CS1021 Assignment #1 Calculator program is ARM assembly

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Console Input: Step #1

The Arm Assembly code will be posted in the next pages, before an in-depth description of its flow and the operations that it carries out, It should be easier to follow the explanation with the code on the screen.

```
AREA DisplayResult, CODE, READONLY

IMPORT main
IMPORT getkey
IMPORT sendchar
EXPORT start
PRESERVE8

Start

MOV R4,#0 ; set initial result to 0
MOV R7,#0 ; set initial result to 0
LDR R6,=10 ; load 10 into r6 for later use
LDR R11, =0 ; negative boolean
LDR R10,=0 ; value1/value2 boolean
LDR R12,=0 ; operator sign value
LDR R9,=0 ; first digit entered boolean
```

Firstly the Boolean variables and different registers that act like flags are set, and some registers are set to zero so that the operations do not show any unexpected values, the registers from R₁-R₃, aren't used at all due to the send char function changing their contents in its operation, and the registers R₁₃-R₁₅ aren't touched as usual.

The R₄ register will be used throughout the program to store the value of firstly the 1st value of an operation and if there are more than 2 operands the R₄ register will store the result of all the previous operations together as a number. It is set to o.

The R7 register is used for storing the second value inputted, and when there are more than 2 operands it stores the last value to be added at this point.

The R6 register is storing a value of 10, which is used in the algorithm that converts the inputted digits into the console 1-by-1 into a value that is stored in the register R4 at first.

The R₁₁ register stores a value of either 1 or 0 and is used to check if a value is negative when converting it to 2s complement form.

The R10 register acts as a 1^{st} / 2^{nd} value Boolean, it is used to check if the 1^{st} and or second values have been inputted and whether to the program can continue with its operation or whether it will go out of the cycle and head onto the calculation steps.

The R₁₂ register holds the ASCii codes for the different operators so they are stored somewhere and can be checked later during calculation stages.

Register R9 is used to check if the first digit of a value has been entered to progress past steps in the loop eg checking for negative numbers.

```
readWhile
    BL getkey ; read key from input
    CMP R0, #0x0D ; while key != enter, this loops for every number inputed
    BEQ endReadWhile ;
    BL sendchar ; send to console

CMP R0, #0x20 ; space entered
    BEQ readWhile ; goto readwhile start (ignore spaces)

CMP R9, #0 ; if first digit is entered
    BEQ fistDigitCheck
```

- The first loop that is initiated is the main reading loop of the console input section, this loop starts at the beginning of the program and ends when all operands, operators and signs are already typed into the console, the end of the readWhile loop is triggered by pressing the enter key.
- The next block after the initial reading of the inputted key using BL sendchar, is comparing the Ro register where input is stored with a space character in hex, a space is inputted, the program loops back to readWhile starting all over.
- The R9 register Boolean is checked to see if the first digit has been entered.

operatorCheck

```
CMP R0, #0x25 ; checking for % modulus sign BEQ operatorAssign

CMP R0, #0x2A ; check for multiplication *

BEQ operatorAssign

CMP R0, #0x2B ; check for addition op +

BEQ operatorAssign

CMP R0, #0x2D ; check for subtraction -

BEQ operatorAssign

CMP R0, #0x2F ; check for division /

BEQ operatorAssign
```

• This section checks the Ro, register after the first digit has been inputted, for a sign ascii code value, if the inputte char is not one of these values the program heads on otherwise it goes to the operatorAssign section, which will be mentioned soon. This is not the linear movement in the program, we can assume this section is skipped the first time because, the R9 first digit bool is not set, the program skips this part on the first run of the loop.

fistDigitCheck

```
CMP R0, \#0x2D ; if key = "-"
       BEQ enterNegSign ; set negative boolean to true
       CMP R0,#0x30
       BLO invalidinput ; if the input doesn't fall into the 0-9 range it is invalid
       CMP RO, #0x39
       BHI invalidinput ;
       MOV R9, #1 ; expecting second digit to enter
       CMP R10, #0 ; if entering value of first operand
       BNE secondOperand ; else go to second operand
;firstOperand
       MUL R4, R6, R4 ; result = result*10
       SUB R5, R0, #0x30 ; convert to ascii
       ADD R4, R4, R5 ; result += value
       B readWhile
secondOperand
       MUL R7, R6, R7 ; result = result*10
       SUB R5, R0, #0x30 ; convert to ascii
       ADD R7, R7, R5 ; result += value
       B readWhile
enterNegSign
      MOV R11, #1 ; set the negative value boolean to TRUE
       B readWhile
```

Assuming we skip the operatorCheck, the program arrives at this block, this is the basic operation of the consoleInput stage,.

