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THUMB Instruction Set

This chapter describes the THUMB instruction set.

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Format Summary

The THUMB instruction set formats are shown in the following figure.

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
1	0	0	0	Op		Offset5					Rs			Rd			*Move shifted register*
2	0	0	0	1	1	I	Op	Rn/offset3			Rs			Rd			*Add/subtract*
3	0	0	1	Op		Rd			Offset8								*Move/compare/add /subtract immediate*
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	Op				Rs			Rd			*ALU operations*
5	0	1	0	0	0	1	Op		H1	H2	Rs/Hs			Rd/Hd			*Hi register operations /branch exchange*
6	0	1	0	0	1	Rd			Word8								*PC-relative load*
7	0	1	0	1	L	B	0	Ro			Rb			Rd			*Load/store with register offset*
8	0	1	0	1	H	S	1	Ro			Rb			Rd			*Load/store sign-extended byte/halfword*
9	0	1	1	B	L	Offset5					Rb			Rd			*Load/store with immediate offset*
10	1	0	0	0	L	Offset5					Rb			Rd			*Load/store halfword*
11	1	0	0	1	L	Rd			Word8								*SP-relative load/store*
12	1	0	1	0	SP	Rd			Word8								*Load address*
13	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	S	SWord7							*Add offset to stack pointer*
14	1	0	1	1	L	1	0	R	Rlist								*Push/pop registers*
15	1	1	0	0	L	Rb			Rlist								*Multiple load/store*
16	1	1	0	1	Cond				Soffset8								*Conditional branch*
17	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	Value8								*Software Interrupt*
18	1	1	1	0	0	Offset11											*Unconditional branch*
19	1	1	1	1	H	Offset											*Long branch with link*
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	

Figure 5-1: THUMB instruction set formats

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Opcode Summary

The following table summarizes the THUMB instruction set. For further information about a particular instruction please refer to the sections listed in the right-most column.

Mnemonic	Instruction	Lo register operand	Hi register operand	Condition codes set	See Section:
ADC	Add with Carry	✔		✔	5.4
ADD	Add	✔	✔	✔①	5.1.3, 5.5, 5.12, 5.13
AND	AND	✔		✔	5.4
ASR	Arithmetic Shift Right	✔		✔	5.1, 5.4
B	Unconditional branch	✔			5.16
B*xx*	Conditional branch	✔			5.17
BIC	Bit Clear	✔		✔	5.4
BL	Branch and Link				5.19
BX	Branch and Exchange	✔	✔		5.5
CMN	Compare Negative	✔		✔	5.4
CMP	Compare	✔	✔	✔	5.3, 5.4, 5.5
EOR	EOR	✔		✔	5.4
LDMIA	Load multiple	✔			5.15
LDR	Load word	✔			5.7, 5.6, 5.9, 5.11
LDRB	Load byte	✔			5.7, 5.9
LDRH	Load halfword	✔			5.8, 5.10
LSL	Logical Shift Left	✔		✔	5.1, 5.4
LDSB	Load sign-extended byte	✔			5.8
LDSH	Load sign-extended halfword	✔			5.8
LSR	Logical Shift Right	✔		✔	5.1, 5.4
MOV	Move register	✔	✔	✔②	5.3, 5.5
MUL	Multiply	✔		✔	5.4
MVN	Move Negative register	✔		✔	5.4

Table 5-1: THUMB instruction set opcodes

Mnemonic	Instruction	Lo register operand	Hi register operand	Condition codes set	See Section:
NEG	Negate	✔		✔	5.4
ORR	OR	✔		✔	5.4
POP	Pop registers	✔			5.14
PUSH	Push registers	✔			5.14
ROR	Rotate Right	✔		✔	5.4
SBC	Subtract with Carry	✔		✔	5.4
STMIA	Store Multiple	✔			5.15
STR	Store word	✔			5.7, 5.9, 5.11
STRB	Store byte	✔			5.7
STRH	Store halfword	✔			5.8, 5.10
SWI	Software Interrupt				5.17
SUB	Subtract	✔		✔	5.1.3, 5.3
TST	Test bits	✔		✔	5.4

Table 5-1: THUMB instruction set opcodes (Continued)

①   The condition codes are unaffected by the format 5, 12 and 13 versions of this instruction.

②   The condition codes are unaffected by the format 5 version of this instruction.
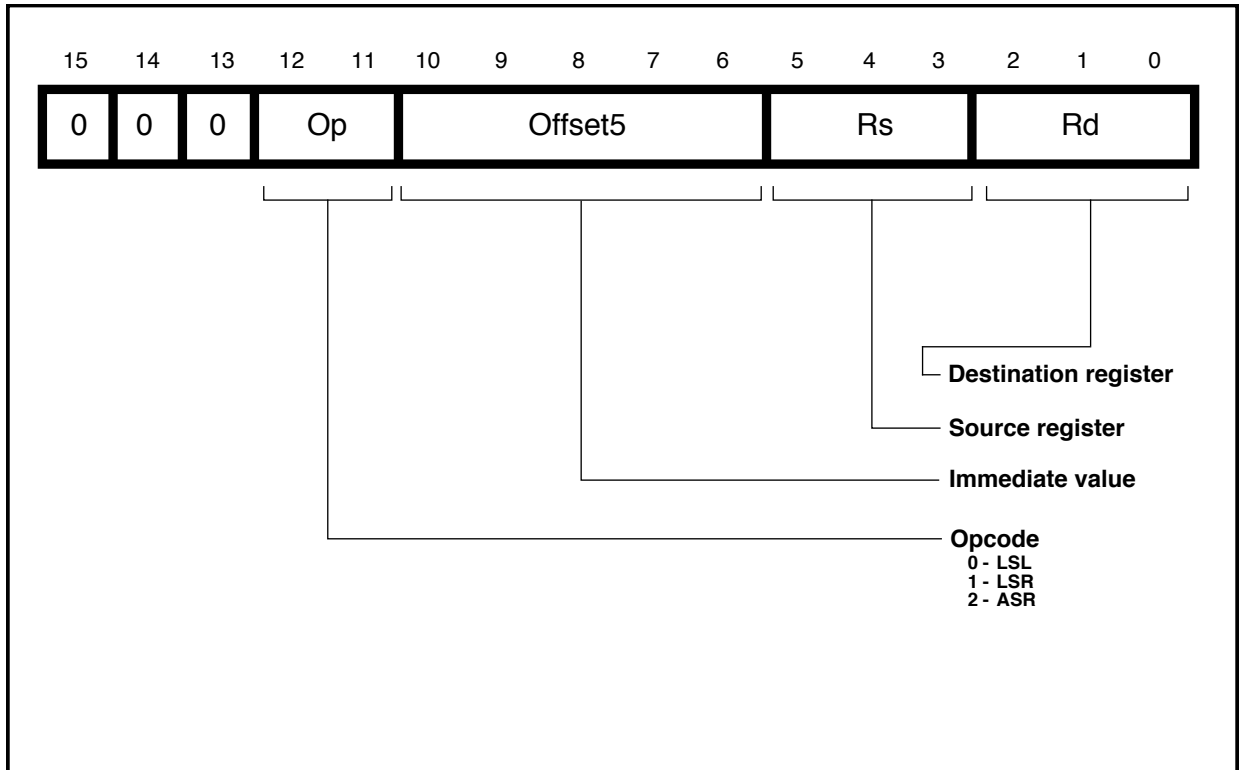
5.1 Format 1: move shifted register

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	0	0	Op		Offset5					Rs			Rd		

Destination register

Source register

Immediate value

Opcode
0 - LSL
1 - LSR
2 - ASR

Figure 5-2: Format 1

5.1.1 Operation

These instructions move a shifted value between Lo registers. The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in ⊃*Table 5-2: Summary of format 1 instructions*.

Note   All instructions in this group set the CPSR condition codes.

OP	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
00	LSL Rd, Rs, #Offset5	MOVS Rd, Rs, LSL #Offset5	Shift Rs left by a 5-bit immediate value and store the result in Rd.
01	LSR Rd, Rs, #Offset5	MOVS Rd, Rs, LSR #Offset5	Perform logical shift right on Rs by a 5-bit immediate value and store the result in Rd.
10	ASR Rd, Rs, #Offset5	MOVS Rd, Rs, ASR #Offset5	Perform arithmetic shift right on Rs by a 5-bit immediate value and store the result in Rd.

