

## ARM Assembly Language programs

Execute the following ARM assembly programs in keil uVision. Simulate in single step mode and show the output.

1. Divide a 8 bit variable into two 4 bit nibbles and store one nibble in each byte of a 16 - bit variable. Store the disassembled byte in memory location (pointed by result)
2. Compare 2 values stored in memory location and store the higher value in a memory location (pointed by Result).
3. Write a program to add two 64 bit numbers and store the result in a memory location.
4. Write an assembly program to evaluate the following expressions without using MUL instruction.

a.  $f(x) = (291 * x + 5) / 16$

b.  $f(x) = 595 * x + 19$

Hint : When multiplying by a constant value, it is possible to replace the general multiply with a fixed sequence of adds and subtracts which have the same effect.

For instance, multiply by 5 could be achieved using a single instruction:

ADD Rd, Rm, Rm, LSL #2 ;  $Rd = Rm + (Rm * 4) = Rm * 5$

(LSL #2 - left shift the register 2 places to the left (equivalent to multiplying by 4))

This ADD version is better than the MUL version below:

MOV Rs, #5

MUL Rd, Rm, Rs

The 'cost' of the general multiply includes the instructions needed to load the constant into a register (up to 4 may be needed, or an LDR from a literal pool) as well as the multiply itself.

Consider multiply by 105: 105 can be written as  $105 = 128 - 16 + 2 + 1$ . To perform this we can do as below

ADD Rd, Rm, Rm, LSL #1 ;  $Rd = Rm * 3$

SUB Rd, Rd, Rm, LSL #4 ;  $Rd = Rm * 3 - Rm * 16$

ADD Rd, Rd, Rm, LSL #7 ;  $Rd = Rm * 3 - Rm * 16 + Rm * 128$

Or, decomposing differently:

$$105 = 15 * 7$$

$$= (16 - 1) * (8 - 1)$$

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RSB  Rt, Rm, Rm, LSL #4          ; Rt = Rm*15 (tmp reg)
RSB  Rd, Rt, Rt, LSL #3          ; Rd = Rt*7 = Rm*105
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Second is optimal. So find an optimal way to solve.

5. Initiate a simple stack. Use the Store(STM) instruction to push 4 registers into the stack and Load(LDM) instruction to pop the registers out of the stack. Try using all the 4 types of stack operations viz Full Ascending(FA), Full Descending(FD), Empty Ascending(EA), Empty Descending(ED) and see the differences.
6. Sort a sequence of 5 numbers in ascending order and store it in memory.