

Advanced-CO-and-CA

Lab Assignment-3

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Problem Statement:

Finding the 32-bit number that has the largest Weight (Submission Deadline:13/10/19)

Weight of a 32-bit number is defined as **the total number of bits set**.

Given a series of 32-bit numbers (in hexadecimal form), write an assembly program to determine which element, in the series, has the largest weight and store the number in **NUM** and its weight in **WIEGHT**.

Assume that the memory locations starting at address **data_start** contains the given set of integers.

For example, the *.data* section will look like

```
.data
data_start: 0x205A15E3 ;(0010 0000 0101 1010 0001 0101 1101 0011 - 13)
              0x256C8700 ;(0010 0101 0110 1100 1000 0111 0000 0000 - 11)
data_end:   0x295468F2 ;(0010 1001 0101 0100 0110 1000 1111 0010 - 14)

Output: NUM      295468F2
        WEIGHT   14
```

Add necessary comments to your program for easy readability.

Solution: I solved the issue with 2 methods:

Solution1: Naïve solution

1. Initializes wt & Max element to 0
2. Finding number of 1's while iterating each element

```
while(n != 0) {
    n &= (n-1);
    count++;
}
```

3. Compare the wt with previous max value update the wt & Max element if it is higher.

Solution 2:

Efficient method to find the **Hamming weight** of a number and uses 17 arithmetic operations (works without Mul instruction)

This method is better for processors with slow MUL operations

Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamming_weight

Pseudo Code:

```
int hammingWt_32bit(uint32_t x){  
    x -= (x >> 1) & m1;      //put count of each 2 bits into those 2 bits  
    x = (x & m2) + ((x >> 2) & m2); //put count of each 4 bits into those 4 bits  
    x = (x + (x >> 4)) & m4;    //put count of each 8 bits into those 8 bits  
    x += x >> 8; //put count of each 16 bits into their lowest 8 bits  
    x += x >> 16; //put count of each 32 bits into their lowest 8 bits  
    return x & 0x7f;  
}
```

1. Initializes wt & Max element to 0
2. Finding number of 1's while iterating each element using **Hamming weight**
3. Compare the wt with previous max value update the wt & Max element if it is higher.

Result:

ARMSim# - The ARM Simulator Dept. of Computer Science

File View Cache Debug Watch Help

RegistersView Floating Point

Hexadecimal
Unsigned Decimal
Signed Decimal

R0 : 00000000
R1 : 00000000
R2 : 295468f2
R3 : 295468f2
R4 : 00000000
R5 : 00000000
R6 : 01111120
R7 : 55555555
R8 : 33333333
R9 : 0f0f0f0f
R10(sp): 00000074
R11(fp): 00000000
R12(ip): 00000000
R13(sp): 00000000
R14(lr): 000010a4
R15(pc): 000010a0

CPSR Register
Negative(N): 0
Zero(Z): 1
Carry(C): 1
Overflow(V): 0
IRQ Disable: 1
FIQ Disable: 1
Thumb(T): 0
CPU Mode : Undefin

0x600000db

CodeView

Assignment3.o

```
00001000:E59F5094    LDR r5, =data_items    ;@Initialize the address of data item
00001004:E59F6094    LDR r6, =weight         ;@r1 max weight
00001008:E0211001    EOR r1, r1, r1          ;@r2 Max element
0000100C:E0222002    EOR r2, r2, r2
00001010:E59F408C    LDR r4, =length         ;@load length, if length is 0, stop execution
00001014:E5940000    LDR r0, [r4]             ;@using r0 as a counter
00001018:E3500000    CMP r0, #0              ;@End if length is 0
0000101C:0A00001A    BEQ END
00001020:E59F4080    LDR r4, =w1              ;@ load predefined values
00001024:E5947000    LDR r7, [r4]             ;@ w1
00001028:E59F407C    LDR r4, =w2              ;@ w2
0000102C:E5948000    LDR r8, [r4]             ;@ w2
00001030:E59F4078    LDR r4, =w3              ;@ w3
00001034:E5949000    LDR r9, [r4]             ;@ w3
00001038:E59F4074    LDR r4, =w4              ;@ w4
0000103C:E594A000    LDR r10, [r4]            ;@ w4
00001040:E59F4070    LDR r4, =data_start:    ;@ load data_start starting address into register r4
00001044:E4943004    loop: LDR r3, [r4], #4    ;@ Looping through all the elements in the list, register r3 holds
00001048:E0235005    EOR r5, r5, r5          ; @wt of current element
```

OutputView WatchView

Console stdout/stdout/stderr