Table 5-2: Summary of format 1 instructions

5.1.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⌐*Table 5-2: Summary of format 1 instructions* on page 5-5. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⌐*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.1.3 Examples

```
LSR   R2, R5, #27    ; Logical shift right the contents
                     ; of R5 by 27 and store the result in R2.
                     ; Set condition codes on the result.
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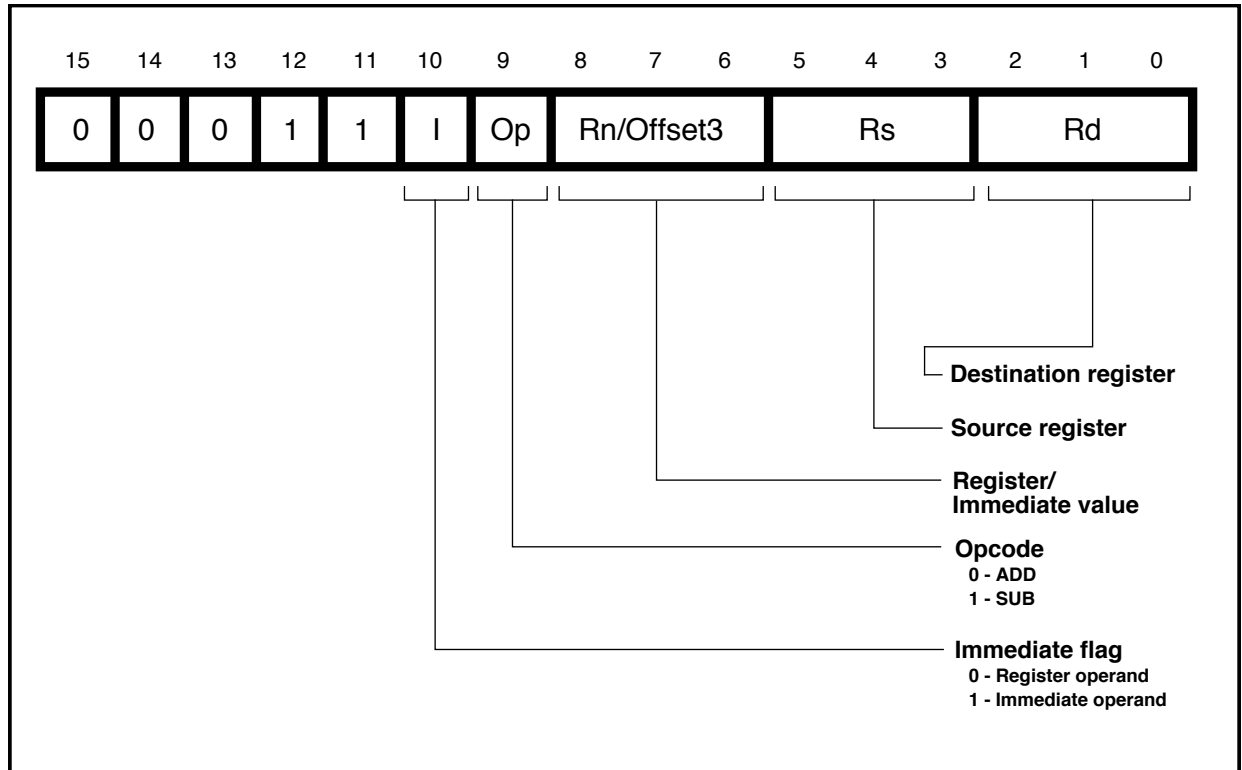
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5.2 Format 2: add/subtract

Figure 5-3: Format 2

5.2.1 Operation

These instructions allow the contents of a Lo register or a 3-bit immediate value to be added to or subtracted from a Lo register. The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in ➲*Table 5-3: Summary of format 2 instructions*.

Note All instructions in this group set the CPSR condition codes.

Op	I	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	0	ADD Rd, Rs, Rn	ADDS Rd, Rs, Rn	Add contents of Rn to contents of Rs. Place result in Rd.
0	1	ADD Rd, Rs, #Offset3	ADDS Rd, Rs, #Offset3	Add 3-bit immediate value to contents of Rs. Place result in Rd.
1	0	SUB Rd, Rs, Rn	SUBS Rd, Rs, Rn	Subtract contents of Rn from contents of Rs. Place result in Rd.
1	1	SUB Rd, Rs, #Offset3	SUBS Rd, Rs, #Offset3	Subtract 3-bit immediate value from contents of Rs. Place result in Rd.

Table 5-3: Summary of format 2 instructions

5.2.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃*Table 5-3: Summary of format 2 instructions* on page 5-7. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.2.3 Examples

```
ADD   R0, R3, R4     ; R0 := R3 + R4 and set condition codes on
                     ; the result.

SUB   R6, R2, #6     ; R6 := R2 – 6 and set condition codes.
```

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5.3 Format 3: move/compare/add/subtract immediate
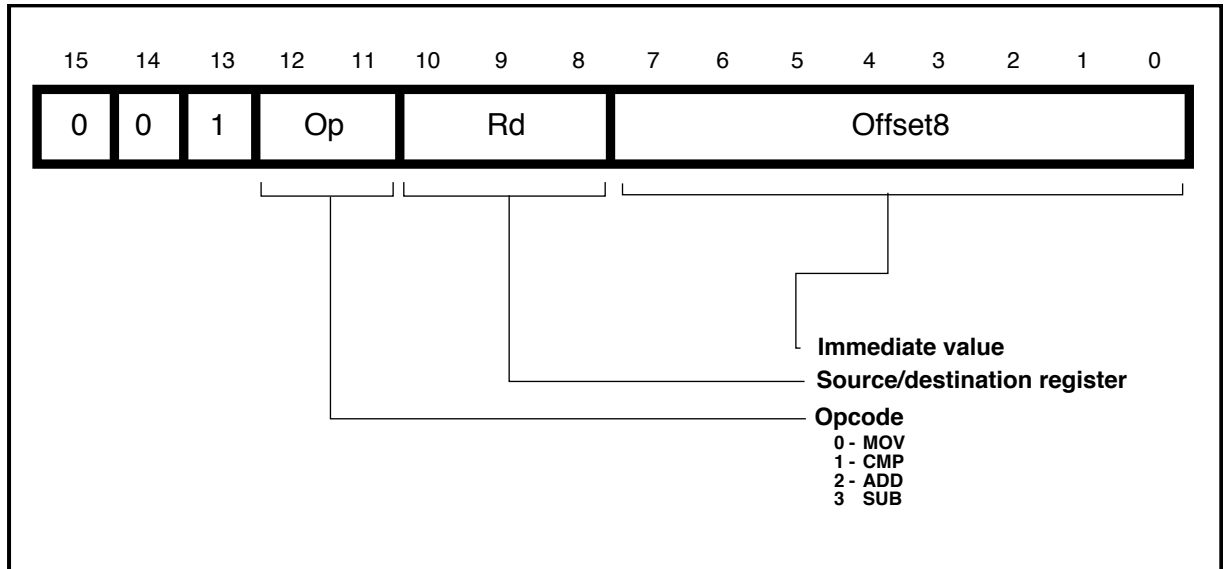

Figure 5-4: Format 3

5.3.1 Operations

The instructions in this group perform operations between a Lo register and an 8-bit immediate value.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in ⊃*Table 5-4: Summary of format 3 instructions*.

Note   All instructions in this group set the CPSR condition codes.

Op	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
00	MOV Rd, #Offset8	MOVS Rd, #Offset8	Move 8-bit immediate value into Rd.
01	CMP Rd, #Offset8	CMP Rd, #Offset8	Compare contents of Rd with 8-bit immediate value.
10	ADD Rd, #Offset8	ADDS Rd, Rd, #Offset8	Add 8-bit immediate value to contents of Rd and place the result in Rd.
11	SUB Rd, #Offset8	SUBS Rd, Rd, #Offset8	Subtract 8-bit immediate value from contents of Rd and place the result in Rd.

Table 5-4: Summary of format 3 instructions

5.3.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⟳*Table 5-4: Summary of format 3 instructions* on page 5-9. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⟳*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.3.3 Examples

```
MOV    R0, #128        ; R0 := 128 and set condition codes

CMP    R2, #62         ; Set condition codes on R2 – 62

ADD    R1, #255        ; R1 := R1 + 255 and set condition
                       ; codes

SUB    R6, #145        ; R6 := R6 – 145 and set condition
                       ; codes
```

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5.4   Format 4: ALU operations

| | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Op | Rs | Rd |

Source/destination register
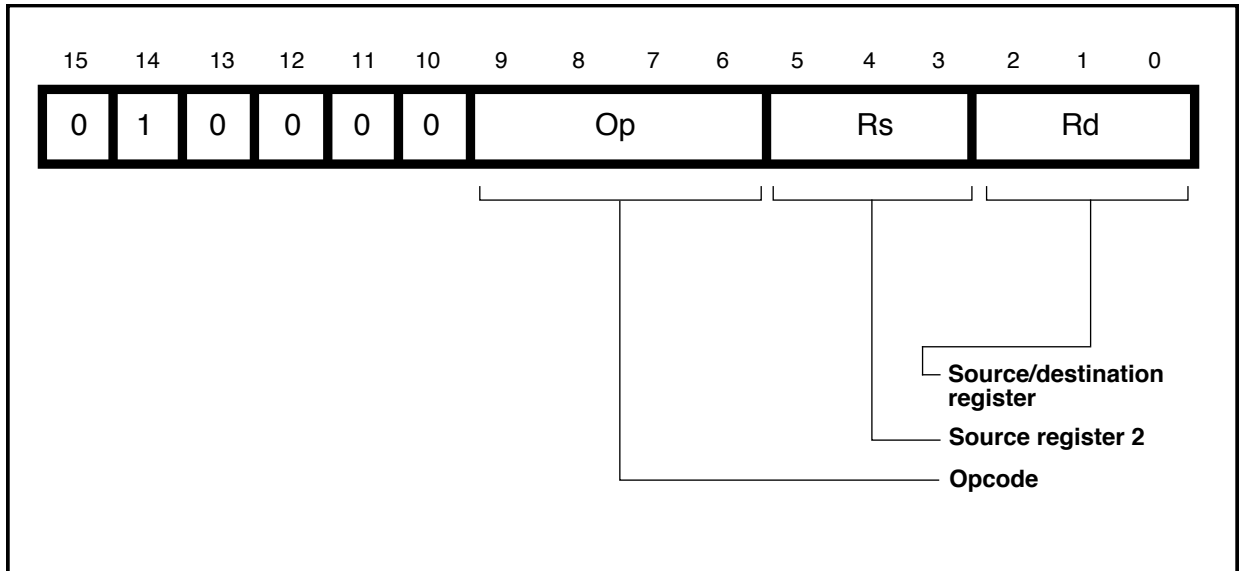
Source register 2

Opcode

Figure 5-5: Format 4

5.4.1   Operation

The following instructions perform ALU operations on a Lo register pair.

Note   All instructions in this group set the CPSR condition codes.

OP	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0000	AND Rd, Rs	ANDS Rd, Rd, Rs	Rd:= Rd AND Rs
0001	EOR Rd, Rs	EORS Rd, Rd, Rs	Rd:= Rd EOR Rs
0010	LSL Rd, Rs	MOVS Rd, Rd, LSL Rs	Rd := Rd << Rs
0011	LSR Rd, Rs	MOVS Rd, Rd, LSR Rs	Rd := Rd >> Rs
0100	ASR Rd, Rs	MOVS Rd, Rd, ASR Rs	Rd := Rd ASR Rs
0101	ADC Rd, Rs	ADCS Rd, Rd, Rs	Rd := Rd + Rs + C-bit
0110	SBC Rd, Rs	SBCS Rd, Rd, Rs	Rd := Rd - Rs - NOT C-bit
0111	ROR Rd, Rs	MOVS Rd, Rd, ROR Rs	Rd := Rd ROR Rs
1000	TST Rd, Rs	TST Rd, Rs	Set condition codes on Rd AND Rs
1001	NEG Rd, Rs	RSBS Rd, Rs, #0	Rd = -Rs

Table 5-5: Summary of Format 4 instructions

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OP	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
1010	CMP Rd, Rs	CMP Rd, Rs	Set condition codes on Rd - Rs
1011	CMN Rd, Rs	CMN Rd, Rs	Set condition codes on Rd + Rs
1100	ORR Rd, Rs	ORRS Rd, Rd, Rs	Rd := Rd OR Rs
1101	MUL Rd, Rs	MULS Rd, Rs, Rd	Rd := Rs * Rd
1110	BIC Rd, Rs	BICS Rd, Rd, Rs	Rd := Rd AND NOT Rs
1111	MVN Rd, Rs	MVNS Rd, Rs	Rd := NOT Rs

Table 5-5: Summary of Format 4 instructions (Continued)

5.4.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃*Table 5-5: Summary of Format 4 instructions* on page 5-11. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.4.3 Examples

