# Assembly Chess

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# Designing the Emulator

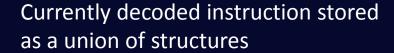
# Structs help us tokenize the data



```
struct data processing {
  bool t immediate;
  byte t opcode;
  bool t set condition codes;
  byte t reg n;
  byte_t reg_dest;
  uint16 t operand2;
struct multiply {
  bool t accumulate;
  bool t set condition codes;
  byte t reg dest;
  byte_t reg_n;
  byte_t reg_s;
  byte_t reg_m;
struct single data_transfer {
  bool t immediate;
  bool t pre index;
  bool t up;
  bool t load;
  byte t reg n;
  byte t reg d;
  uint16 t offset;
};
struct branch {
  uint32 t offset;
};
```

```
typedef union {
   struct data_processing *data_proc;
   struct multiply *mult;
   struct single_data_transfer *sdt;
   struct branch *branch;
} instr_t;

struct decoded_instr {
   enum instr_type type;
   instr_t *instr;
};
```



# Designing the Assembler

### Instruction

```
O Program_loop: MOVEQ R0, #0x00000001 ; r1 is index counter
O program_loop: moveq r0, #0x00000001 ; r1 is index counter
```



# Extensions to the Assembler & Coding Practice

- Support all 16 condition flags for all 26 mnemonics
- All 16 Data Processing opcodes supported
- Barrel register shift supported
- ASCII immediates supported (for code readability)
- Branch with Link supported (allowing method calling)
- Write-back option on Single Data Transfer supported (allowing stack operations)
- DCD and ADR directives supported
   (allowing global variables and data structures)

BL get\_mailbox\_base

# Testsuite

Let's play some chess!

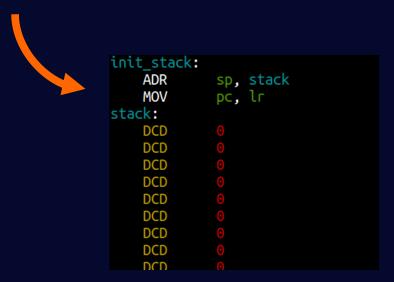
### Game Loop

- GPIO pins are set up to receive input
- The chess board is prepared

- Display board, get input, and process the input
- Keep looping until someone wins
- Restart the game

```
.main:
 main while all game:
   BL init_stack
   BL init_pins
   BL initialise
   main while each game:
     BL get_cur_player
     BL is_game_over
     CMP r0, #0
     BNE main_end_each_game
     BL display
     BL manage_input
     BL get is clicked
     CMP r0, #0
     BLNE process
     B main while each game
   main_end_each_game:
     BL display
     BL game_over
   B main while all game
```

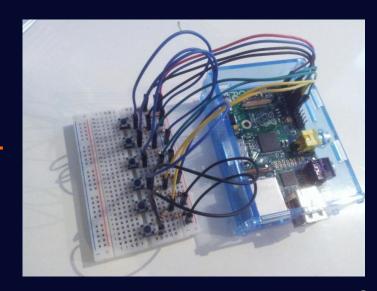
 Stack pointer (SP register) points to the start of a 1KB block of memory



```
manage input:
                               ; r1 holds current pos
           г2, г0
  manage input left:
                               ; too quickly
           r0, #18
           get_gpio_input
   MOV
           r0, #0
                               : r0 = r1 % 8
                                : wrap around
            manage input end
           get_gpio_input
           r0, #1
            manage_input_end
 manage input reset:
           get gpio input
  manage input end:
          set current pos
```

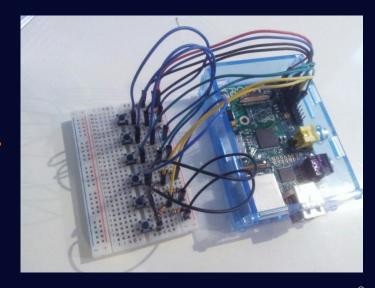
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- We update the display with every button clicked, but we only exit the loop when the player hits the "select" button
- Helper functions:
  - wait() delays the detection of input
  - get\_gpio\_input(pin\_number) to read from a pin
  - reverse\_row(pos) to turn the game state as stored in the pieces array into the game state as it should be displayed on screen

- left = GPIO18
- up = GPIO23
- down = GPIO4
- right = GPIO17
- select = GPIO22
- reset game = GPIO27



