands (conditional
or unconditional) is
an indication you
should look to
reorganize your code

To the left are many unreachable sections of code

Much faster and easier to read!

mov r1, 1 mov r2, 2 mov r3, 3 mov r4, 4 mov r7, 7

Program Flow: Simple If statement, No Else

Approach: adjust the conditional test then branch around the true block

Use a conditional test that specifies the inverse of the condition used in C

C source Code	Incorrect Assembly	Correct Assembly
int r0;	cmp r0, 5	cmp r0, 5
if (r0 == 5) {	<pre>beq .Lendif</pre>	<pre>bne .Lendif</pre>
//code	//code	// code
}	.Lendif:	.Lendif:

```
If r0 == 5 true
                                                                   If r0 != 5 true
                                                  cmp r0, 5
                  then fall through to
                                                                   then branch around
int r0;
                                                  bne .Lendif
                  the true block
                                                                   the true block
 f (r0 == 5) {
                                                  /* code */
    /* code */
                                                  /* then fall through */
    /* then fall through */
                                              .Lendif:
                                              /* branch around to this code */
   branch around to this code */
```

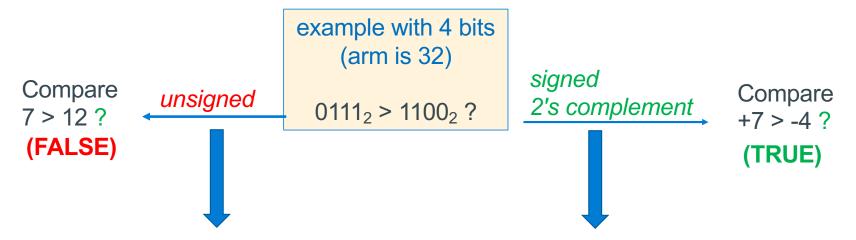
Branch Guard "Adjustment" Table Preserving Block Order In Code

Compare in C	<i>"Inver</i> se" Compare in C	<i>"Inverse"</i> Signed Assembly	<i>"Inverse"</i> Unsigned Assembly	
==	!=	bne	bne	
!=	==	beq	beq	
>	<=	ble	bls	
>=	<	blt	blo	
<	< >= bge		bhs	
<=	>	bgt	bhi	

```
if (r0 compare 5) {
    /* condition true block */
    /* then fall through */
}
```

```
cmp r0, 5
  inverse .Lelse
  // condition true block
  // then fall through
.Lendif:
```

When do you use a Signed or Unsigned Conditional Branch?



Condition	Suffix For Unsigned Operands:	Suffix For Signed Operands:		
>	BHI (Higher Than)	BGT (Greater Than)		
>=	BHS (Higher Than or Same) (BCS)	BGE (Greater Than or Equal)		
<	BLO (Lower Than) (BCC)	BLT (Less Than)		
<=	BLS (Lower Than or Same)	BLE (Less Than or Equal)		
==	BEQ (Equal)			
!=	BNE (Not Equal)			

If statement examples – Branch Around the True block!

```
cmp r0, 5
                                                            then branch
                                         bne .Lendif
int r0;
                                                            around the
                                         add r1, r2, r3
if (r0 == 5) {
                                                           true block
                                         add r2, r2, 1
    r1 = r2++ + r3;
                                     Lendif: Fall through
                                         mov r³, r²
r3 = r2;
                                          cmp r0, 5
                                          bgt .Lendif
int r0;
if (r0 <= 5) {
                                          mov r1, r2
    r1 = r2++;
                                          add r<sub>2</sub>, r<sub>2</sub>, 1
                                      .Lendif: Fall through
r3 = r2;
                                               r3, r2
                                          mov
unsigned int r0, r1;
                                          cmp r0, r1
if (r0 > r1) {
                                               .Lendif
    r1 = r0;
                                               r1, r0
                                          mov
                                      .Lendif:
```

Fall through

r3, r2

mov

r3 = r2;

If r0 == 5 false

Branching: Using Fall through!

Some call this "goto like" structure

- Do not use unnecessary branches when a "fall through" works
- You can see this by structures that have a conditional branch around an unconditional branch that immediately follows it

```
Do not do the following:

cmp r0, 0

beq .Lthen
b .Lendif

Lendif

add r1, r1, 1

Lendif:

add r1, r1, 2
```

```
Do the following:

cmp r0, 0

bne .Lendif

// fall through
add r1, r1, 1

.Lendif:
add r1, r1, 2
```

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Anatomy of a Conditional Branch: If - Else statement

```
Branch condition
Test (branch guard)

if (r0 == 5) {
    /* condition block #1 */
} else {
    /* condition block #2 */
    / * fall through */
}

condition true block
```

- In C, when the branch guard (condition test) evaluates <u>non-zero</u> you fall through to the condition true block, otherwise you branch to the condition false block
- Block order: (the order the blocks appear in C code) can be changed by inverting the conditional test, swapping the order of the true and false blocks

```
Branch condition
Test (branch guard)

if (r0 != 5) {
    /* condition block #2 */
} else {
    /* condition block #1 */
    /* fall through */
}

condition true block
```

Program Flow: If with an Else

```
if (r0 == 5) {
   /* cond. true block */
   /* branch around false */
} else {
   /* condition false block */
   /* fall through */
}
r1 = 4;
If r0 == 5 false
then branch to
false block
```

- Make the adjustment to the conditional test to branch to the false block
- 2. When you finish the true block, you do an unconditional branch around the false block
- 3. The false block falls through to the following instructions

```
If r0 == 5 false
    cmp r0, 5
                   then branch
    bne .Lelse
                   to false block
    /* cond. true block */
     /*
      * Now branch around the
       condition false block
    h .Lendif
Lelse
    // condition false block
    // fall_through
 .Lendif:
    mov r1, 4
```

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If with an Else Examples

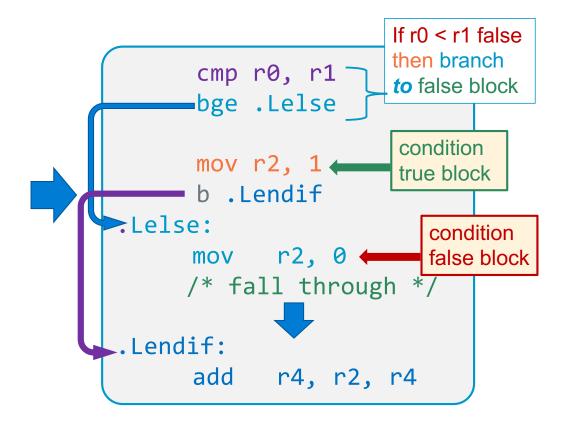
```
Branch condition
Test (branch guard)

...

if (r0 < r1) {
    r2 = 1;

    // branch around else
} else {
    r2 = 0;
    /* fall through */
}

r4 = r2 + r4;</pre>
```