```
EOR   R3, R4    ; R3 := R3 EOR R4 and set condition codes

ROR   R1, R0    ; Rotate Right R1 by the value in R0, store
                ; the result in R1 and set condition codes

NEG   R5, R3    ; Subtract the contents of R3 from zero,
                ; store the result in R5. Set condition codes
                ; ie R5 = -R3

CMP   R2, R6    ; Set the condition codes on the result of
                ; R2 - R6

MUL   R0, R7    ; R0 := R7 * R0 and set condition codes
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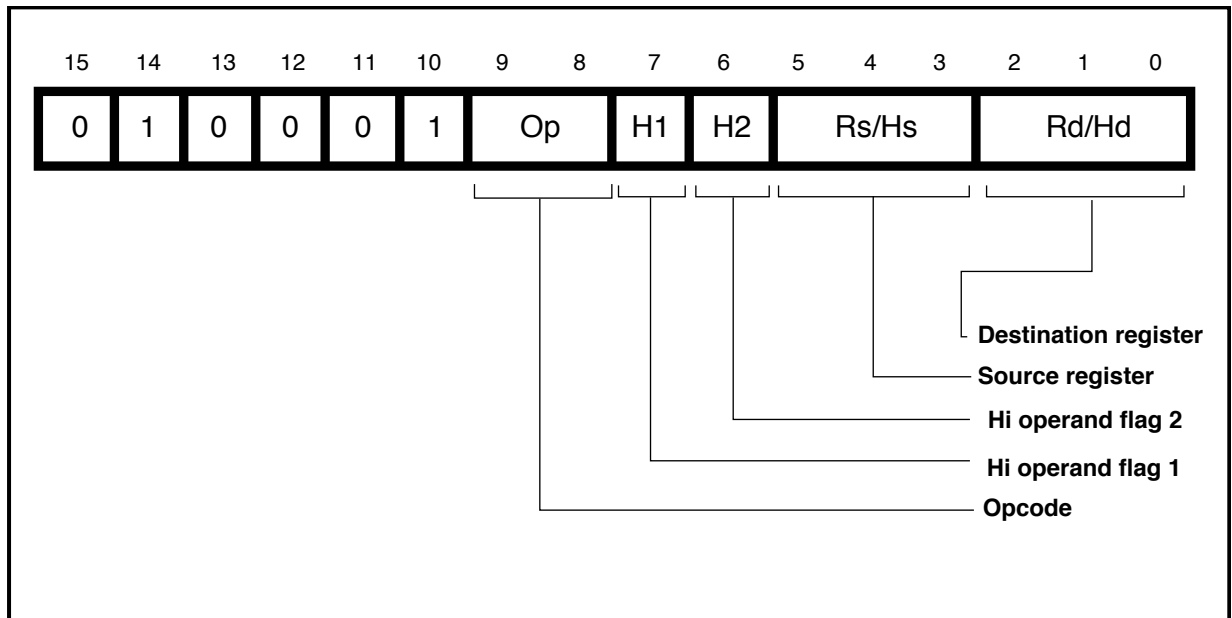## 5.5 Format 5: Hi register operations/branch exchange

Figure 5-6: Format 5

5.5.1 Operation

There are four sets of instructions in this group. The first three allow ADD, CMP and MOV operations to be performed between Lo and Hi registers, or a pair of Hi registers. The fourth, BX, allows a Branch to be performed which may also be used to switch processor state.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in ⊃*Table 5-6: Summary of format 5 instructions*

Note In this group only CMP (Op = 01) sets the CPSR condition codes.

The action of H1= 0, H2 = 0 for Op = 00 (ADD), Op =01 (CMP) and Op = 10 (MOV) is undefined, and should not be used.

Op	H1	H2	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
00	0	1	ADD Rd, Hs	ADD Rd, Rd, Hs	Add a register in the range 8-15 to a register in the range 0-7.
00	1	0	ADD Hd, Rs	ADD Hd, Hd, Rs	Add a register in the range 0-7 to a register in the range 8-15.
00	1	1	ADD Hd, Hs	ADD Hd, Hd, Hs	Add two registers in the range 8-15

Table 5-6: Summary of format 5 instructions

Op	H1	H2	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
01	0	1	CMP Rd, Hs	CMP Rd, Hs	Compare a register in the range 0-7 with a register in the range 8-15. Set the condition code flags on the result.
01	1	0	CMP Hd, Rs	CMP Hd, Rs	Compare a register in the range 8-15 with a register in the range 0-7. Set the condition code flags on the result.
01	1	1	CMP Hd, Hs	CMP Hd, Hs	Compare two registers in the range 8-15. Set the condition code flags on the result.
10	0	1	MOV Rd, Hs	MOV Rd, Hs	Move a value from a register in the range 8-15 to a register in the range 0-7.
10	1	0	MOV Hd, Rs	MOV Hd, Rs	Move a value from a register in the range 0-7 to a register in the range 8-15.
10	1	1	MOV Hd, Hs	MOV Hd, Hs	Move a value between two registers in the range 8-15.
11	0	0	BX Rs	BX Rs	Perform branch (plus optional state change) to address in a register in the range 0-7.
11	0	1	BX Hs	BX Hs	Perform branch (plus optional state change) to address in a register in the range 8-15.

Table 5-6: Summary of format 5 instructions (Continued)

5.5.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ➲*Table 5-6: Summary of format 5 instructions* on page 5-13. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ➲*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.5.3 The BX instruction

BX performs a Branch to a routine whose start address is specified in a Lo or Hi register.

Bit 0 of the address determines the processor state on entry to the routine:

Bit 0 = 0   causes the processor to enter ARM state.

Bit 0 = 1   causes the processor to enter THUMB state.

Note   The action of H1 = 1 for this instruction is undefined, and should not be used.

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5.5.4 Examples

Hi register operations

```
ADD     PC, R5      ; PC := PC + R5 but don't set the
                    ; condition codes.

CMP     R4, R12     ; Set the condition codes on the
                    ; result of R4 - R12.

MOV     R15, R14    ; Move R14 (LR) into R15 (PC)
                    ; but don't set the condition codes,
                    ; eg. return from subroutine.
```

Branch and exchange

```
                    ; Switch from THUMB to ARM state.

ADR     R1,outofTHUMB
                    ; Load address of outofTHUMB
                    ; into R1.
MOV     R11,R1
BX      R11         ; Transfer the contents of R11 into
                    ; the PC.
                    ; Bit 0 of R11 determines whether
                    ; ARM or THUMB state is entered, ie.
                    ; ARM state here.
   ...
ALIGN
CODE32
outofTHUMB
                    ; Now processing ARM instructions...
```

5.5.5 Using R15 as an operand

If R15 is used as an operand, the value will be the address of the instruction + 4 with bit 0 cleared. Executing a BX PC in THUMB state from a non-word aligned address will result in unpredictable execution.

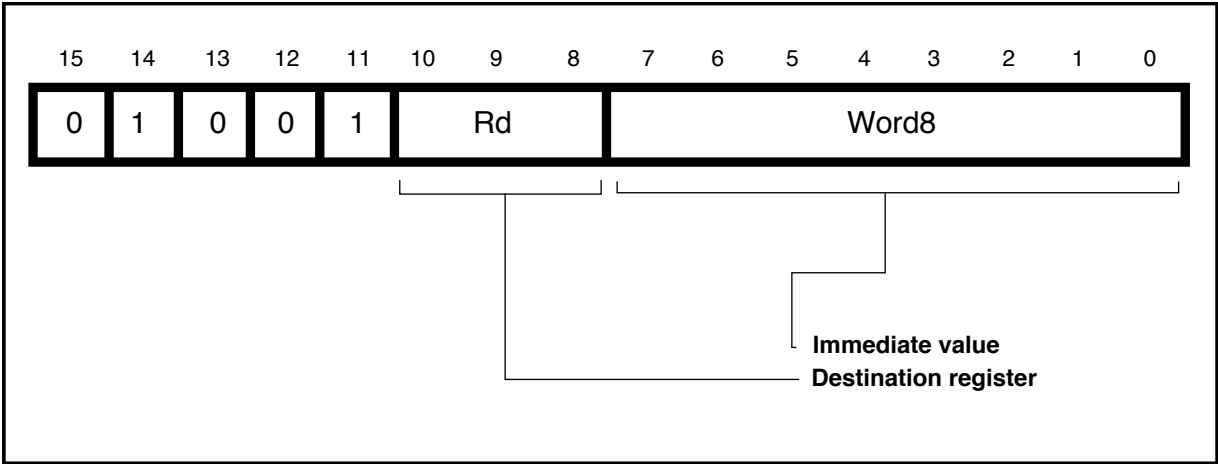## 5.6   Format 6: PC-relative load

Figure 5-7: Format 6

5.6.1   Operation

This instruction loads a word from an address specified as a 10-bit immediate offset from the PC.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown below.

THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
LDR Rd, [PC, #Imm]	LDR Rd, [R15, #Imm]	Add unsigned offset (255 words, 1020 bytes) in Imm to the current value of the PC. Load the word from the resulting address into Rd.

Table 5-7: Summary of PC-relative load instruction

Note   The value specified by #Imm is a full 10-bit address, but must always be word-aligned (ie with bits 1:0 set to 0), since the assembler places #Imm >> 2 in field Word8.

Note   The value of the PC will be 4 bytes greater than the address of this instruction, but bit 1 of the PC is forced to 0 to ensure it is word aligned.