Firstly there is a check for a negative sign which leads to its own branch. If there is a negative sign the negative Boolean R11 is set to true.

The next checks check if the number falls into the o-9 range by comparing the input ascii char to first ox30 and then ox39 and ox30 is taken away giving the ascii value to be checked, if it is not a number the program takes you to the invalid input section at the very end where it prints out a question mark in the console.

```
invalidinput
    MOV RO, #0x3F     ; if the input is invalid, a question mark is sent into the console
    BL sendchar
    B stop
```

The question mark code is moved to the Ro sendchar register and it is printed to the screen.

When we have checked the validity of the input, The R9 digit flag it set to 0 expecting a second digit to be inputted, and the R10 flag for the 1^{st} / 2^{nd} value is set to 1^{st} value

The program continues and performs the algorithm which when looped converts the inputted digits one by one into a value in the R4 register.

The result which is initially o is multiplied by 10, 0x30 is added to the value to convert it to ascii value form, then the result is added to 0, this process continues with each

increasing magnitude eg the numbers 123 inputted one by one by keyboard, would transform into a value like this

```
0 = 0 * 10 1*10 = 10 0x31 - 0x30 = '1' 0x32 - 0x30 = '2'
```

Result = 0+1 now the result result is 1 nextLoop \rightarrow Result = 10+2, now the result is 12

nextLoop →

```
12 * 10 = 120 => 0x33 - 0x30 = '3' => Result = 120+3 = 123
```

In the code at the start if the "-" sign has been pressed the R11 boolean is set 1 and the program is send back to the start of readWhile.

```
operatorAssign
;possibleNegativeTransformOfChainOperand
        CMP R11, #1 ; if number is negative
        BNE continueCalcAfterNegativeNumberProcessed ;
        MOV R11, #0
        CMP R10, #1 ; if it is second number
        BEQ negativeTransformOfChainSecondOperand
;negativeTransformOfChainFirstOperand
        MVN\ R4 , R4 ; the number is bit inverted
        ADD R4, R4, #1 ; 1 is added to complete the 2s complement form
        B continueCalcAfterNegativeNumberProcessed
negativeTransformOfChainSecondOperand
        MVN R7, R7 ; the number is bit inverted ADD R7, R7, \sharp 1 ; 1 is added to complete the 2s complement form
continueCalcAfterNegativeNumberProcessed
        CMP R12, #0
        BNE calc
continueChainOfOperators
        MOV R12, R0 ; operation symbol stored in R12
        MOV R10, #1 ; second operand mode
        MOV\ R9\text{, }\#0 ; expecting first digit to enter
        B readWhile
endReadWhile
```

The operatorCheck block skips to this block of code, it holds an operator ascii sign in it's Ro register.

Firstly the negative flag is checked if the number is negative it jumps to the continueCalcAfterNegativeNumberProcessed tag, after this is done for the value the negative flag is set to false, to prepare for another run of the loop.

Whether the number is the 2nd value is checked, if it is the program jumps to the negativeTransform section for the second operand assuming the first operand is one value / or a chain of previous values

The 2 negative number transform blocks work by inverting the number using the MVN operation and then adding 1 to convert it to 2s complement form.