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If with an Else Block order: All These Are Equivalent

```
if (r0 < r1) {
    r2 = 1;
    // now branch around else
} else {
    r2 = 0;
    /* fall through */
}
r4 = r2 + r4;</pre>
```

```
if (r0 >= r1) {
    r2 = 0;

    // now branch around else
} else {
    r2 = 1;
    /* fall through */
}
r4 = r2 + r4;
```

```
cmp r0, r1
bge .Lelse
mov r2, 1
b .Lendif // around else
.Lelse:
mov r2, 0
/* fall through */
.Lendif:
add r4, r2, r4
```

```
Same test
swapped blocks

blt .Lelse
mov r2, 0
b .Lendif // around else

Lelse:
mov r2, 1
/* fall through */
.Lendif:
add r4, r2, r4
```

Switch Statement

Approach 1 – *Branch Block*

```
switch (r0) {
case 1:
    // block 1
    break;
case 2:
    // block 2
    break;
default:
    // default 3
    break;
}
```

```
cmp r0, 1
                Branch
    beq .Lblk1
                block
    cmp r0, 2
    beq .Lblk2
    // fall through
    // default 3
    b .Lendsw // break
Lblk1:
    // block 1
    b .Lendsw // break
.Lblk2:
    // block 2
    // fall through
    // NO b .Lendsw
.Lendsw:
```

Approach 2 – if else equiv.

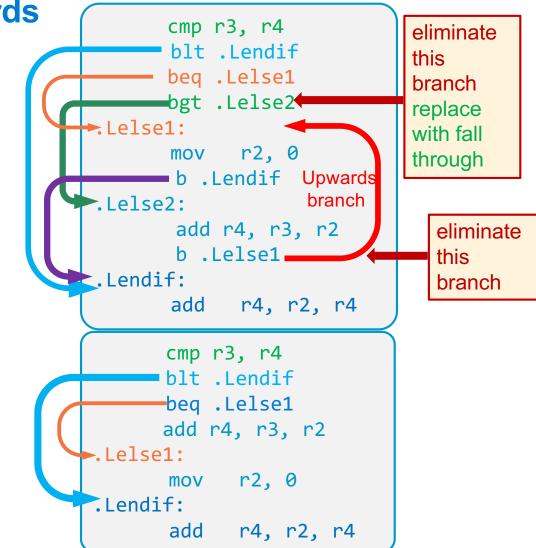
```
cmp r0, 1
    bne .Lblk2
    // block 1
    b .Lendsw // break
.Lblk2:
    cmp r0, 2
   bne .Ldefault
    // block 2
    b .Lendsw // break
.Ldefault:
    // default 3
    // fall through
    // NO b .Lendsw
.Lendsw:
```

Bad Style: Branching Upwards

(When Not a loop)

Do not Branch "Upwards" unless it is part of a loop (later slides)

- If you cannot easily write the equivalent C code for your assembly code, you may have code that is harder to read than it should be
- Action: adjust your assembly code to have a similar structure as an equivalent version written in C



Program Flow – Short Circuit or Minimal Evaluation

 In evaluation of conditional guard expressions, C uses what is called short circuit or minimal evaluation

```
if ((x == 5) || (y > 3)) // if x == 5 then y > 3 is not evaluated
```

- Each expression argument is evaluated in sequence from left to right including any side effects (modified using parenthesis), before (optionally) evaluating the next expression argument
- If after evaluating an argument, the value of the entire expression can be determined, then the remaining arguments are NOT evaluated (for performance)

```
if ((a != 0) && func(b)) // if a is 0, func(b) is not called
  // do_something();
```

Program Flow – If statements && compound tests - 1

```
if ((r0 == 5) && (r1 > 3)) {
    r2 = r5; // true block
    /* fall through */
}
r4 = r3;
```

```
cmp r0, 5
bne .Lendif

cmp r1, 3
ble .Lendif

mov r2, r5 // true block

// fall through
.Lendif:

mov r4, r3
```

Program Flow – If statements && compound tests - 2

```
if ((r0 == 5) && (r1 > 3))
{
    r2 = r5; // true block
    // branch around else
} else {
    r5 = r2; False block */
    /* fall through */
}
r4 = r3;
```

```
if r0 == 5 false
                                then short circuit
                                branch to the
     cmp r0, 5 // test 1
                                false block
     bne .Lelse
                                if r1 > 3 false
     cmp r1, 3 // test 2
                                then branch to
     ble .Lelse
                                the false block
     mov r2, r5 // true block
     // branch around else
     b .Lendif -
Lelse:
     mov r5, r2 //false block
     // fall through
 .Lendif:
    mov r4, r3
```

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Program Flow – If statements || compound tests - 1

```
if ((r0 == 5) || (r1 > 3)) {
    r2 = r5; // true block
    /* fall through */
}
r4 = r3;
```

```
cmp r0, 5
beq .Lthen branch to true block

cmp r1, 3
ble .Lendif branch around

// fall through true block

.Lthen:

mov r2, r5 // true block

/* fall through */

.Lendif:

mov r4, r3
```

Program Flow – If statements || compound tests - 2

```
if ((r0 == 5) || (r1 > 3)) {
    r2 = r5; // true block
    /* branch around else */
} else {
    r5 = r2; // false block
    /* fall through */
}
```

```
cmp r0, 5
                  If r0 == 5 true, then
                  branch to the true block
    beg .Lthen
                   if r1 > 3 false then
    cmp r1, 3
                   branch to false block
   ble .Lelse
   // fall through
Lthen:
    mov r2, r5 // true block
    // branch around else
    b .Lendif-
Lelse
    mov r5, r2 // false block
   // fall through
.Lendif:
```

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Program Flow – Pre-test and Post-test Loop Guards