5.6.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃*Table 5-7: Summary of PC-relative load instruction* on page 5-16. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.6.3 Examples

```
LDR R3,[PC,#844]        ; Load into R3 the word found at the
                        ; address formed by adding 844 to PC.
                        ; bit[1] of PC is forced to zero.
                        ; Note that the THUMB opcode will contain
                        ; 211 as the Word8 value.
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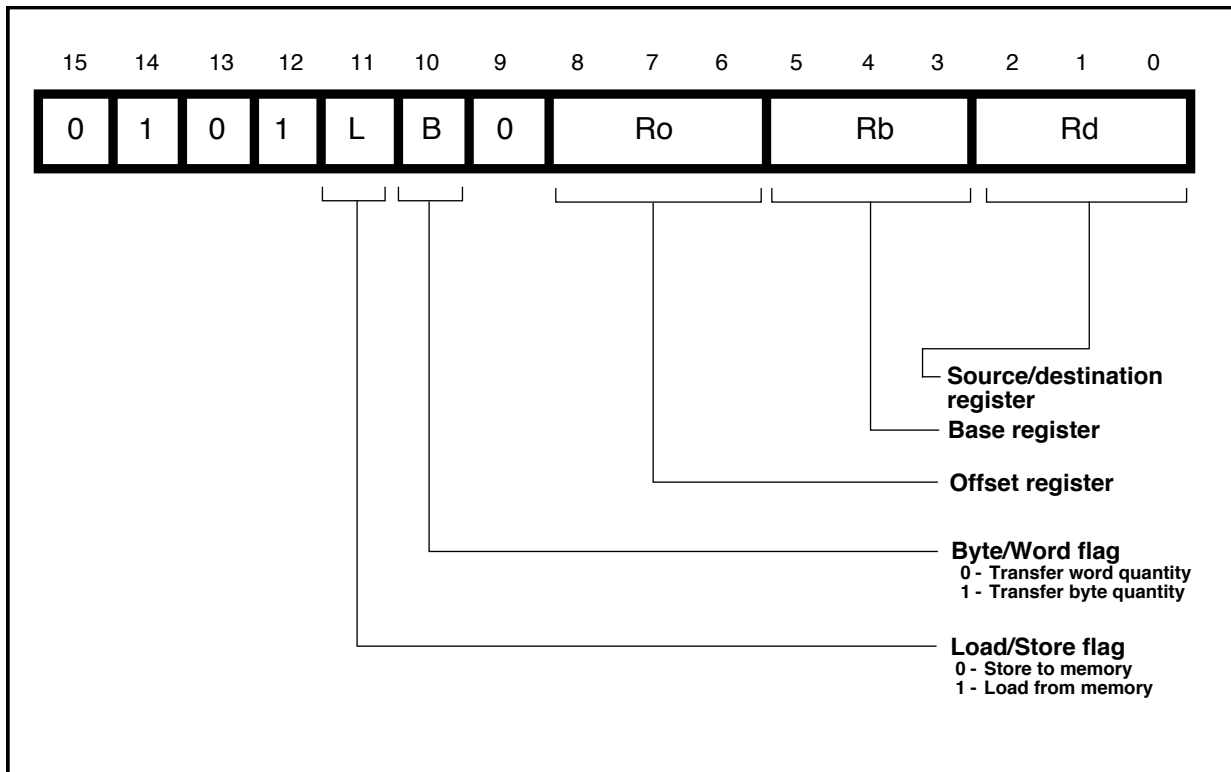## 5.7   Format 7: load/store with register offset

Figure 5-8: Format 7

5.7.1   Operation

These instructions transfer byte or word values between registers and memory. Memory addresses are pre-indexed using an offset register in the range 0-7.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in ⊃ *Table 5-8: Summary of format 7 instructions*.

L	B	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	0	STR Rd, [Rb, Ro]	STR Rd, [Rb, Ro]	Pre-indexed word store: Calculate the target address by adding together the value in Rb and the value in Ro. Store the contents of Rd at the address.

Table 5-8: Summary of format 7 instructions

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L	B	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	1	STRB Rd, [Rb, Ro]	STRB Rd, [Rb, Ro]	Pre-indexed byte store: Calculate the target address by adding together the value in Rb and the value in Ro. Store the byte value in Rd at the resulting address.
1	0	LDR Rd, [Rb, Ro]	LDR Rd, [Rb, Ro]	Pre-indexed word load: Calculate the source address by adding together the value in Rb and the value in Ro. Load the contents of the address into Rd.
1	1	LDRB Rd, [Rb, Ro]	LDRB Rd, [Rb, Ro]	Pre-indexed byte load: Calculate the source address by adding together the value in Rb and the value in Ro. Load the byte value at the resulting address.

Table 5-8: Summary of format 7 instructions (Continued)

5.7.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ↳*Table 5-8: Summary of format 7 instructions* on page 5-18. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ↳*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.7.3 Examples

```
STR   R3, [R2,R6]     ; Store word in R3 at the address
                      ; formed by adding R6 to R2.

LDRB  R2, [R0,R7]     ; Load into R2 the byte found at
                      ; the address formed by adding
                      ; R7 to R0.
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5.8 Format 8: load/store sign-extended byte/halfword
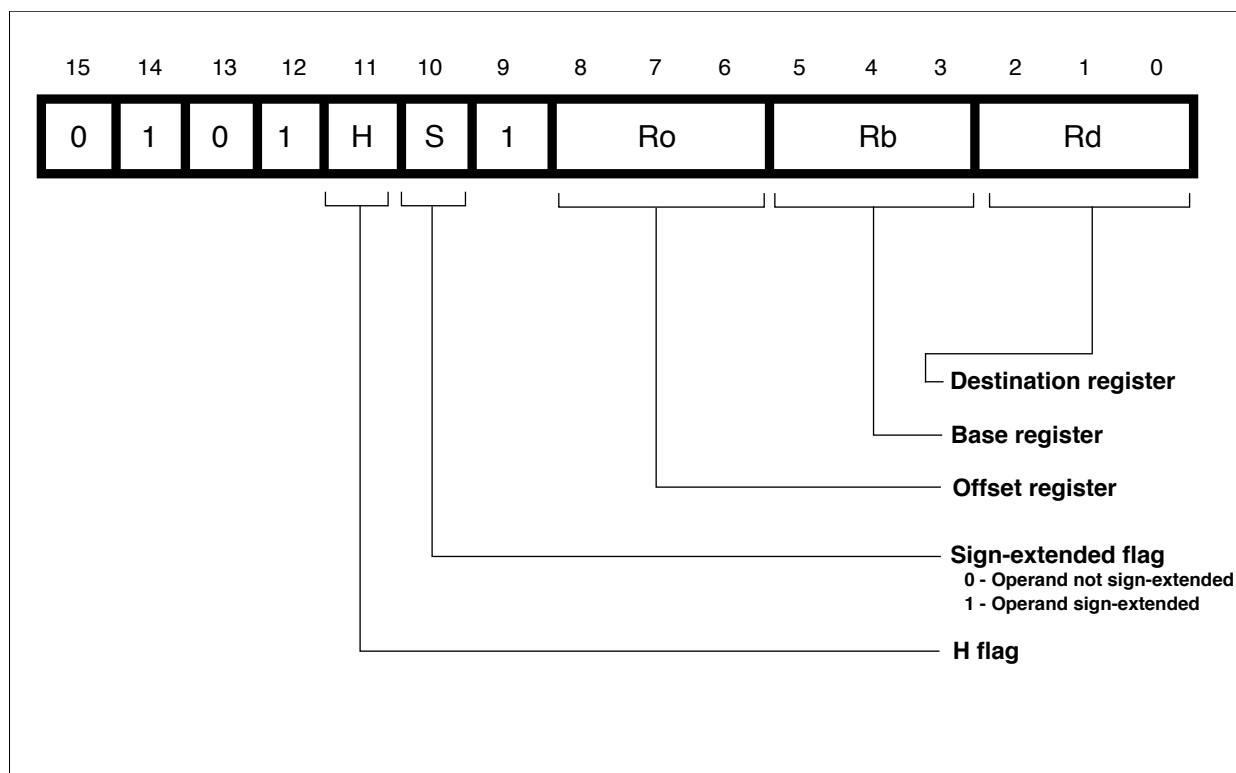

Figure 5-9: Format 8

5.8.1 Operation

These instructions load optionally sign-extended bytes or halfwords, and store halfwords. The THUMB assembler syntax is shown below.

S	H	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	0	STRH Rd, [Rb, Ro]	STRH Rd, [Rb, Ro]	Store halfword: Add Ro to base address in Rb. Store bits 0-15 of Rd at the resulting address.
0	1	LDRH Rd, [Rb, Ro]	LDRH Rd, [Rb, Ro]	Load halfword: Add Ro to base address in Rb. Load bits 0-15 of Rd from the resulting address, and set bits 16-31 of Rd to 0.
1	0	LDSB Rd, [Rb, Ro]	LDRSB Rd, [Rb, Ro]	Load sign-extended byte: Add Ro to base address in Rb. Load bits 0-7 of Rd from the resulting address, and set bits 8-31 of Rd to bit 7.

Table 5-9: Summary of format 8 instructions

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S	H	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
1	1	LDSH Rd, [Rb, Ro]	LDRSH Rd, [Rb, Ro]	Load sign-extended halfword: Add Ro to base address in Rb. Load bits 0-15 of Rd from the resulting address, and set bits 16-31 of Rd to bit 15.

Table 5-9: Summary of format 8 instructions (Continued)

5.8.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃ *Table 5-9: Summary of format 8 instructions* on page 5-20. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃ *Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations.*

5.8.3 Examples

```
STRH  R4, [R3, R0]  ; Store the lower 16 bits of R4 at the
                    ; address formed by adding R0 to R3.

LDSB  R2, [R7, R1]  ; Load into R2 the sign extended byte
                    ; found at the address formed by adding
                    ; R1 to R7.

LDSH  R3, [R4, R2]  ; Load into R3 the sign extended halfword
                    ; found at the address formed by adding
                    ; R2 to R4.
```

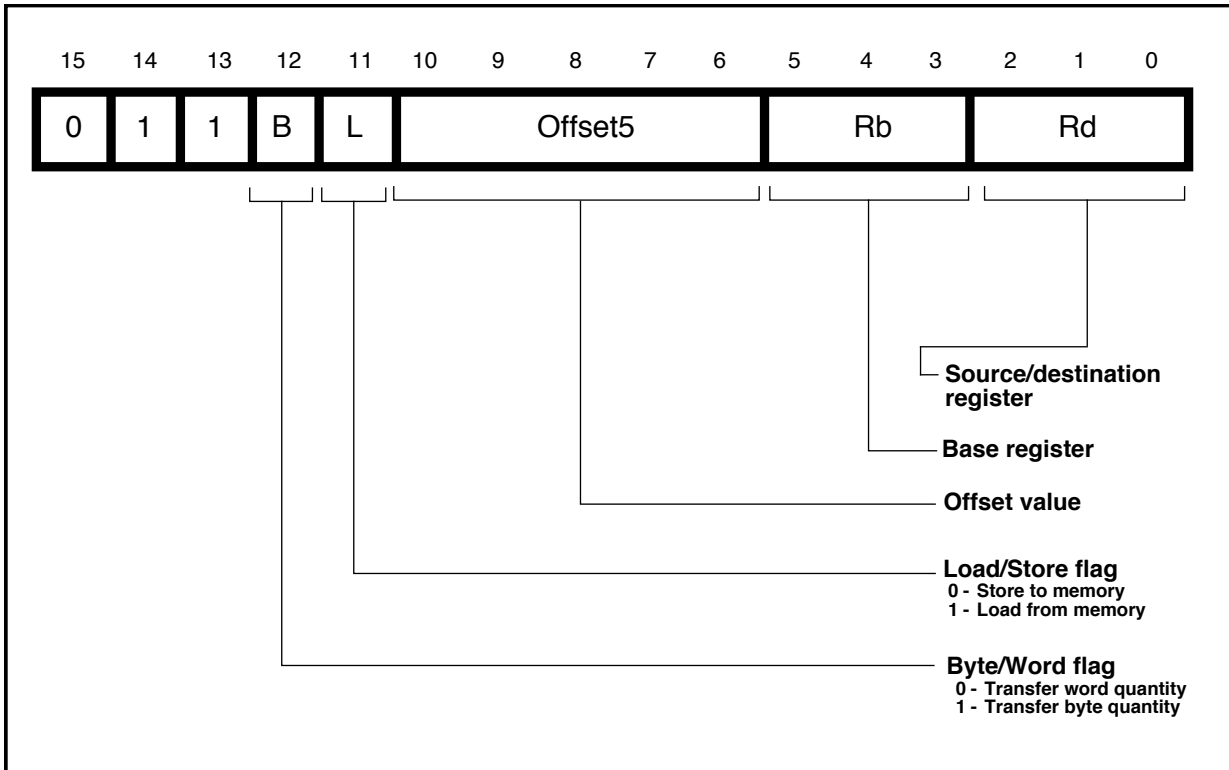## 5.9   Format 9: load/store with immediate offset

Figure 5-10: Format 9

5.9.1   Operation

These instructions transfer byte or word values between registers and memory using an immediate 5 or 7-bit offset.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in ⊃ *Table 5-10: Summary of format 9 instructions*.

