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MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION IN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR:
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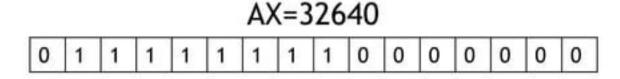
OVERVIEW

- In chapter 7, we saw how to learn multiplication and division by shifting the bits in a byte or word.
- Left and right shift can be used for multiplying and dividing respectively by powers of 2.
- Process of multiplication and division is different for signed and unsigned numbers and there are different instructions used for signed and unsigned multiplication and division.
- One of the most useful applications of multiplication and division is to implement decimal input and output.

UNSIGNED MULTIPLICATION (MUL)

- In the case of unsigned multiplication, using instruction MUL.
- The syntax of this instruction is MUL source
- Example

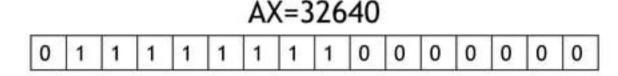




SIGNED MULTIPLICATION (IMUL)

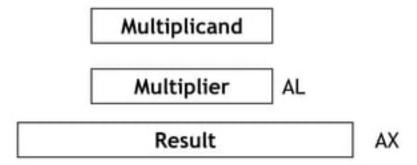
- In the case of signed multiplication, using instruction IMUL.
- The syntax of this instruction is IMUL source
- Example





BYTE FORM

- In byte multiplication one number is contained in the source and the other is assumed to be in AL.
- The 16-bit product will be in AX.
- The source may be a byte register or memory byte but not a constant.



WORD FORM

- In word multiplication one number is contained in the source and the other is assumed to be in AX.
- The most significant 16-bits of the double word product will in DX and the least significant 16-bits will be in AX.

DX:AX

 The source may a 16-bit register or memory word but not a constant.

Source	AX
DX	AX

EFFECT OF MUL/IMUL ON FLAGS

- SF,ZF,AF,PF undefined
- OF, OF:
- After MUL, CF/OF =0 if upper half of the result is zero.
 - =1 otherwise
- After IMUL, CF/OF =0 the signed bits of upper and lower
 - half are same.
 - =1 otherwise

EXAMPLE (BYTE FORM)

MUL BL

FFh BL

8 0 h AL

7 F 8 0 1

AH AL CF/OF

IMUL BL

F F h BL

8 0 h AL

0 0 8 0 1 AH AL CF/OF

EXAMPLE (WORD FORM)

MUL BX

0 0 0 1 h AX

F F F F h BX

DX AX CF/OF

IMUL BX

0 0 0 1 h AX

F F F F h BX

F F F F F F O AX CF/OF

APPLICATION EXAMPLE

- Translate the high level language assignment statement A= 5*A-12*B into assembly code remember A and B are word variable.
- sol:

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MOV AX = 5 ;AX = 5

IMUL A ;AX=5*A

MOV A , AX ;A=5*A

MOV AX, 12 ;AX=12

IMUL B ;AX=12*B

SUB A , AX ;A=5*A-12*B
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DIVISION (DIV/IDIV)

- When division is performed we obtain two results the quotient and the remainder.
- In division there are separate instructions for signed and unsigned division.

SIGNED AND UNSIGNED DIVISION

- In the case of signed division IDIV (integer divide)
- The syntax used for signed division IDIV divisor
- In the case of unsigned division DIV the syntax used for unsigned division DIV divisor
- These instructions divide 8 (or 16) bits into 16(or 32) bits.
- The quotient and remainder have same size as the divisor

BYTE FORM

- In this case the divisor is an 8-bit register or memory byte.
- The 16-bit dividend is assume to be in AX.
- After division, 8bit quotient is in AL and 8-bit remainder is in AH.
- The divisor may not be a constant.

WORD FORM

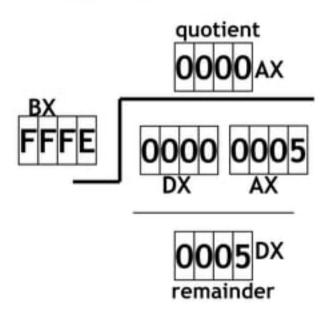
- In this case divisor is a 16-bit register or memory word.
- The 32-bit dividend is assumed to be in DX:AX
- after division the 16-bit quotient is in AL and 16-bit remainder is in DX.
- The divisor may not be a constant.

DIVIDE OVERFLOW

- It is possible that the quotient will be too big to fit in the specified destination (AL or AX).
- This can happen if the divisor is much smaller than the dividend.
- When this happens, the program terminates and the system displays the message "divide overflow".

EXAMPLE (UNSIGNED)

Suppose DX=0000h and AX=0005h and BX=FFFEh
DIV BX

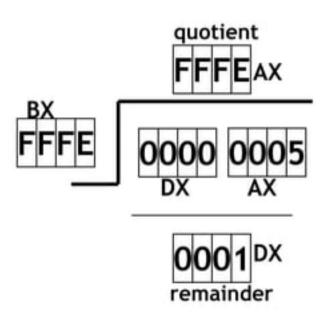


Here dividend is 5 and divisor =FFFE=65534

After division quotient =0 and remainder =5

SIGNED

IDIV BX



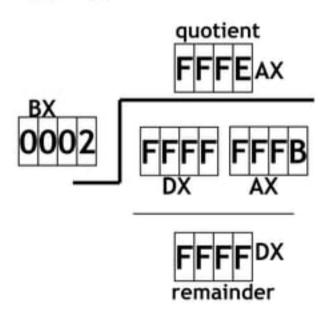
Here in the case of signed divisor = FFFE = -2 and dividend =5

After division quotient=-2 and remainder=1

EXAMPLE (SIGNED)

suppose DX=FFFFh and AX=FFFBh and BX=0002h

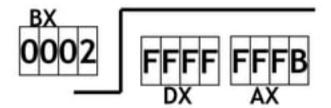
IDIV DX



-5 divided by 2 gives a quotient of -2 = FFFEh and a remainder of -1 = FFFFh.

UNSIGNED

DIV BX



DIVIDE OVERFLOW

For DIV, the dividend DX:AX = FFFFFFFBh = 4294967291 and the divisor= 2.

The actual quotient is 2147483646 = 7FFFFFFEh. This is too big to fit in AX.

SIGN EXTENSION OF DIVIDEND

- Word Division
 the dividend is in DX:AX even if the actual dividend will fit in AX. In this case DX should be prepared as
- For DIV ,DX should be cleared.
- For IDIV,DX should me made the sign extension of AX. The instruction CWD will do the extension.

EXAMPLE

Divide -1250 by 7

Sol:-

MOV AX,-1250 ;AX gets dividend

CWD ;extend sign to DX

MOV BX,7 ;BX has divisor

IDIV BX ;AX get quot. DX has rem.

BYTE DIVISION

- The dividend is in AX. If the actual dividend is a byte then AH should be prepared as
- For DIV, AH should be cleared.
- For IDIV, AH should the sign extension of AL. the instruction CWB will do the extension.

EXAMPLE

 Divide the signed value of the byte variable XBYTE by -7

Sol:-

MOV AL, XBYTE ; AL has dividend

CBW ;extend sign to AH

MOV BL,-7 ;BL has divisor

IDIV BL ;AL has quot. AH has rem.

 There is no effect of CBW and CWD on the flags.