- loop guard: code that must evaluate to true before the next iteration of the loop
- If the loop guard test(s) evaluate to true, the body of the loop is executed again
- pre-test loop guard is at the top of the loop
 - If the test evaluates to true, execution falls through to the loop body
 - if the test evaluates to false, execution branches around the loop body
- post-test loop guard is at the bottom of the loop
 - If the test evaluates to true, execution branches to the top of the loop
 - If the test evaluates to false, execution falls through the instruction following the loop

```
one or more iterations

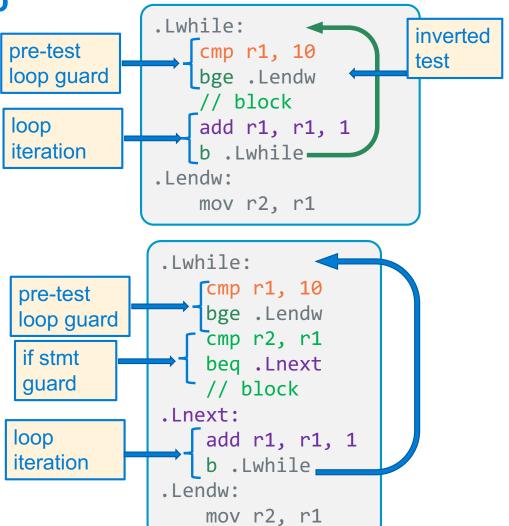
do {
    /* block */
    i++;
} while (i < 10);

post-test loop guard
```

Pre-Test Guards - While Loop

```
while (r1 < 10) {
    /* block */
    r1++;
}
r2 = r1;</pre>
```

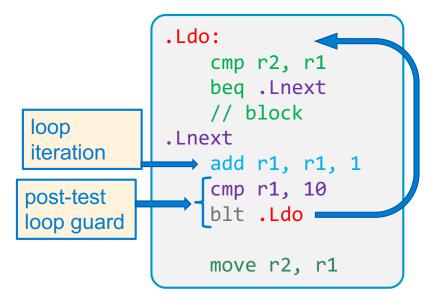
```
while (r1 < 10) {
    if (r2 != r1) {
        /* block */
    }
    r1++;
}
r2 = r1;</pre>
```



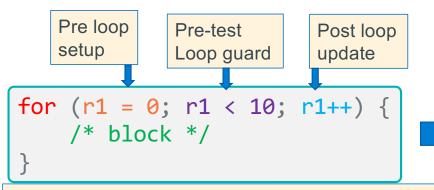
Post-Test Guards – Do While Loop

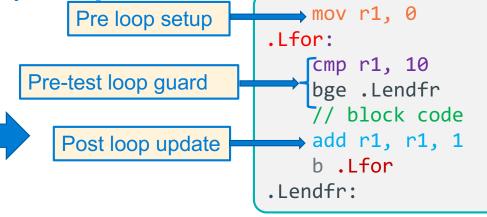
```
do {
    /* block */
    r1++;
} while (r1 < 10);</pre>
r2 = r1;
```

```
do {
    if (r2 != r1) {
        /* block */
    }
    r1++;
} while (r1 < 10);</pre>
```



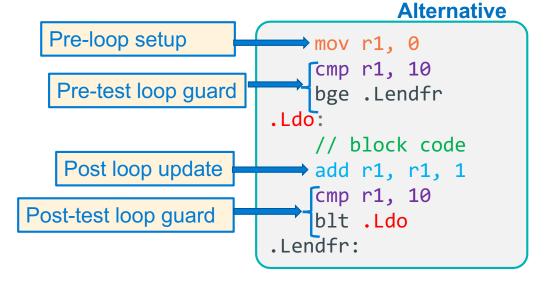
Program Flow – Counting (For) Loop





A counting loop has three parts:

- Pre-loop setup
- 2. Pre-test loop guard conditions
- 3. Post-loop update
- Alternative:
- move Pre-test loop guard before the loop
- Add post-test loop guard
 - converts to do while
 - · removes an unconditional branch



Nested loops

```
for (r3 = 0; r3 < 10; r3++) {
    r0 = 0;

do {
    r0 = r0 + r1++;
} while (r1 < 10);

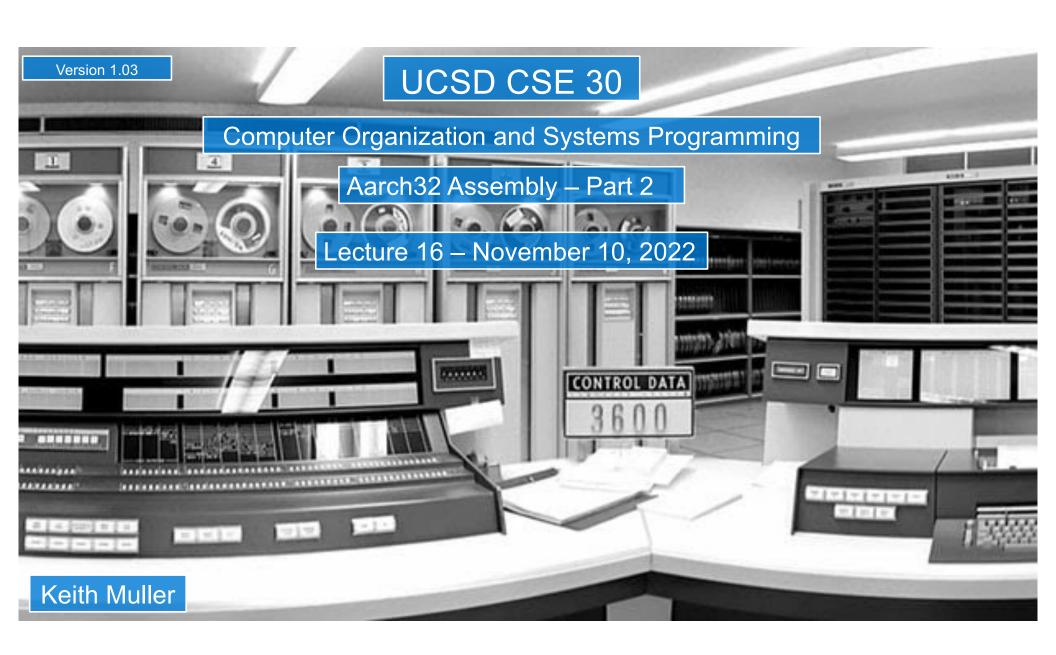
// fall through
    r2 = r2 + r1;
}
r5 = r0;</pre>
```

- Nest loop blocks as you would in C or Java
- Do not branch into the middle of a loop,
 this is hard to read and is prone to errors