L	B	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	0	STR Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	STR Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	Calculate the target address by adding together the value in Rb and Imm. Store the contents of Rd at the address.
1	0	LDR Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	LDR Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	Calculate the source address by adding together the value in Rb and Imm. Load Rd from the address.

Table 5-10: Summary of format 9 instructions

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L	B	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	1	STRB Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	STRB Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	Calculate the target address by adding together the value in Rb and Imm. Store the byte value in Rd at the address.
1	1	LDRB Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	LDRB Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	Calculate source address by adding together the value in Rb and Imm. Load the byte value at the address into Rd.

Table 5-10: Summary of format 9 instructions (Continued)

Note   For word accesses (B = 0), the value specified by #Imm is a full 7-bit address, but must be word-aligned (ie with bits 1:0 set to 0), since the assembler places #Imm >> 2 in the Offset5 field.

5.9.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃*Table 5-10: Summary of format 9 instructions* on page 5-22. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.9.3 Examples

```
LDR   R2, [R5,#116]  ; Load into R2 the word found at the
                     ; address formed by adding 116 to R5.
                     ; Note that the THUMB opcode will
                     ; contain 29 as the Offset5 value.

STRB  R1, [R0,#13]   ; Store the lower 8 bits of R1 at the
                     ; address formed by adding 13 to R0.
                     ; Note that the THUMB opcode will
                     ; contain 13 as the Offset5 value.
```

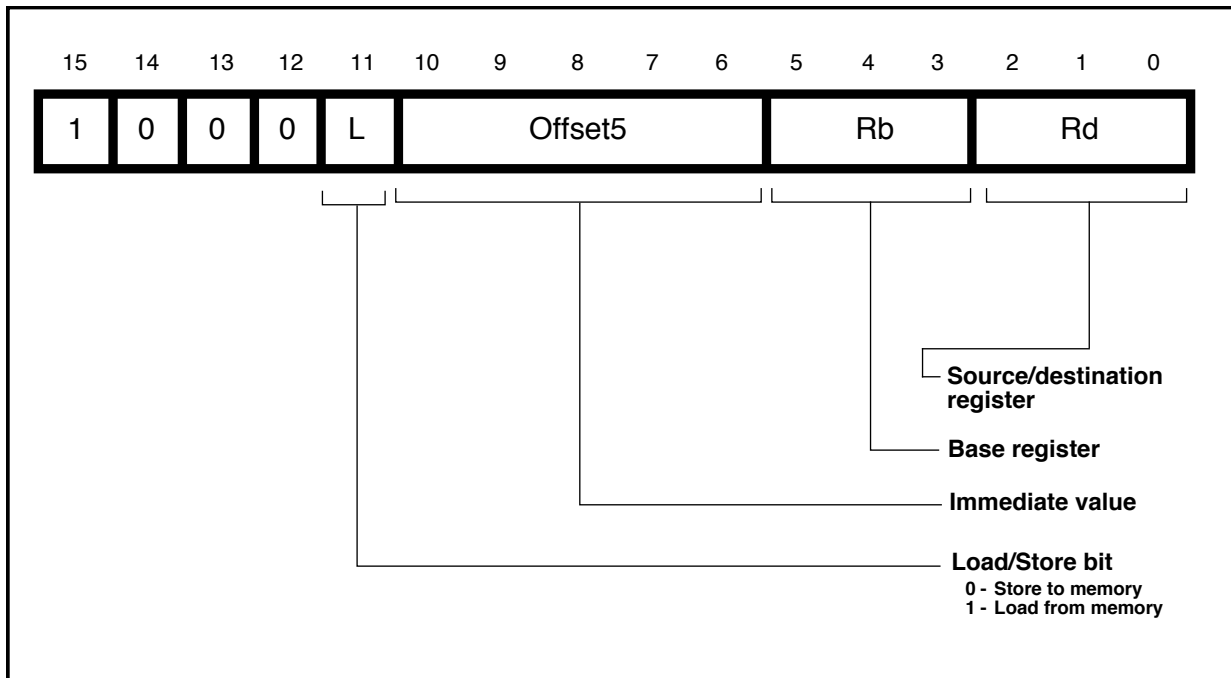## 5.10 Format 10: load/store halfword

Figure 5-11: Format 10

5.10.1 Operation

These instructions transfer halfword values between a Lo register and memory. Addresses are pre-indexed, using a 6-bit immediate value.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in ⊃*Table 5-11: Halfword data transfer instructions*.

L	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	STRH Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	STRH Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	Add #Imm to base address in Rb and store bits 0-15 of Rd at the resulting address.
1	LDRH Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	LDRH Rd, [Rb, #Imm]	Add #Imm to base address in Rb. Load bits 0-15 from the resulting address into Rd and set bits 16-31 to zero.

Table 5-11: Halfword data transfer instructions

Note #Imm is a full 6-bit address but must be halfword-aligned (ie with bit 0 set to 0) since the assembler places #Imm >> 1 in the Offset5 field.

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5.10.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃*Table 5-11: Halfword data transfer instructions* on page 5-24. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations.*

5.10.3 Examples

```
STRH  R6, [R1, #56]  ; Store the lower 16 bits of R4 at
                     ; the address formed by adding 56
                     ; R1.
                     ; Note that the THUMB opcode will
                     ; contain 28 as the Offset5 value.

LDRH  R4, [R7, #4]   ; Load into R4 the halfword found at
                     ; the address formed by adding 4 to R7.
                     ; Note that the THUMB opcode will contain
                     ; 2 as the Offset5 value.
```

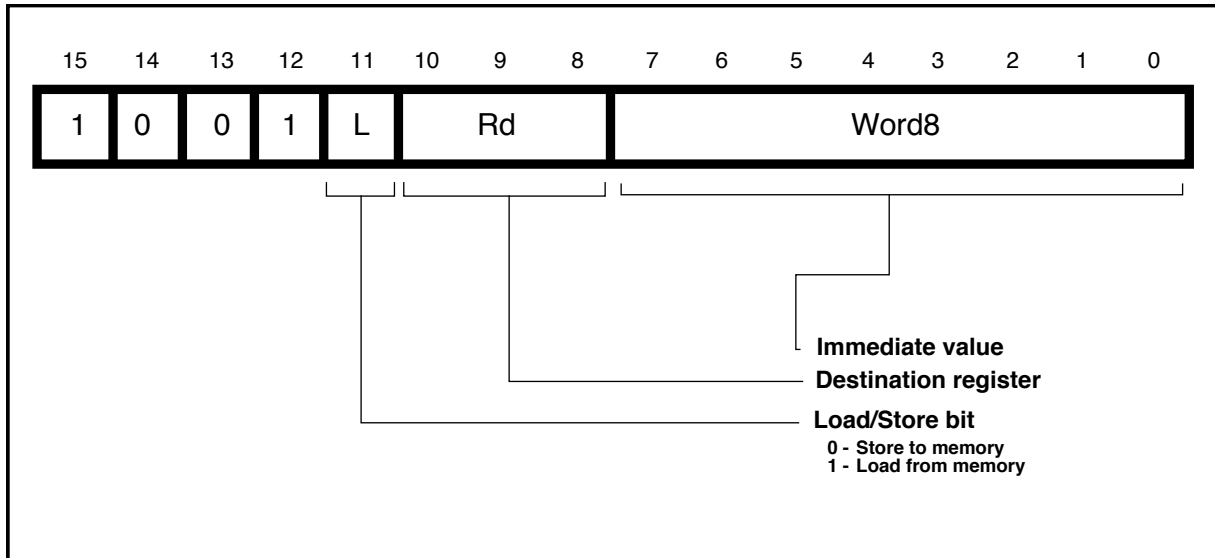## 5.11 Format 11: SP-relative load/store

Figure 5-12: Format 11

5.11.1 Operation

The instructions in this group perform an SP-relative load or store.The THUMB
assembler syntax is shown in the following table.

L	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	STR Rd, [SP, #Imm]	STR Rd, [R13 #Imm]	Add unsigned offset (255 words, 1020 bytes) in Imm to the current value of the SP (R7). Store the contents of Rd at the resulting address.
1	LDR Rd, [SP, #Imm]	LDR Rd, [R13 #Imm]	Add unsigned offset (255 words, 1020 bytes) in Imm to the current value of the SP (R7). Load the word from the resulting address into Rd.

Table 5-12: SP-relative load/store instructions

Note The offset supplied in #Imm is a full 10-bit address, but must always be word-aligned
(ie bits 1:0 set to 0), since the assembler places #Imm >> 2 in the Word8 field.