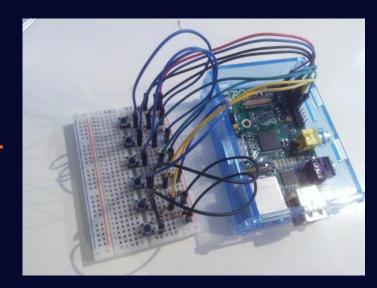
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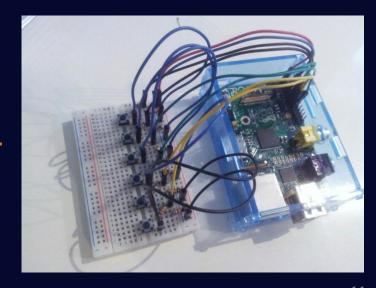
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```
; returns piece colour and outline colour
            display get colour
   MOV
   MOV
   MOV
   \mathsf{BL}
   MOV
                                                   ; r2 = background colour
   MOV
   BL
   MOV
   LDR
   MOV
   BL
            get are marked
            draw border
            get has selected
   CMP
   BE<sub>0</sub>
            display skip selected
   \mathsf{BL}
            get_selected_pos
   BL
   CMP
   BLE0
            get_selected_pos_colour
           draw border
display skip selected:
            get_player_one_colour
                                                   ; set up cursor depending
            get_player_two_colour
   MOV
                                                   ; show border if correct
            get current pos
```

- display() loops through the 64 fields of the cells\_type, cells\_side, are\_marked arrays to render the chessboard
- It writes each pixel to the GPU framebuffer, but this detail is abstracted away in its helper functions
- Helper functions
  - get\_length\_square() returns the length of a single square.
     Our code is not board-specific we could use squares of any size
  - draw\_square(address, piece type, background colour, piece colour, piece outline colour) renders a single square

draw\_border(address, colour) renders the border around a single square

; returns piece colour and outline colour display get colour MOV MOV MOV  $\mathsf{BL}$ MOV ; r2 = background colour MOV r5, [sp, #4]! BLMOV MOV LDR MOV BLget are marked draw border get has selected CMP BE<sub>0</sub> display skip selected BLget\_selected\_pos BLCMP BLE0 get\_selected\_pos\_colour MOVEQ draw border display skip selected: get\_player\_one\_colour ; set up cursor depending get\_player\_two\_colour MOV ; show border if correct get current pos

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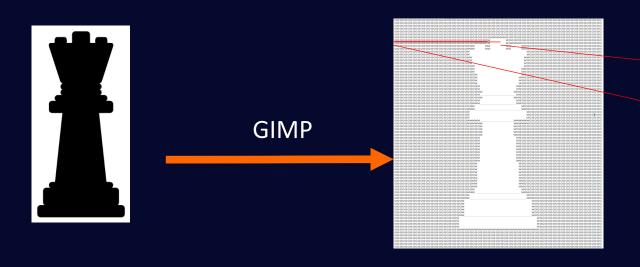
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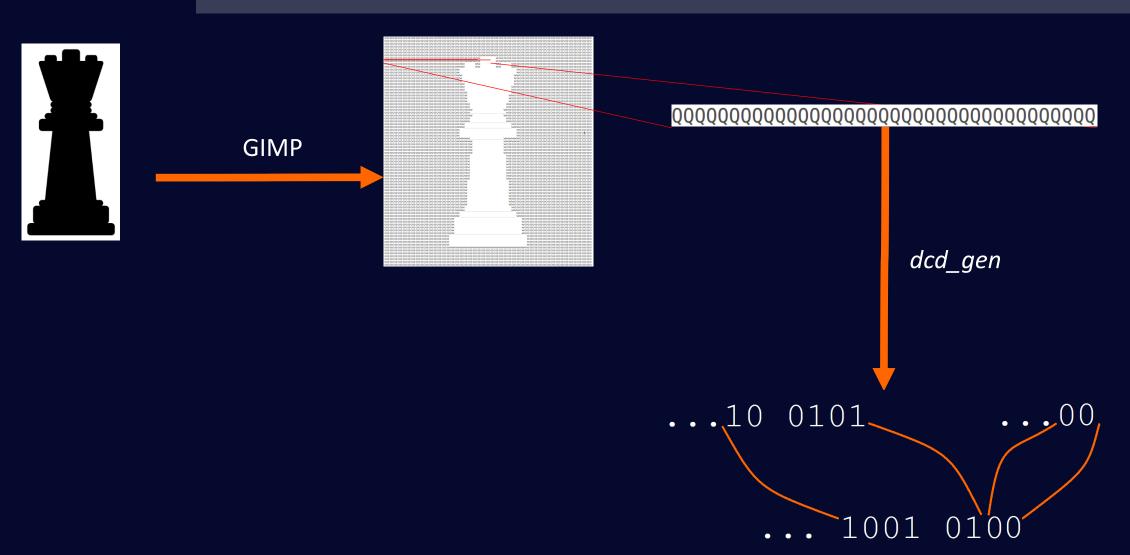
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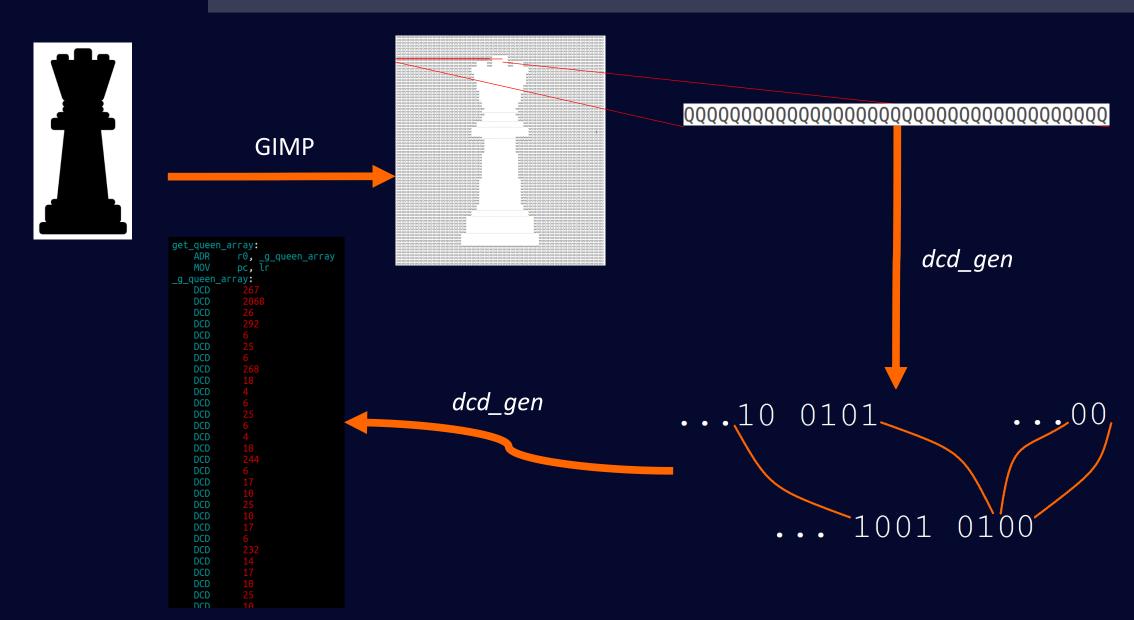
; if end of row reached, update row ind + addr ; returns piece colour and outline colour display get colour MOV MOV MOV  $\mathsf{BL}$ MOV ; r2 = background colour MOV STR BLMOV MOV LDR MOV reverse row BLget are marked get has selected CMP BE<sub>0</sub> display skip selected BLget\_selected\_pos BLCMP BLE<sub>0</sub> get\_selected\_pos\_colour MOVEQ draw border display skip selected: get\_player\_one\_colour ; set up cursor depending MOV ; show border if correct get current pos

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- cur\_player
- has\_selected
- is\_clicked

Whose turn is it? 0 for first player, 1 for second player Has the the current player selected their piece yet? Has this iteration seen a clicked event?

- cur\_player
- has\_selected
- is\_clicked
- en\_passant\_flag
- castle\_flag

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Status that is associated with en passant in legal move Status that is associated with castle in legal move

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- en\_passant\_flag
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- selected\_pos
- current pos

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Status that is associated with en passant in legal move Status that is associated with castle in legal move

Position of the piece that current player selected (valid iff has\_selected == true)

Position of cursor

cur\_player

has\_selected

is\_clicked

en\_passant\_flag

castle\_flag

selected\_pos

current pos

Whose turn is it? 0 for first player, 1 for second player

Has the the current player selected their piece yet?

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Status that is associated with en passant in legal move

Status that is associated with castle in legal move

Position of the piece that current player selected

(valid iff has selected == true)

Position of cursor

For each cell *i* on the board,  $i \in [0, 64)$ :

cells\_type[i]

are\_marked[i]

cells\_side[i]

Type of this cell: 'S' 'P' 'H' 'B' 'R' 'Q' 'K'

Can the piece on selected pos move to this cell legally?

Which player does this cell belong to?

# Game Logic – process()