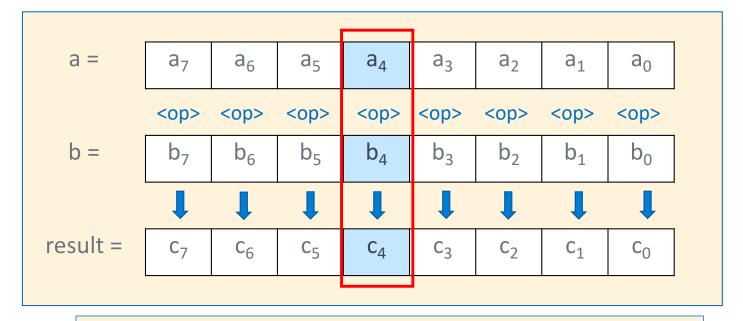
```
mov r3, 0
Lfor:
   cmp r3, 10 // loop guard
   bge .Lendfor
   mov r0, 0
.Ldo:
    add r0, r0, r1
    add r1, r1, 1
    cmp r1, 10 // loop guard
   blt .Ldo
   // fall through
   add r2, r2, r1
    add r3, r3, 1 // loop iteration
   b .Lfor
.Lendfor:
   mov r5, r0
```

Keep loops Properly Nested: Do not branch into the middle of a loop

Do not do the following: It is hard to understand and debug .Lloop1: loops when you branch into the add r1, r1, 1 middle of a loop ►Lloop2: add r2, r2, 1 Keep loops proper nested add r2, r1, r3 cmp r1, 10 blt .Lloop1 Bad practice: branch into loop body beq .Lend1 add r3, r3, 1 cmp r2, 20 ble .Lloop2← Lend1:



What is a Bitwise Operation?



- Bitwise operators are applied independently to each of the <u>corresponding</u> bit positions in each variable
- Each bit position of the result depends <u>only</u> on bits in the <u>same</u> bit position within the operands

Bitwise (Bit to Bit) Operators in C

output = ~a;

a	~a
0	1
1	0

output = a & b;

а	b	a & b
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

& with 1 to let a bit through

& with 0 to set a bit to 0

output = a | b;

а	b	a b
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

with 1 to set a bit to 1 with 0 to let a bit through

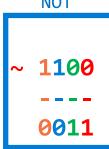
output = a ^ b; //EOR

а	b	a ^ b
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

^ with 1 will flip the bit

^ with 0 to let a bit through

Bitwise NOT



Bitwise



Bitwise



Bitwise



Bitwise Not (vs Boolean Not)

in C
int output = ~a;

a	~a
0	1
1	0

* 1100 ----

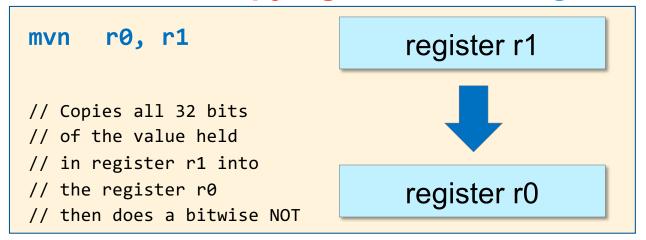
	Bitwise Not							
number	0101	1010	0101	1010	1111	0000	1001	0110
~number	1010	0101	1010	0101	0000	1111	0110	1001

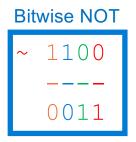
Meaning	Operator	Operator	Meaning	
Boolean NOT	!b	~b	Bitwise NOT	

Boolean operators act on the entire value not the individual bits

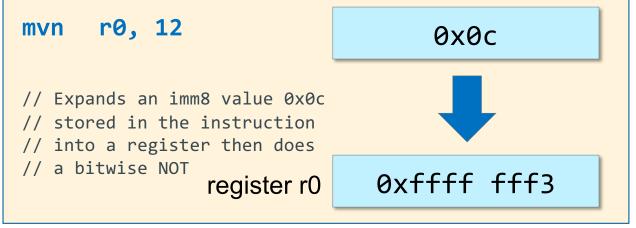
Туре	Operation	result							
bitwise	~0x01	1111	1111	1111	1111	1111	1111	1111	1110
Boolean	!0x01	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000

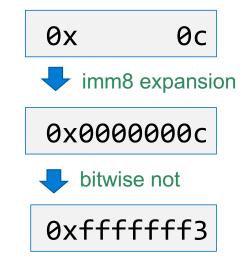
First Look: Copying Values To Registers – MVN (not)



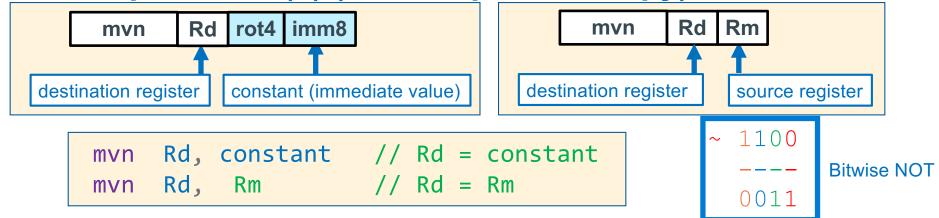


A bitwise NOT operation



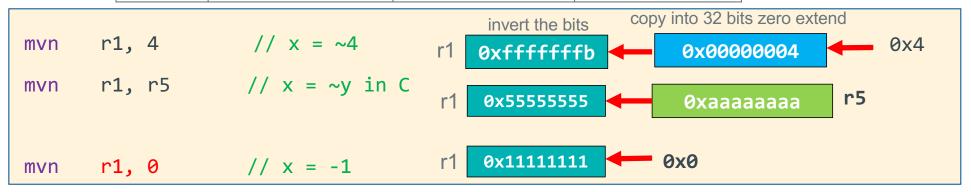


mvn – Copies NOT (~) (1's Compliment Copy)



bitwise NOT operation. Immediate (constant) version copies to 32-bit register, then does a bitwise NOT

imm8	extended imm8	inverted imm8	signed base 10	
0x00	0x00 00 00 00	0xff ff ff ff	-1	
0x ff	0x00 00 00 ff	0xff ff ff 00	-256	