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5.11.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ➲*Table 5-12: SP-relative load/store instructions* on page 5-26. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ➲*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.11.3 Examples

```
STR   R4, [SP,#492]  ; Store the contents of R4 at the address
                     ; formed by adding 492 to SP (R13).
                     ; Note that the THUMB opcode will contain
                     ; 123 as the Word8 value.
```
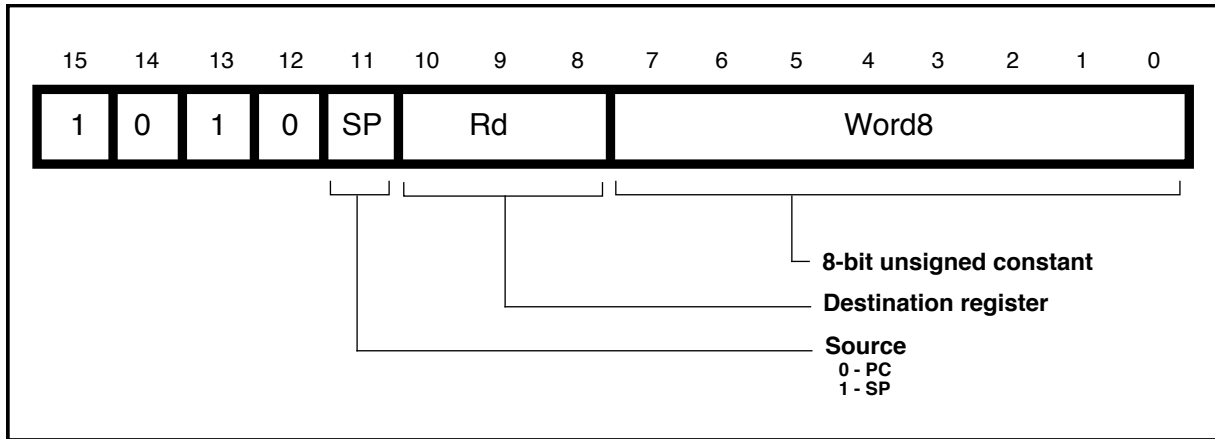
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5.12 Format 12: load address

Figure 5-13: Format 12

5.12.1 Operation

These instructions calculate an address by adding an 10-bit constant to either the PC or the SP, and load the resulting address into a register.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in the following table.

SP	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	ADD Rd, PC, #Imm	ADD Rd, R15, #Imm	Add #Imm to the current value of the program counter (PC) and load the result into Rd.
1	ADD Rd, SP, #Imm	ADD Rd, R13, #Imm	Add #Imm to the current value of the stack pointer (SP) and load the result into Rd.

Table 5-13: Load address

Note The value specified by #Imm is a full 10-bit value, but this must be word-aligned (ie with bits 1:0 set to 0) since the assembler places #Imm >> 2 in field Word8.

Where the PC is used as the source register (SP = 0), bit 1 of the PC is always read as 0. The value of the PC will be 4 bytes greater than the address of the instruction before bit 1 is forced to 0.

The CPSR condition codes are unaffected by these instructions.

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5.12.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⮌*Table 5-13: Load address* on page 5-28. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⮌*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.12.3 Examples

```
ADD    R2, PC, #572   ; R2 := PC + 572, but don't set the
                      ; condition codes. bit[1] of PC is
                      ; forced to zero.
                      ; Note that the THUMB opcode will
                      ; contain 143 as the Word8 value.

ADD    R6, SP, #212   ; R6 := SP (R13) + 212, but don't
                      ; set the condition codes.
                      ; Note that the THUMB opcode will
                      ; contain 53 as the Word8 value.
```

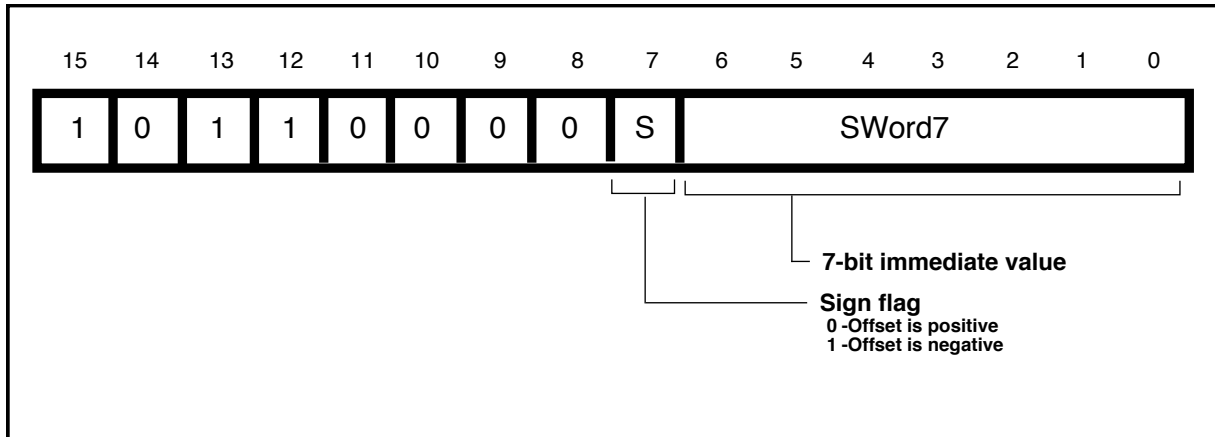## 5.13 Format 13: add offset to Stack Pointer

Figure 5-14: Format 13

5.13.1 Operation

This instruction adds a 9-bit signed constant to the stack pointer. The following table shows the THUMB assembler syntax.

S	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	ADD SP, #Imm	ADD R13, R13, #Imm	Add #Imm to the stack pointer (SP).
1	ADD SP, #-Imm	SUB R13, R13, #Imm	Add #-Imm to the stack pointer (SP).

Table 5-14: The ADD SP instruction

Note The offset specified by #Imm can be up to -/+ 508, but must be word-aligned (ie with bits 1:0 set to 0) since the assembler converts #Imm to an 8-bit sign + magnitude number before placing it in field SWord7.

Note The condition codes are not set by this instruction.

5.13.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃*Table 5-14: The ADD SP instruction* on page 5-30. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*

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5.13.3 Examples

```
ADD     SP, #268        ; SP (R13) := SP + 268, but don't set
                        ; the condition codes.
                        ; Note that the THUMB opcode will
                        ; contain 67 as the Word7 value and S=0.

ADD     SP, #-104       ; SP (R13) := SP - 104, but don't set
                        ; the condition codes.
                        ; Note that the THUMB opcode will contain
                        ; 26 as the Word7 value and S=1.
```
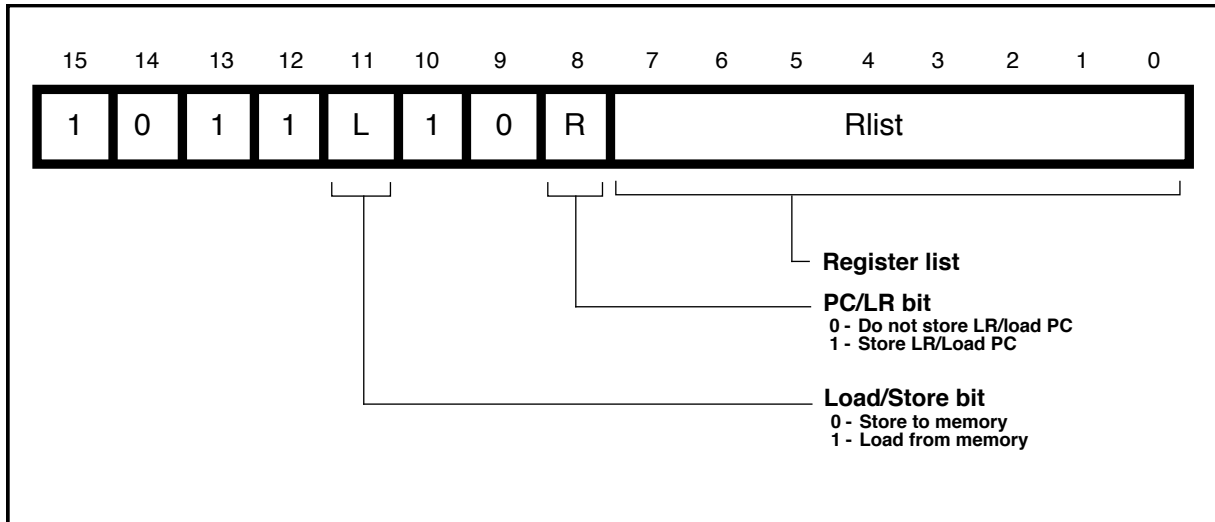
5.14 Format 14: push/pop registers

Figure 5-15: Format 14

5.14.1 Operation

The instructions in this group allow registers 0-7 and optionally LR to be pushed onto the stack, and registers 0-7 and optionally PC to be popped off the stack.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in ⟳*Table 5-15: PUSH and POP instructions*.

Note   The stack is always assumed to be Full Descending.

L	R	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	0	PUSH { Rlist }	STMDB R13!, { Rlist }	Push the registers specified by Rlist onto the stack. Update the stack pointer.
0	1	PUSH { Rlist, LR }	STMDB R13!, { Rlist, R14 }	Push the Link Register and the registers specified by Rlist (if any) onto the stack. Update the stack pointer.
1	0	POP { Rlist }	LDMIA R13!, { Rlist }	Pop values off the stack into the registers specified by Rlist. Update the stack pointer.
1	1	POP { Rlist, PC }	LDMIA R13!, { Rlist, R15 }	Pop values off the stack and load into the registers specified by Rlist. Pop the PC off the stack. Update the stack pointer.

Table 5-15: PUSH and POP instructions

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5.14.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ↪*Table 5-15: PUSH and POP instructions* on page 5-32. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ↪*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

5.14.3 Examples

```
PUSH   {R0-R4,LR}      ; Store R0,R1,R2,R3,R4 and R14 (LR) at
                       ; the stack pointed to by R13 (SP) and
                       ; update R13.
                       ; Useful at start of a sub-routine to
                       ; save workspace and return address.

POP    {R2,R6,PC}      ; Load R2,R6 and R15 (PC) from the stack
                       ; pointed to by R13 (SP) and update R13.
                       ; Useful to restore workspace and return
                       ; from sub-routine.
```
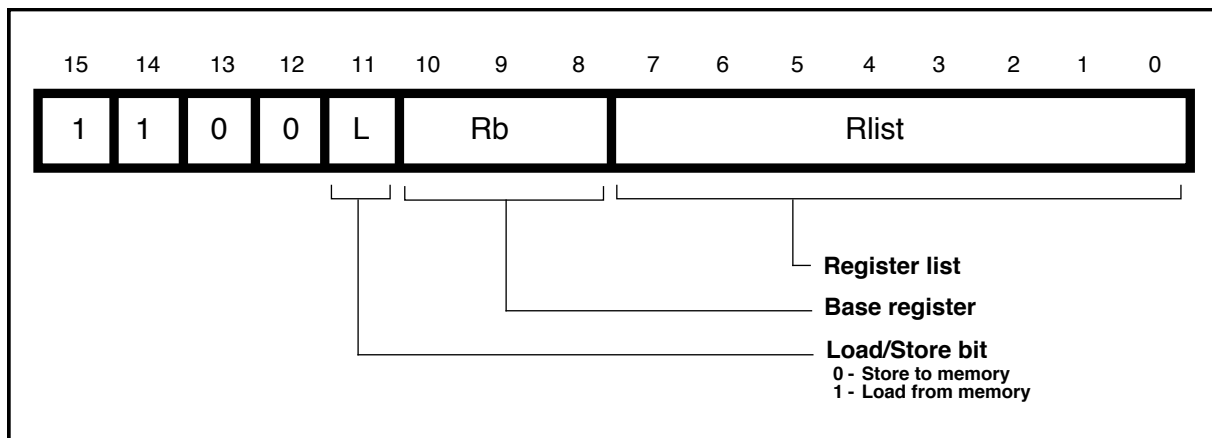
5.15 Format 15: multiple load/store

Figure 5-16: Format 15

5.15.1 Operation

These instructions allow multiple loading and storing of Lo registers. The THUMB
assembler syntax is shown in the following table.