These blocks of transformations are only applicable to the chain values eg everything except the last value, the continueCalcAfterNegativeNumberProcessed tag checks if the R12 register is not equal to o ie there is a symbol in there, then we can procede to calc, else we stay in the continueChainOperators branch, this places the symbol in R12, changes the readWhile to second operand mode as the operator has been inputted and sets R9 to o expecting the first digit now in the next run of the loop

```
calc
; possible negativeTransform of Last Operand
       CMP R11, #1 ; if number is negative
       BNE continueCalcAfterLastNegativeNumberProcessed ;
       MOV R11, #0
       CMP R10, #1 ; if it is second number
       BEQ negativeTransformOfLastOperand
;negativeTransformOfLast????FirstOperand
       MVN R4, R4 ; the number is bit inverted
       ADD R4, R4, #1 ; 1 is added to complete the 2s complement form
       B continueCalcAfterLastNegativeNumberProcessed
negativeTransformOfLastOperand
       MVN R7, R7 ; the number is bit inverted
       ADD R7, R7, #1 ; 1 is added to complete the 2s complement form
continueCalcAfterLastNegativeNumberProcessed
                      ; if the symbol = %
       CMP R12, #0x25 ; goto modulus path
       BEQ gotoModulus ; if the symbol = *
       CMP R12, #0x2A ; goto multiplication path
       BEQ gotoMult
       CMP R12, #0x2B; if the symbol = + goto addition path
       BEQ gotoAdd
       CMP R12, #0x2D; if the symbol = - goto subtraction path
       BEQ gotoSub
       CMP R12, #0x2F ;if the symbol is divison goto div path
       BEQ gotoDiv
       B invalidinput ; else goto invalid input
 ; so far we have the 1st input in R4, R7 and know operator branch
```

The calc block, first checks if the last chain value is negative. If not it jumps to the step after the negative calculations, it sets the negative flag to o

The last number of the chain has the inversion operation preformed on it.

Once all the calculations for each member of the chain and all the negative signs are set, the value that is held in R₁₂, the operator variable, is checked and sent off to their relative branches eg gotoMult or gotoAdd, these are the section 2 of the program.

Calculations: Step #2

```
gotoSub
       SUB R4, R4, R7; stores result in r4 of r4-r7, to be ready for next operator in chain
       LDR R7, =0
       CMP RO, #0x0D ; if key != enter, return to the reading loop
       BNE continueChainOfOperators
       B displaystep
gotoAdd
       ADD R4, R4, R7; stores result in r4 of r4+r7 to be ready for next operator in chain
       CMP RO, #0x0D ; if key != enter, return to the reading loop
       BNE continueChainOfOperators
       B displaystep
gotoMult
      MUL R4, R7, R4; stores in r4 r4 x r7
       LDR R7, =0
       CMP RO, #0x0D ; if key != enter, return to the reading loop
       BNE continueChainOfOperators
       B displaystep
```

The calculations step for the 3 first operations are straight-forward, subtraction, addition and multiplication have their own inbuilt operators, for example a = b+c where a is R8, b is R4, and c is R7

If the enter key isn't pressed the calculations don't head to the displaying step, they continue on the readWhile loop and go to continueChainOperators, which sets R10 the second operand mode to 1 and sets the first digit Boolean to 1 aswell.

```
gotoModulus
         LDR R5, =0
         CMP R4, #0
         BGE checkSecondModNumberSign
         RSB R4. R4.#0
checkSecondModNumberSign
         BGE exitModNegativeCheck
         RSB R7, R7, \frac{1}{7}0; now R7 is postitive ;MVN R5, R5; flip the negative flag from previous val, now negative flag has been flipped twice ie positive
         ; if both values negative = positive result
         ; if one value negative = negative result
         ; if none negative = positive result
exitModNegativeCheck
         LDR R9, =0 ; remainder = R9

LDR R8, =0 ; quotient = R8

MOV R9, R4 ; a = remainder

CMP R7, #0 ; if b = 0 ie division by 0 exit the division loop
         BEQ divisionByZero
modwhile
                         ; while remainder >= b
         BLO exitModWhile ; if remainder < b exit the loop
ADD R8, R8, #1 ; quotient = quotient +1
SUB R9, R9, R7 ; remainder = remainder - b
                                                                                  stores the remainder in R9
          B modwhile
exitModWhile
         CMP R5. #0
         BEQ storeModResult
         RSB R9, R9, #0
storeModResult
         MOV R4, R9
                          ; moves remainder (result for %) into R4
         LDR R7, =0
         CMP RO, #0x0D ; if key != enter, return to the reading loop
         BNE continueChainOfOperators
          B displaystep
       ; where r4 =
       : and r7 = b
```

The next block of code is responsible for the calculations carried out in the modulus block. For the modulus operator, the basic operation is very similar to the division algorithm except giving out a result as the remainder of the process, It operates like this:

```
remainder = a;
while (remainder >= b)
{
    quotient = quotient + 1;
    remainder = remainder - b;
}
```

This method is called repeated subtraction, we use it quite a lot throughout steps 2 and 3 of the program, as ARM assembly doesn't have an inbuilt division operator.