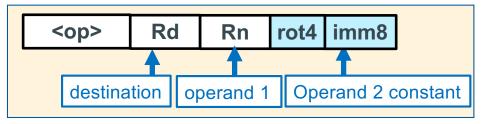
Bitwise versus C Boolean Operators

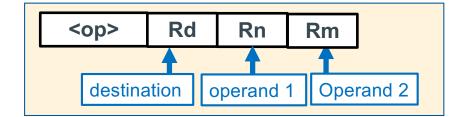
Meaning	Operator	Operator	Meaning
Boolean AND	a && b	a & b	Bitwise AND
Boolean OR	a b	a b	Bitwise OR
Boolean NOT	!b	~b	Biwise NOT

Boolean operators act on the entire value not the individual bits

```
& versus &&
```

Bitwise Instructions

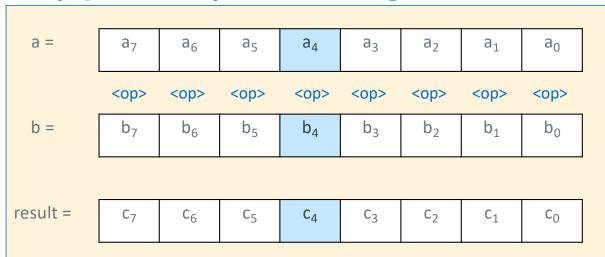




Bitwise <op> description</op>	C Syntax	Arm <op> Syntax</op>	Operation
Bitwise AND	~x	and R _d , R _n , Op2	$R_d \leftarrow R_n \& Op2$
Bit Clear each bit in Op2 that is a 1, the same bit in R _d , is cleared	<none></none>	bic R _d , R _n , Op2	$R_d \leftarrow R_n \& \sim Op2$
Bitwise OR	a & b	orr R _d , R _n , Op2	$R_d \leftarrow R_n \mid Op2$
Exclusive OR	a ^ b	eor R _d , R _n , Op2	$R_d \leftarrow R_n \land Op2$

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The act (operation) of *Masking*



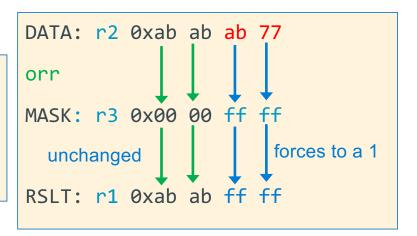
- Bit masks access/modify specific bits in memory
- Masking act of applying a mask to a value with a specific op:
- orr: 0 passes bit unchanged, 1 sets bit to 1
- eor: 0 passes bit unchanged, 1 inverts the bit
- bic: 0 passes bit unchanged, 1 clears it
- and: 0 clears the bit, 1 passes bit unchanged

Mask on and Mask off

force lower 16 bits to 1 "mask on" operation

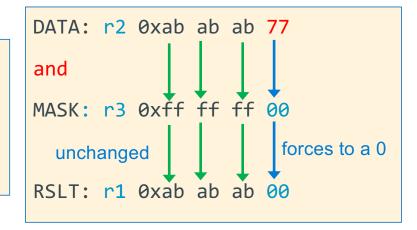
- 1 to set a bit to 1
- 0 to let a bit through unchanged

```
orr r1, r2, r3
```



force lower 8 bits to 0 "mask off" operation

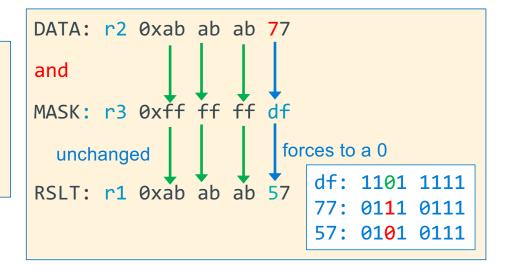
- 0 to **set a bit to 0** ("clears the bit")
- 1 to let a bit through unchanged
 and r1, r2, r3



Mask off versus Bit Clear

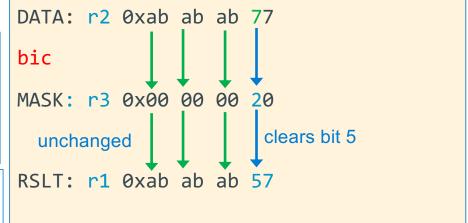
force lower 8 bits to 0 "mask off" operation

- 0 to set a bit to 0 ("clears the bit")
- 1 to let a bit through unchanged and r1, r2, r3



clear bit 5 to a 0 without changing the other bits

r3: 0010 0000 ~r3: 1101 1111

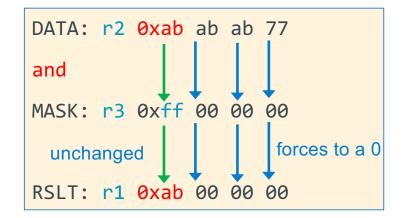


Extracting (Isolate) a Field of Bits with a mask

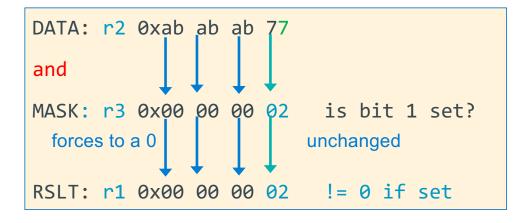
extract top 8 bits of r2 into r1

- 0 to **set a bit to 0** ("clears the bit")
- 1 to let a bit through unchanged

and r1, r2, r3



Finding if a bit is set



77: 0111 0111 01: 0000 0010 and r1: 0000 0010

75: 0111 0101 01: 0000 0010 and r1: 0000 0000

Even/Odd: MOD %<power of 2>

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Even or odd, check LSB (same as mod %2)