```
void process() {¶
 assert(0 <= current pos && current_pos < BOARD_SIZE); T
if(!has selected) {¶
if(!is_own_piece(current_pos)) // illegal selection
····return;
for(byte t iter = 0; iter<BOARD SIZE; iter++) ¶</pre>
are marked[iter] = !is in check(cur player,current pos,iter)
                     %& legal move(current pos,iter,FALSE); ¶
selected pos = current pos; 
has selected = TRUE;
''}'else'{¶
assert(0 <= selected pos && selected pos < BOARD SIZE); </pre>
if(are marked[current pos]) { // click on legal cell
·····legal move(selected pos,current pos,TRUE); ¶
cur player = !cur player;
for(byte t iter = 0; iter<BOARD SIZE; iter++) {</pre>
----are marked[iter] = FALSE; T
selected_pos = BYTE_UNDEFINED;
has selected = FALSE;
· · } ¶
```

#### MOV г2, г8 BLget current pos MOV r1, r0 $\mathsf{BL}$ get\_cur\_player is in check $\mathsf{BL}$ RSBr3, r0, #1 $\mathsf{BL}$ get\_current\_pos MOV г1, г8 MOV r2, #0 legal move BLAND г1, г0, г3 MOV r0, r8 BLset\_are\_marked

# Game Logic – process()