The real problems with the modulus block arise when dealing with negative numbers as first and second operands, to solve this I first set a flag to indicate whether the answer will be negative, first setting it to o ie +ve, then I check whether the first operand is less than o, if so I flip the flag, then I repeat this operation for the second operand, if they are both negative, the flag turns out positive, but if only 1 is negative, I make all the values positive and carry the operation out as normal, then I check the flag when I have my result and apply the sign to it.

And if the enter key isn't pressed after the modulus operation is inputted, I go back to the main loop that reads in another operator and sets the needed Booleans for another expression to be inputted.

The division operation is the last that is calculated, an operation very similar to the modulus check for negative results is preformed eg -12/-3 = 4, only this time the operation is the division which gives out only a quotient, this is identical to the modulus structure only changing the quotient at the end, The operation of the division is also the repeated subtraction algorithm described above.

This block of code also doesn't stop after getting and result but checks if the user has pressed the enter key after it if so it goes to the display step, or if there isn't a enter key pressed it goes back to looking for a new operator setting the required flags.

Display the result: Step #3

The display step only sets in when we have a value that is in the register and needs to be converted step by step to characters and printed out to the console with the appropriate sign to represent its value well.

```
displaystep
       MOV R8, R4 ; R4 contains operation result move it to R8 for compatibility with old code
       MOV RO, #0x3D ; equals sign is moved into RO and printed onto the screen
       BL sendchar
       CMP R8, #0
       BNE printNonZeroResult
       MOV R0, #0x30
       BL sendchar
       B stop
printNonZeroResult
       CMP R8, #0
       BGT printPositiveResult
       RSB R8, R8, #0 ; r8 = 0-r8
       MOV R0,\#0x2D ; prints a "-" sign to the console
       BL sendchar
printPositiveResult
       MOV RO, R8; now we have the result (in hex stored in R0)
       LDR R4, =1 ; R4 is the magnitudeCount
       LDR R11, =0xA; negative register not used anymore can be used to store value 10
```

Once we enter the display step we have the result R8 from all the previous steps

To start off for presentation we print out an equals sign to the console after the initial equation inputted. The neck check is whether the result is o if it is simply a zero character gets printed to the console, otherwise the number is checked to be negative, if the value is negative a "-" sign is printed out to the console straight away before the main procedure, after these special cases are dealt with, we head over to the main case:

At first the result is moved into Ro, R₄ is set as the magnitudeCount variable which will be raised to a certain power of 10 to help complete the conversion print process, "10" in hex is loaded into the R₁₁ register not being used anymore to act as a variable eg var =10;

```
magnitudeWhile
        CMP R4,R0 ; while (magnitudeCount < result) {
BGT gotoMagnitudeStep2 ; magnitudeCount = magnitudeCount * 10
       CMP R4,R0
        MUL R4, R11, R4 ; we end up with a magnitude count one power higher than needed
        B magnitudeWhile
gotoMagnitudeStep2
        ; we have magCount in R4, and result still in R0
         ; division by 10 step to step down one power
        LDR R9, =0 ; remainder = R9
        LDR R8, =0 ; quotient = R8
MOV R9, R4 ; a = magnitudeCount b = 10 stored in R11
divMagnitudeWhile
        CMP R9, R11 ; while remainder >= b
        BLO divMagExit ; if remainder < b exit the loop stores the remainder in R9
ADD R8, R8, #1 ; quotient = quotient +1 ; (modulus operator action can be transferred here and given the remainder
                                                                                                                               as output)
        SUB R9, R9, R11 ; remainder = remainder - b
        B divMagnitudeWhile
divMagExit
        MOV R4, R8 ; the magnitudeCount is stored in R4 moved from R8 from division
                        ; our result is still in RO
        ; now we need to execute the algorithm which using the magnitudeCount
            ; and the result will print out our number to the console
whileCharPrint
        CMP R4. #0
                              : while the result is not zero
        BEO characterPrintLoopExit
        ; we need to divide result / magcount = quotient
        ; we have magCount in R4, and result still in R0
```