check LSB (bit 0) if set then odd, else even

and r1, r2, r3

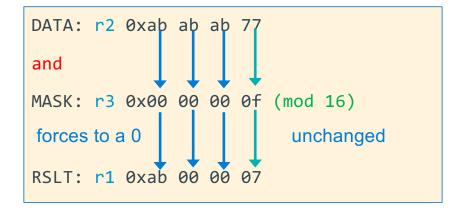
cmp r1, 1

beq .Lodd

// code

.Lodd:
```

```
remainder (mod): num % d where num \geq 0 and d = 2^k
mask = 2^k -1 so for mod 16, mask = 16 -1 = 15
and r1, r2, r3
```

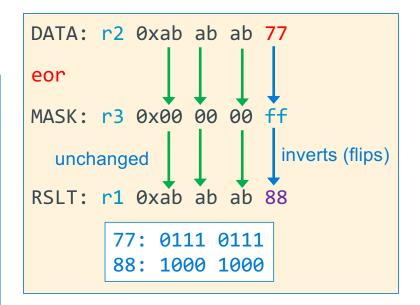


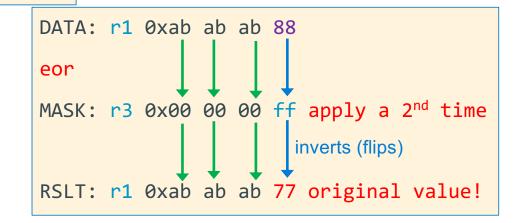
Flipping bits: bit toggle Used in PA8

invert (flip) the lower 8-bits "bit toggle" operation

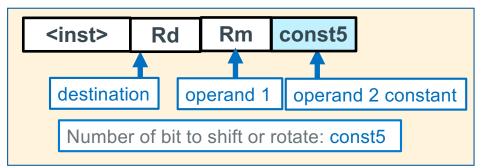
- 1 will flip the bit
- 0 to let a bit through

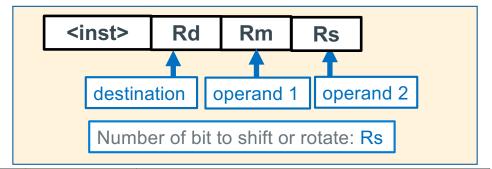
- Observation: When applied twice, it returns the original value (symmetric encoding)
- With a mask of all 1's is a 1's compliment





Shift and Rotate Instructions





	Instruction	Syntax	K	Operation	Notes	Diagram
_	Logical Shift Left int x; x << 1;	LSL R _d , R _m , LSL R _d , R _m ,		$R_d \leftarrow R_m << const5$ $R_d \leftarrow R_m << R_s$	Zero fills shift: 0 - 31	C b31 b0 0
	Logical Shift Right unsigned int x; x >> 1;	LSR R _d , R _m , LSR R _d , R _m ,		$R_d \leftarrow R_m >> const5$ $R_d \leftarrow R_m >> R_s$	Zero fills shift: 1 - 32	0
	Arithmetic Shift Right int x; x >> 1;	ASR R _d , R _m , ASR R _d , R _m ,		$R_d \leftarrow R_m >> const5$ $R_d \leftarrow R_m >> R_s$	Sign extends shift: 1 - 32	b31 b0 C
	Rotate Right unsigned int x; x = (x>>1) (x<<31);	ROR R _d , R _m , ROR R _d , R _m ,		$R_d \leftarrow R_m \text{ ror } const5$ $R_d \leftarrow R_m \text{ ror } R_s$	right rotate rot: 0 - 31	b31 b0

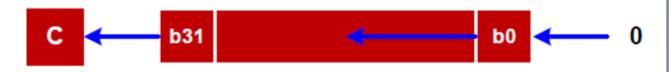
Arithmetic Shift Right (there is no arithmetic shift left)