L	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	STMIA Rb!, { Rlist }	STMIA Rb!, { Rlist }	Store the registers specified by Rlist, starting at the base address in Rb. Write back the new base address.
1	LDMIA Rb!, { Rlist }	LDMIA Rb!, { Rlist }	Load the registers specified by Rlist, starting at the base address in Rb. Write back the new base address.

Table 5-16: The multiple load/store instructions

5.15.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃*Table
5-16: The multiple load/store instructions* on page 5-34. The instruction cycle times for
the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more
information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle
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5.15.3 Examples

```
STMIA R0!, {R3-R7}   ; Store the contents of registers R3-R7
                     ; starting at the address specified in
                     ; R0, incrementing the addresses for each
                     ; word.
                     ; Write back the updated value of R0.
```

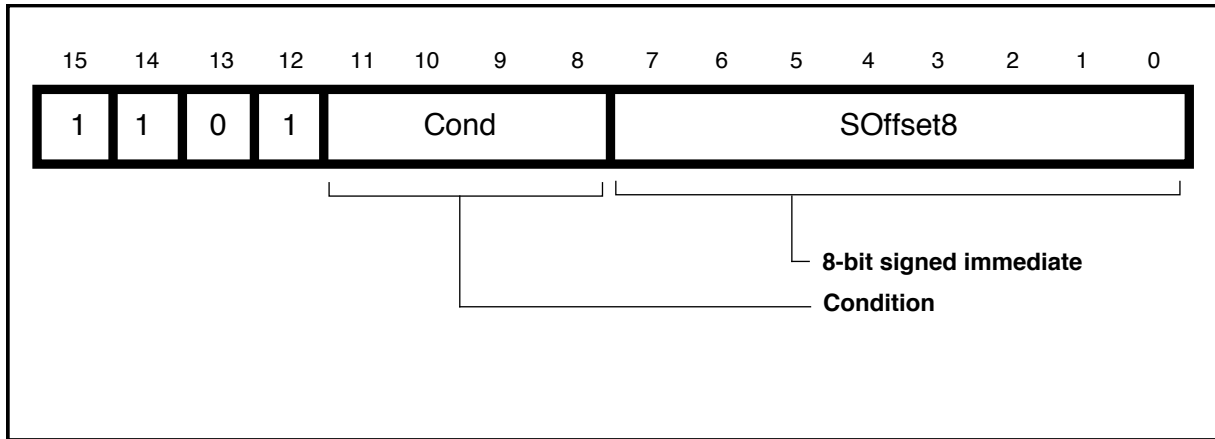Open Access

5.16 Format 16: conditional branch

Figure 5-17: Format 16

5.16.1 Operation

The instructions in this group all perform a conditional Branch depending on the state of the CPSR condition codes. The branch offset must take account of the prefetch operation, which causes the PC to be 1 word (4 bytes) ahead of the current instruction.

The THUMB assembler syntax is shown in the following table.

Cond	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0000	BEQ label	BEQ label	Branch if Z set (equal)
0001	BNE label	BNE label	Branch if Z clear (not equal)
0010	BCS label	BCS label	Branch if C set (unsigned higher or same)
0011	BCC label	BCC label	Branch if C clear (unsigned lower)
0100	BMI label	BMI label	Branch if N set (negative)
0101	BPL label	BPL label	Branch if N clear (positive or zero)
0110	BVS label	BVS label	Branch if V set (overflow)
0111	BVC label	BVC label	Branch if V clear (no overflow)
1000	BHI label	BHI label	Branch if C set and Z clear (unsigned higher)
1001	BLS label	BLS label	Branch if C clear or Z set (unsigned lower or same)

Table 5-17: The conditional branch instructions

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Cond	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
1010	BGE label	BGE label	Branch if N set and V set, or N clear and V clear (greater or equal)
1011	BLT label	BLT label	Branch if N set and V clear, or N clear and V set (less than)
1100	BGT label	BGT label	Branch if Z clear, and either N set and V set or N clear and V clear (greater than)
1101	BLE label	BLE label	Branch if Z set, or N set and V clear, or N clear and V set (less than or equal)

Table 5-17: The conditional branch instructions (Continued)

Note   While label specifies a full 9-bit two's complement address, this must always be halfword-aligned (ie with bit 0 set to 0) since the assembler actually places label >> 1 in field SOffset8.

Note   Cond = 1110 is undefined, and should not be used.
Cond = 1111 creates the SWI instruction: see ⊃*5.17 Format 17: software interrupt* on page 5-38.

5.16.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ⊃*Table 5-17: The conditional branch instructions* on page 5-36. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*

5.16.3 Examples

```
        CMP R0, #45     ; Branch to 'over' if R0 > 45.
        BGT over        ; Note that the THUMB opcode will contain
        ...             ; the number of halfwords to offset.
        ...
        ...
over    ...             ; Must be halfword aligned.
        ...
```

5.17 Format 17: software interrupt

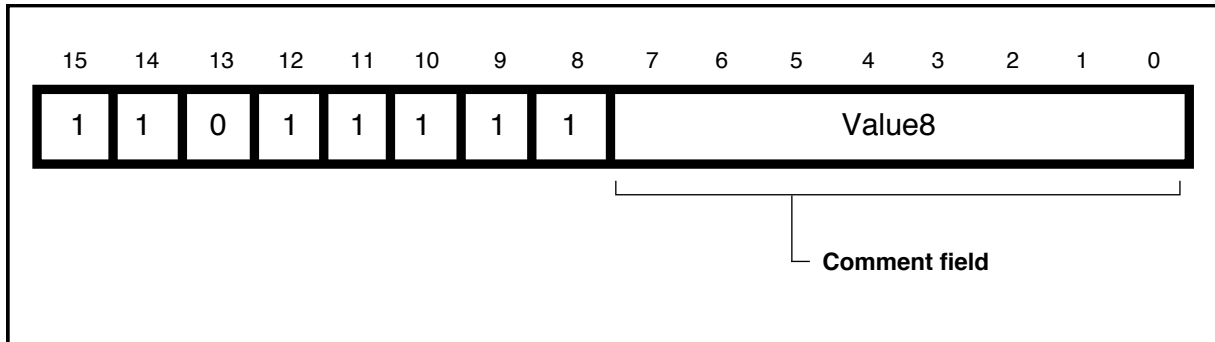| 15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	Value8							

Comment field

Figure 5-18: Format 17

5.17.1 Operation

The SWI instruction performs a software interrupt. On taking the SWI, the processor switches into ARM state and enters Supervisor (SVC) mode.

The THUMB assembler syntax for this instruction is shown below.

THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
SWI Value8	SWI Value8	Perform Software Interrupt: Move the address of the next instruction into LR, move CPSR to SPSR, load the SWI vector address (0x8) into the PC. Switch to ARM state and enter SVC mode.

Table 5-18: The SWI instruction

Note   Value8 is used solely by the SWI handler: it is ignored by the processor.

5.17.2 Instruction cycle times

All instructions in this format have an equivalent ARM instruction as shown in ➲*Table 5-18: The SWI instruction* on page 5-38. The instruction cycle times for the THUMB instruction are identical to that of the equivalent ARM instruction. For more information on instruction cycle times, please refer to ➲*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*

5.17.3 Examples

```
SWI 18          ; Take the software interrupt exception.
                ; Enter Supervisor mode with 18 as the
                ; requested SWI number.
```

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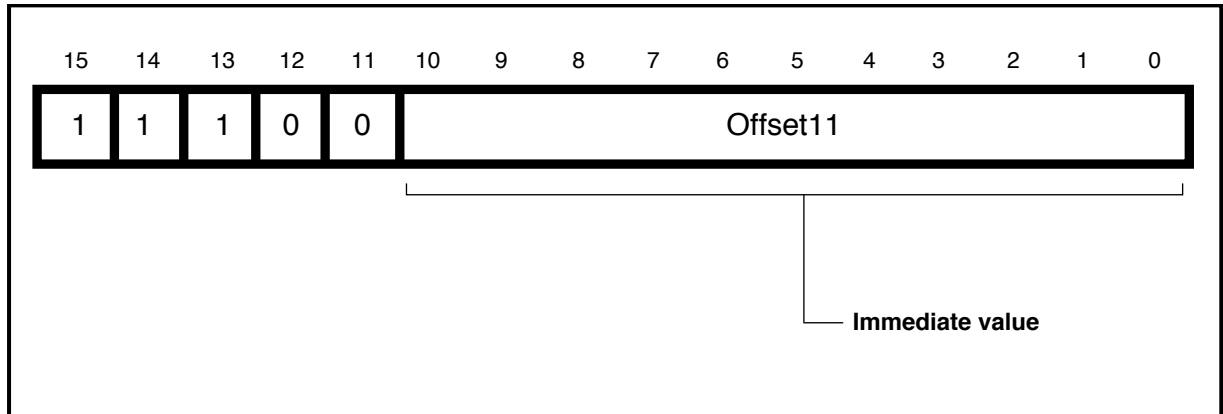ARM DDI 0029E

5.18 Format 18: unconditional branch

Figure 5-19: Format 18

5.18.1 Operation

This instruction performs a PC-relative Branch. The THUMB assembler syntax is shown below. The branch offset must take account of the prefetch operation, which causes the PC to be 1 word (4 bytes) ahead of the current instruction.

THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
B label	BAL label (halfword offset)	Branch PC relative +/- Offset11 << 1, where label is PC +/- 2048 bytes.

Table 5-19: Summary of Branch instruction

Note The address specified by label is a full 12-bit two's complement address, but must always be halfword aligned (ie bit 0 set to 0), since the assembler places label >> 1 in the Offset11 field.