The magnitudeWhile loop starts here this loop calculates the (magnitude level needed *10)

It works by multiplying the magnitudeCount * 10 until it is larger than the result in Ro,

For the next step we load in R9 = o R8 = o and set a in the division process at magnitudeCount and b is set as 10 which is stored in R11

The division algorithm uses repeated subtraction, it works by this principle:

```
While ( remainder >= b )
{
     Quotient = quotient +1
     Remainder = remainder - b
}
```

Once we have divided the magnitudeCount by 10 to receive the desired number for the conversion algorithm eg to convert 4180 to characters you need magCount to be 1000.

We store the result of the division eg the magCount back into R4, the last part of the block shown above initiates the main conversion loop, the condition of the while loop is that while the result is not o, keep going and trying to print characters, we have the magCount stored in R4 and the result stored in Ro, and need to find repeatedly a quotient by dividing the result by the magcount and incrementing the magCount every time by division by 10, the new remainder of said division is stored as the new result for the new run of the loop, While the quotient has ox30 added onto it and printed out as a sendchar into the console.

```
LDR R9, =0 ; remainder = R9

LDR R8, =0 ; quotient = R8

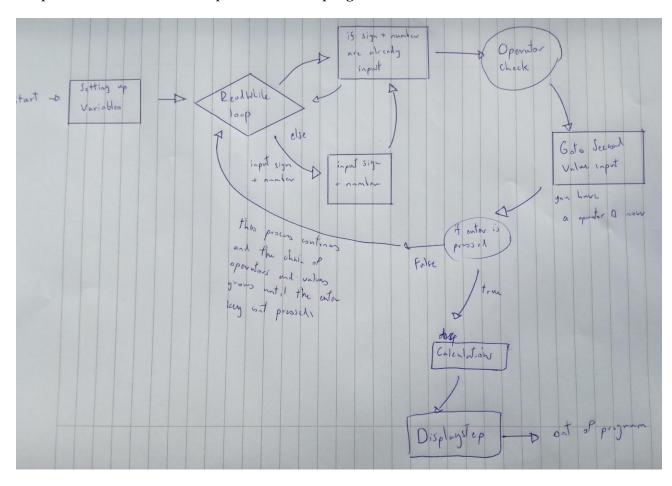
MOV R9, R0 ; a = result b = magCount stored in R4
divCharPrintWhile
        CMP R9, R4 ; while remainder >= b
        BLO divCharPrintExit ; if remainder < b exit the loop
        ADD R8, R8, #1 ; quotient = quotient +1
SUB R9, R9, R4 ; remainder = remainder - b
        B divCharPrintWhile
divCharPrintExit
          ; now we have the hex code of character in R8, we need to
          ; convert this to ascii
         ; our quotient for the first charachter to be printed is in R8 to be in R0
          ; our NEW result is the remainder of the previous division, stored in R9
        ADD R8, R8, #0x30 ; convert to ascii
        MOV RO, R8 ; the quotient is stored in R0 temporarily
        BL sendchar ; the first character of the decimal number has been sent to console
        MOV RO, R9 ; the remainder becomes the new result
        ; now we need to divide the magnitudeCount by 10 again to continue the process
        ; magCount is still in R4
```

Like normally when performing the division algorithm, the R8, R9 registers are used to store the quotient and remainder, this loop works as described in the last paragraph, to continue after this block we still need to increment the magCount by dividing it by 10, the same division algorithm is used to perform this.

```
; R11 stored value 10
       LDR R9, =0 ; remainder = R9
        LDR R8, =0 ; quotient = R8
        MOV R9, R4 ; a = magnitudeCount b = 10 stored in R11
divMagnitudeDivision
        CMP R9, R11 ; while remainder >= b
        BLO divMagDivExit ; if remainder < b exit the loop stores the remainder in R9
       ADD R8, R8, #1 ; quotient = quotient +1
SUB R9, R9, R11 ; remainder = remainder - b
        B divMagnitudeDivision
divMagDivExit
       ; quotient from division eg new magCount stored in R8
       MOV R4, R8
; now we have the new magnitudeCount in R4
; we have our result in RO
; and we have the first character printed out to console
; now we can loop back to the mainfinal while loop to continue this process until the result ==0
       B whileCharPrint
characterPrintLoopExit
       B stop
invalidinput
       MOV RO, #0x3F ; if the input is invalid, a question mark is sent into the console
       BL sendchar
       B stop
divisionByZero
       MOV RO, #0x21 ; if the division is by 0, a exclamation mark is sent into the console
        BL sendchar
stop B stop
   END
```