```
asr r2, r0, 8
          r0 0xab ab ab 77
          r2 Oxff ab ab (see the sign extend)
                                   b0
                                  Test for sign
Test for sign
                                  0 if r0 positive
-1 if r0 negative
  asr r2, r0, 31
                                     asr r2, r0, 31
  cmp r2, -1
                                     cmp r2, 0
                                     beq .Lispos
  beq .Lisneg
  //code
                                     //code
                                    .Lispos:
.Lisneg:
                                   r0 0x7b ab ab 77
r0 0xab ab ab 77
r2 0xff ff ff ff
                                   r2 0x00 00 00 00
```

Logical Shift & Rotate Operations



lsr r2, r0, 8
r0 0xab ab ab 77
r2 0x00 ab ab ab



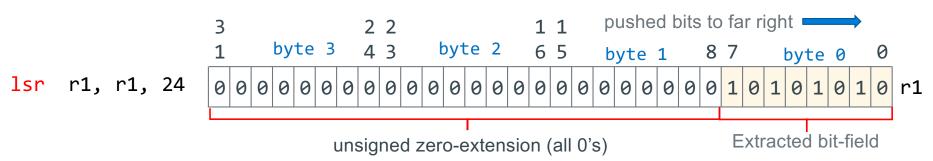
```
1sl r2, r0, 8
r0 0xab ab ab 77
r2 0xab ab 77 00
```

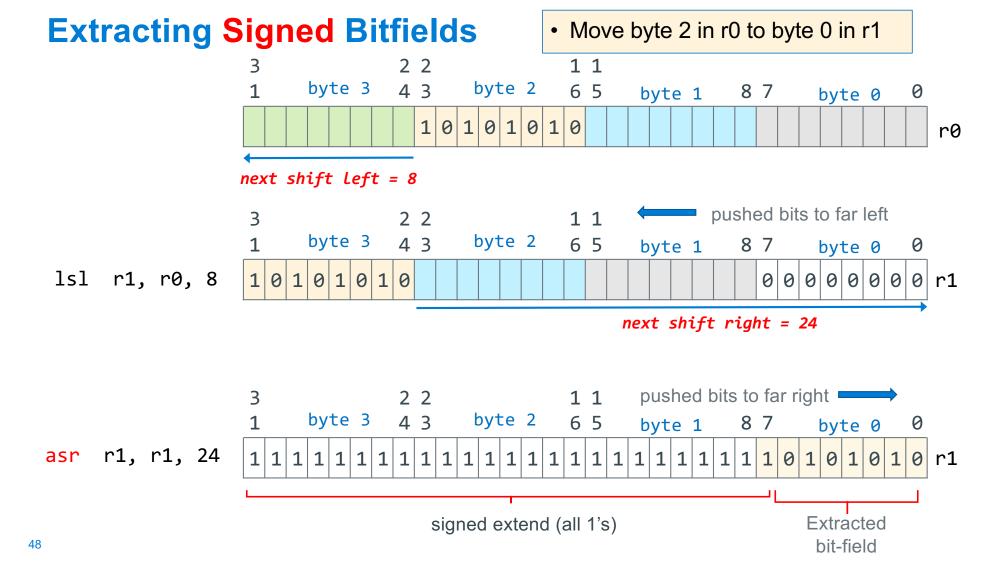


Extracting/Isolating Unsigned Bitfields

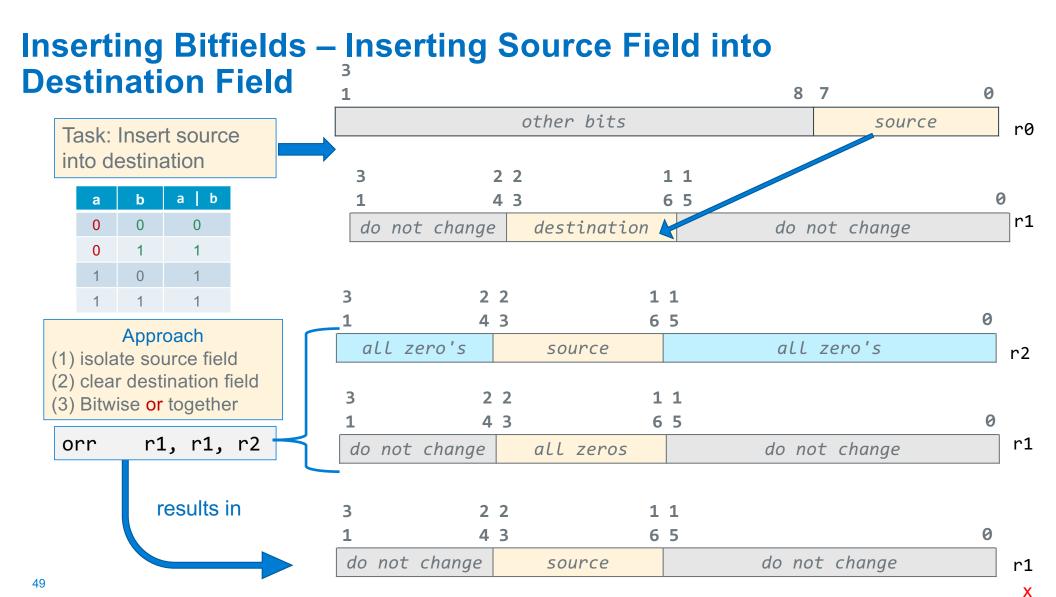
• Move byte 2 in r0 to byte 0 in r1

2 2 1 1 Hint: Useful for PA8 1 byte 3 4 3 byte 2 6 5 byte 1 8 7 0 byte 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 r0 next shift Left = 8 pushed bits to far left 3 2 2 1 1 byte 3 4 3 byte 2 1 6 5 8 7 byte 1 byte 0 lsl r1, r0, 8 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 r1 Next shift right = 24

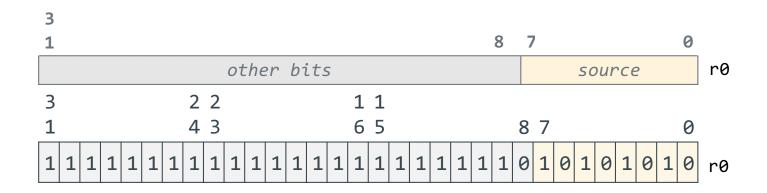


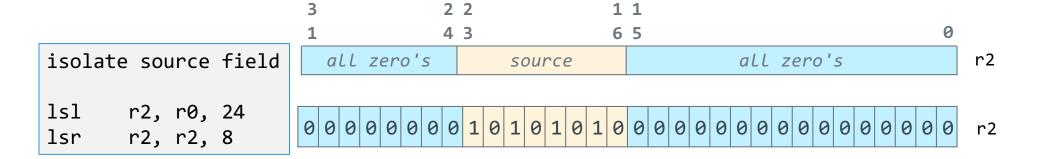


X

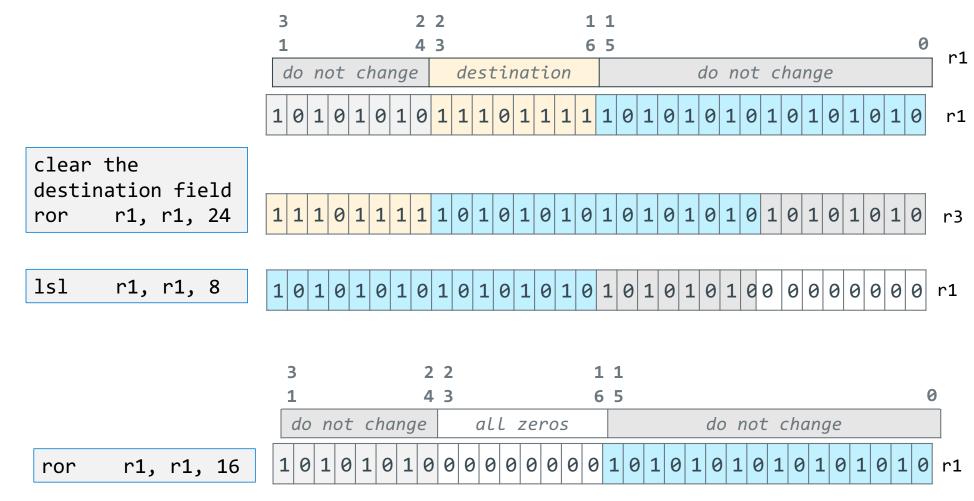


Inserting Bitfields – Isolating the Source Field

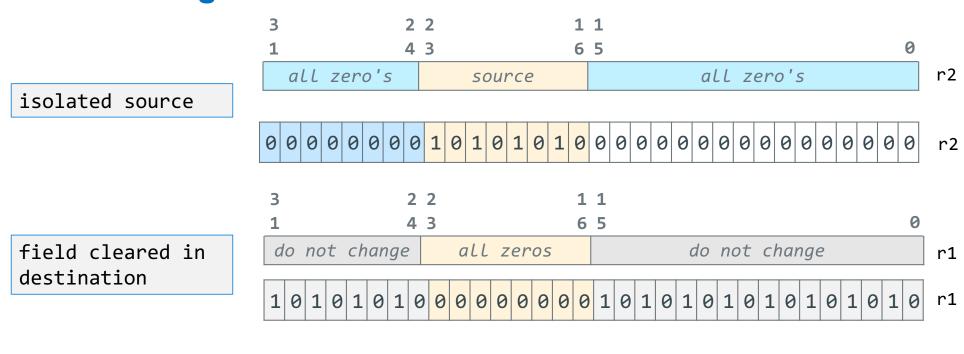




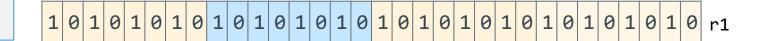
Inserting Bitfields – Clearing the Destination Field



Inserting Bitfields – Combining Isolated Source and Cleared Destination



inserted field orr r1, r1, r0



Masking Summary

Select a field: Use and with a mask of one's surrounded by zero's to select the bits that have a 1 in the mask, all other bits will be set to zero selects this field when used with and

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 selection mask

Clear a field: Use and with a mask of zero's surrounded by one's to select the bits that have a 1 in the mask, all other bits will be set to zero clears this field when used with and

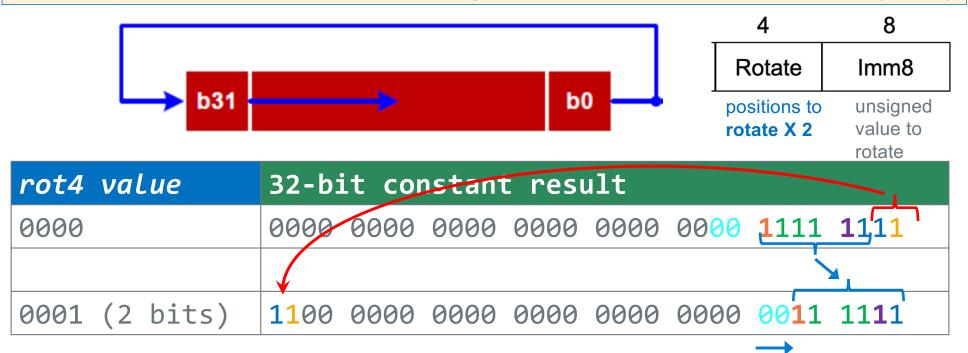
Isolate a field: Use lsr, lsl, rot to get a field surrounded by zeros

Insert a field: Use orr with fields surrounded by zeros

Extra Slides

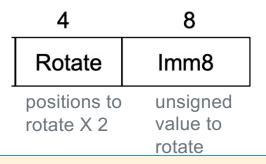
How are I – Type Constants Encoded in the instruction?

- Aarch32 provides only 8-bits for specifying an immediate constant value
- Without "rotation" immediate values are limited to the range of positive 0-255
- Imm8 expands to 32 bits and does a rotate right to achieve additional constant values (YUCK)

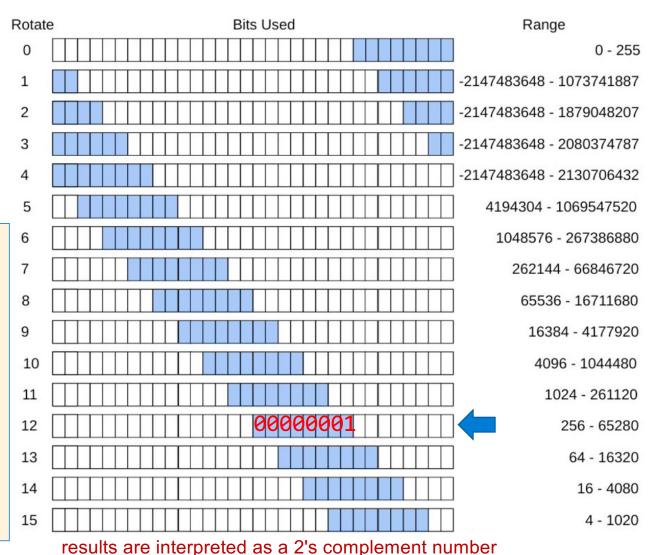


results are interpreted as a 2's complement number

Rot4 - Imm8 Values



- How would 256 be encoded?
 - rotate = 12, imm8 = 1
- Bottom line: the assembler will do this for you
- If you try and use an immediate value that it cannot generate it will give an error
- There is a workaround later



Branch Target Address (BTA): What Is imm24?

executing instruction

decode instruction

fetch instruction

- Previous slide: phases of execution:
 (1) fetch, (2) decode, (3) execute
- The pc (r15) contains the address of the instruction being fetched, which is two instructions ahead or executing instruction + 8 bytes
- Branch target address (or imm24) is the distance measured in the # of instructions (signed, 2's complement) from the fetch address contained in r15 when executing the branch

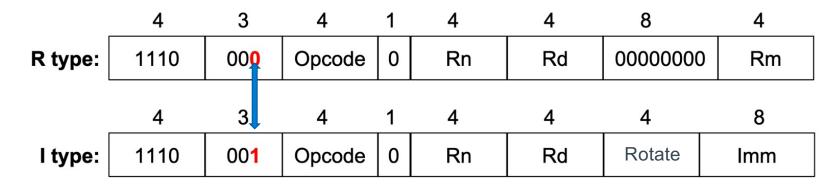
```
0001042c <inloop>:
   1042c: e3530061
                       cmp r3, 0x61
 →10430: ba000002
                       blt 10440 <store>
  ▶10434: e353007a
                       cmp r3, 0x7a
  10438: ca000000
                       bgt 10440 <store>
   1043c: e2433020
                       sub r3, r3, #32
                     BTA: + 2 instructions
00010440 <store>:
                     →strb r3, [r1, r2]
   10440: e7c13002
                       add r2, r2, 0x1
   10444: e2822001
                       ldrb r3, [r0, r2]
   10448: e7d03002
   1044c: e3530000
                       cmp r3, 0x0
   10450: 1afffff5
                       bne 1042c <inloop>
```