5.18.2 Examples

```
here  B here          ; Branch onto itself.
                      ; Assembles to 0xE7FE.
                      ; (Note effect of PC offset).
      B jimmy         ; Branch to 'jimmy'.
       ...            ; Note that the THUMB opcode will
                      ; contain the number of halfwords
                      ; to offset.
jimmy  ...            ; Must be halfword aligned.
```

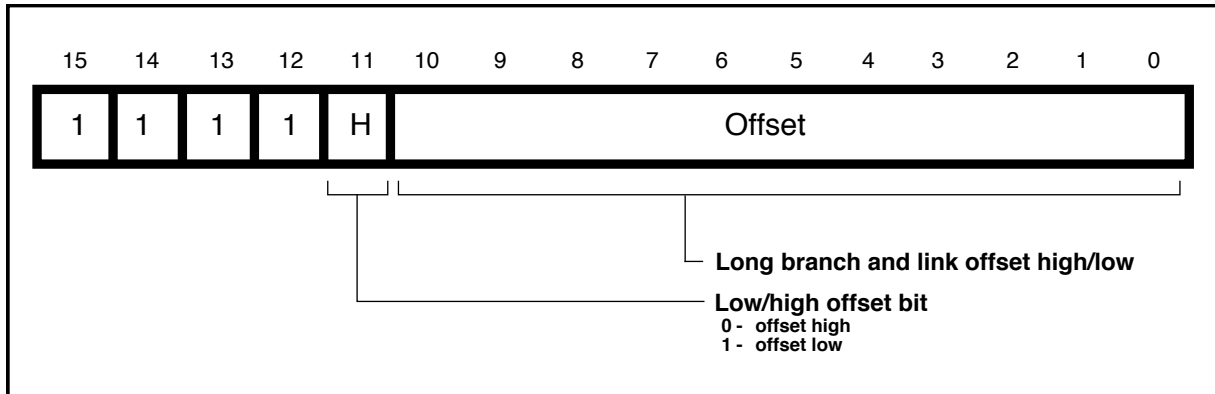Open Access

5.19 Format 19: long branch with link

Figure 5-20: Format 19

5.19.1 Operation

This format specifies a long branch with link.

The assembler splits the 23-bit two's complement half-word offset specifed by the label into two 11-bit halves, ignoring bit 0 (which must be 0), and creates two THUMB instructions.

Instruction 1 (H = 0)

In the first instruction the Offset field contains the upper 11 bits of the target address. This is shifted left by 12 bits and added to the current PC address. The resulting address is placed in LR.

Instruction 2 (H =1)

In the second instruction the Offset field contains an 11-bit representation lower half of the target address. This is shifted left by 1 bit and added to LR. LR, which now contains the full 23-bit address, is placed in PC, the address of the instruction following the BL is placed in LR and bit 0 of LR is set.

The branch offset must take account of the prefetch operation, which causes the PC to be 1 word (4 bytes) ahead of the current instruction

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5.19.2 Instruction cycle times

This instruction format does not have an equivalent ARM instruction. For details of the instruction cycle times, please refer to ⊃*Chapter 10, Instruction Cycle Operations*.

H	THUMB assembler	ARM equivalent	Action
0	BL label	none	LR := PC + OffsetHigh << 12
1			temp := next instruction address PC := LR + OffsetLow << 1 LR := temp | 1

Table 5-20: The BL instruction

5.19.3 Examples

```
        BL faraway     ; Unconditionally Branch to 'faraway'
next  ...              ; and place following instruction
                       ; address, ie 'next', in R14,the Link
                       ; Register and set bit 0 of LR high.
                       ; Note that the THUMB opcodes will
                       ; contain the number of halfwords to
                       ; offset.
faraway ...            ; Must be Half-word aligned.
```

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5.20 Instruction Set Examples

The following examples show ways in which the THUMB instructions may be used to generate small and efficient code. Each example also shows the ARM equivalent so these may be compared.

5.20.1 Multiplication by a constant using shifts and adds

The following shows code to multiply by various constants using 1, 2 or 3 Thumb instructions alongside the ARM equivalents. For other constants it is generally better to use the built-in MUL instruction rather than using a sequence of 4 or more instructions.

```
           Thumb                    ARM

  1   Multiplication by 2^n (1,2,4,8,...)

      LSL Ra, Rb, LSL #n        MOV Ra, Rb, LSL #n


  2   Multiplication by 2^n+1 (3,5,9,17,...)

      LSL Rt, Rb, #n            ADD Ra, Rb, Rb, LSL #n
      ADD Ra, Rt, Rb


  3   Multiplication by 2^n-1 (3,7,15,...)

      LSL Rt, Rb, #n            RSB Ra, Rb, Rb, LSL #n
      SUB Ra, Rt, Rb


  4   Multiplication by -2^n (-2, -4, -8, ...)

      LSL Ra, Rb, #n            MOV Ra, Rb, LSL #n
      MVN Ra, Ra               RSB Ra, Ra, #0


  5   Multiplication by -2^n-1 (-3, -7, -15, ...)

      LSL Rt, Rb, #n            SUB Ra, Rb, Rb, LSL #n
      SUB Ra, Rb, Rt


  6   Multiplication by any C = {2^n+1, 2^n-1, -2^n or -2^n-1} * 2^n
```

Effectively this is any of the multiplications in 2 to 5 followed by a final shift. This allows the following additional constants to be multiplied.
6, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, 28, 30, 34, 36, 40, 48, 56, 60, 62 .....

```
      (2..5)                    (2..5)

      LSL Ra, Ra, #n            MOV Ra, Ra, LSL #n
```

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5.20.2 General purpose signed divide

This example shows a general purpose signed divide and remainder routine in both Thumb and ARM code.

Thumb code

```
signed_divide
; Signed divide of R1 by R0: returns quotient in R0,
; remainder in R1

; Get abs value of R0 into R3
      ASR R2, R0, #31 ; Get 0 or -1 in R2 depending on sign of R0
      EOR R0, R2      ; EOR with -1 (0xFFFFFFFF) if negative
      SUB R3, R0, R2  ; and ADD 1 (SUB -1) to get abs value


; SUB always sets flag so go & report division by 0 if necessary
;     BEQ divide_by_zero

; Get abs value of R1 by xoring with 0xFFFFFFFF and adding 1
; if negative
      ASR R0, R1, #31 ; Get 0 or -1 in R3 depending on sign of R1
      EOR R1, R0      ; EOR with -1 (0xFFFFFFFF) if negative
      SUB R1, R0      ; and ADD 1 (SUB -1) to get abs value

; Save signs (0 or -1 in R0 & R2) for later use in determining
; sign of quotient & remainder.
      PUSH {R0, R2}

; Justification, shift 1 bit at a time until divisor (R0 value)
; is just <= than dividend (R1 value). To do this shift dividend
; right by 1 and stop as soon as shifted value becomes >.
      LSR R0, R1, #1
      MOV R2, R3
      B   %FT0

just_l    LSL  R2, #1
0     CMP      R2, R0
          BLS  just_l

          MOV  R0, #0         ; Set accumulator to 0
          B    %FT0           ; Branch into division loop

div_l     LSR  R2, #1
0     CMP      R1, R2         ; Test subtract
          BCC  %FT0
          SUB  R1, R2         ; If successful do a real
                              ; subtract
```

```
0           ADC  R0, R0           ; Shift result and add 1 if
                                  ; subtract succeeded

CMP    R2, R3   ; Terminate when R2 == R3 (ie we have just
BNE    div_l    ; tested subtracting the 'ones' value).

; Now fixup the signs of the quotient (R0) and remainder (R1)
POP    {R2, R3} ; Get dividend/divisor signs back

EOR    R3, R2   ; Result sign
EOR    R0, R3   ; Negate if result sign = -1
SUB    R0, R3

EOR    R1, R2   ; Negate remainder if dividend sign = -1
SUB    R1, R2

MOV    pc, lr
```

ARM code

```
signed_divide
; effectively zero a4 as top bit will be shifted out later
      ANDS    a4, a1, #&80000000
      RSBMI   a1, a1, #0
      EORS    ip, a4, a2, ASR #32
; ip bit 31 = sign of result
; ip bit 30 = sign of a2
      RSBCS   a2, a2, #0

; central part is identical code to udiv
; (without MOV a4, #0 which comes for free as part of signed
; entry sequence)
      MOVS    a3, a1
      BEQ     divide_by_zero

just_l
; justification stage shifts 1 bit at a time
      CMP     a3, a2, LSR #1
      MOVLS   a3, a3, LSL #1
; NB: LSL #1 is always OK if LS succeeds
      BLO     s_loop

div_l
      CMP     a2, a3
      ADC     a4, a4, a4
      SUBCS   a2, a2, a3

      TEQ     a3, a1
      MOVNE   a3, a3, LSR #1
```

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```
        BNE       s_loop2
        MOV       a1, a4

        MOVS      ip, ip, ASL #1
        RSBCS     a1, a1, #0
        RSBMI     a2, a2, #0

        MOV       pc, lr
```

5.20.3 Division by a constant

Division by a constant can often be performed by a short fixed sequence of shifts, adds and subtracts. For an explanation of the algorithm see *The ARM Cookbook* (ARM DUYI-0005B), section entitiled *Division by a constant*.

Here is an example of a divide by 10 routine based on the algorithm in the ARM Cookbook in both Thumb and ARM code.

Thumb code

```
udiv10
; takes argument in a1
; returns quotient in a1, remainder in a2
        MOV       a2, a1
        LSR       a3, a1, #2
        SUB       a1, a3
        LSR       a3, a1, #4
        ADD       a1, a3
        LSR       a3, a1, #8
        ADD       a1, a3
        LSR       a3, a1, #16
        ADD       a1, a3
        LSR       a1, #3
        ASL       a3, a1, #2
        ADD       a3, a1
        ASL       a3, #1
        SUB       a2, a3
        CMP       a2, #10
        BLT       %FT0
        ADD       a1, #1
        SUB       a2, #10
0
        MOV       pc, lr
```

ARM code

```
udiv10
; takes argument in a1
; returns quotient in a1, remainder in a2
        SUB     a2, a1, #10
        SUB     a1, a1, a1, lsr #2
        ADD     a1, a1, a1, lsr #4
        ADD     a1, a1, a1, lsr #8
        ADD     a1, a1, a1, lsr #16
        MOV     a1, a1, lsr #3
        ADD     a3, a1, a1, asl #2
        SUBS    a2, a2, a3, asl #1
        ADDPL   a1, a1, #1
        ADDMI   a2, a2, #10
        MOV     pc, lr
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