The division algorithm is preformed on the magCount dividing it by 10 for the next run of the loop, after this we jump back to the loop tag whileCharPrint, this loop keeps going until the whole result value is printed out the console with a suitable sign and correct formatting.

Simplified Flowchart of the operation of the program:



Testing each of the program steps: Step #4

Test cases for inputting different numbers into the Console Input step.

Positive Numbers: 123, 74, 100, 1000000	0x7B, 0x4A, 0x64, 0xF4240
Negative Numbers: - 12, -100 , -22	oxFFFFFF4, oxFFFFFF9C, oxFFFFFFEA

Testing for different types of calculations and their outputs.

#1 Addition Cases

Types of Addition Equations	Results in register // In console
-a+b // -100 + 250 = result	0x96 // 150
-a +(-b) // -50 + (-100) = result	ox FFFFF6A // -150
a+b // 12+ 56 = result	ox44 // 68
a + (-b) // $625+(-626) = result$	oxFFFFFFF // -1
a + b + c + d // 12 + 12 + 6 + 6+2 + 1	ox27 //39
-a + -b + -c + -d // -12 +-5 +-6+-7	oxFFFFFE2 //-30

#2 Subraction Cases

Types of Subraction Equations	Result in register // In console
a-b // 45 – 22 = result	ox17 // 23
-a -b // -500-300= result	ox FFFFCEo // -800
-a - (-b) // -12-(-12) = result	oxoo // o
a – (-b) // 66- (-12) = result	ox4E // 78
a -b -c - d // 6-2-5-12	oxFFFFFF3 // -13

#3 Multiplication Cases

Types of Multiplication Equations	Results
a * b // 12*5	ox3C // 60
-a * -b // -12 * -5	ox3C // 60
b * b // 12 * 12	ox90 // 144
-a * b // -60 * 3	oxFFFFF4C//-180
a*-b // 180 * -3	oxFFFFDE4 // -540

a * b * c * d and so on // 2* 3* 4 * 5	0x78//120
-a * -b * -c * -d // -3*-2*-1*-4	ox18 // 24

#4 Division Cases

Types of Division Equations	Result
a / b // 12/4	ox3 // 3
A /a // 12/12	OX1 // 1
-a / b // -12/4	oxFFFFFFD// -3
-a / -b // -70/-7	oxA// 10
a / -b // 10/-2	oxFFFFFFB// -5
a / b / c / d/ e // 40/2/4/2	ox2// 2
-a / -b / -c /-d // -12/-2/-2	ox1// 1

#4 Modulus Cases

Types of Modulus Equations	Result
a % b // 12 % 5	OX2 // 2
a % a // 12 % 12	oxo//o
-a % b // -12 % 5	oxFFFFFFE // -2
-a % -b // -12%-5	oxFFFFFFE // -2
a % -b // 12 % -5	ox2 // 2
a % b % c %d 24 % 7 % 3	ox // o
-a % -b % -c % -d20 % -6 %-2	ox // o

#5 Other testing cases

Equations	Results
a * b * c * d + e + f // 12*4*3 +12+12	oxA8 // 168
a/b/c+d-e//40/2/2+2-6	ox6 // 6
a%b*c+d //12%5 * 2 +33	ox25 // 37
a /o // 12/o	! = this sign indicates division by zero, not
	allowed
a * nothing or a / nothing	? printed out to console for invalid input.

The majority of testing that I did for this project was throughout the process, when a part of my project wasn't working I would use the debugger and try to make blocks that print a character in a certain place to see whether my program reached this place, in the program, I would use these equation tests nearer to the end of my program to make final checks on whether everything was working correctly.

The order of operations isn't taken into account, because this is a whole problem on its own separate from the assignment, and requires stack implementation.