```
target address = 0x10440
fetch address = 0x10438
distance(bytes) = 0x00008
distance(instructions)= 0x8/(4 bytes/instruction)= 0x2
```

imm24 | 0x 00 00 02

Basic Arm Machine Code Instructions

- Instructions consist of several fields that encode the opcode and arguments to the opcode
- Special fields enable extended functionality later
- Several 4-bit operand fields for specifying the source and destination of the operation, usually one of the 16 registers
- Embedded constants ("immediate values") of various size and "configuration"
- Basic Data processing instruction formats (below)
- R type instruction: add r0, r1, r2 // third operand is a register
- I type instruction: add r0, r0, 1 // third operand is an immediate value



Program Flow – multiple branches, one cmp

```
if ((r0 > 5) {
    /* condition block 1 */
    // branch to endif
} else if (r0 < 5){
    /* condition block 2 */
    // branch to endif
} else {
    /* condition block 3 */
    // fall through to endif
}
// endif
r1 = 11;</pre>
```

There are many other ways to do this

```
cmp r0, 5
                   special case: multiple
     bgt .Lblk1
                   branches from one cmp
     blt .Lblk2
     // fall through
     // condition block 3
     b .Lendif
Lblk1:
     // condition block 1
     b .Lendif
→.Lblk2:
     // condition block 2
     b .Lendif
 .Lendif:
     mov r1, 5
```