```
void process() {¶
 assert(0 <= current pos && current pos < BOARD SIZE); T
if(!has selected) {¶
   if(!is own piece(current pos)) // illegal selection
     return;
   for(byte t iter = 0; iter<BOARD SIZE; iter++) \( \)
     are marked[iter] = !is in check(cur player,current pos,iter)
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· · } ¶
```

# Game Logic – process()

```
MOV
         г2. г8
BL
         get_current_pos
MOV
         r1, r0
         get_cur_player
\mathsf{BL}
        is in check
\mathsf{BL}
RSB
         r3, r0, #1
BL
         get_current_pos
MOV
        г1, г8
MOV
        Γ2, #<mark>0</mark>
         legal move
BL
AND
        г1, г0, г3
MOV
        r0, r8
BL
         set_are_marked
```

```
selected pos = current pos;
                                                   has selected = TRUE;
                                               ''}'else'{¶
                                                   assert(0 <= selected pos && selected pos < BOARD SIZE); T
                                                  if(are marked[current pos]) { // click on legal cell
process else has selected if begin:
                                                    legal move(selected pos,current pos,TRUE); 
 MOV
          r2, #1
                                                     cur player = !cur player;
 \mathsf{BL}
          get_current_pos
 MOV
          r1, r0
                                                   for(byte t iter = 0; iter<BOARD SIZE; iter++) {</pre>
          get_selected pos
 \mathsf{BL}
                                                     are marked[iter] = FALSE; T
 \mathsf{BL}
         legal move
                                                   selected pos = BYTE UNDEFINED; T
 \mathsf{BL}
          get_cur_player
                                                  has selected = FALSE; T
          r0, r0, #1
 RSB
                                              · · }¶
 \mathsf{BL}
          set_cur_player
process else has selected if end:
```

void process() {¶

return;

if(!has selected) { ¶

assert(0 <= current pos && current pos < BOARD SIZE); T

for(byte t iter = 0; iter<BOARD SIZE; iter++) {</pre>

if(!is own piece(current pos)) // illegal selection

are marked[iter] = !is in check(cur player,current pos,iter)

&& legal move(current pos,iter,FALSE);

# Game Logic – is\_in\_check()

```
bool t is in check(bool t player id, byte t src pos, byte t des pos) { ¶
byte_t tmp_cell_type = cells_type[des_pos]; 
bool_t tmp_cell_side = cells_side[des_pos]; 
bool_t tmp_cur_player = cur_player; ¶
cur_player = !player_id; 
byte_t king_pos,killer_pos;¶
bool_t check = FALSE;
actual move(src pos,des pos); 
for(king pos = 0; king pos<BOARD SIZE; king pos++) ¶</pre>
if(cells_type[king_pos] == PIECE_K && cells_side[king_pos] == player_id)
····break;
if(king_pos < BOARD_SIZE) </pre>
for(killer_pos = 0; killer_pos < BOARD_SIZE; killer_pos ++) ¶</pre>
     actual_move(des_pos,src_pos);
cells_type[des_pos] = tmp_cell_type;
cells_side[des_pos] = tmp_cell_side;
  cur player = tmp cur player;
  return check; ¶
```

# Game Logic – is\_in\_check()

```
is in check king begin:
          гб, #0
is in check_king_next:
  CMP
          rб. #
          is_in_check_return
 MOV
          г0, гб
          get_cells_type
  MOV
         г1, г0
 MOV
         г0, г6
          get_cells_side
  CMP
          r0. r10
        r1, #'K
 CMPEQ
          is_in_check_king_end
 BEQ
  ADD
          r6, r6, #1
          is_in_check_king_next
is_in_check_king_end:
is_in_check_killer_begin:
is in check killer next:
  CMP
          r7, #(
          is_in_check_killer_end
 MOV
          r0, r7
 MOV
 MOV
         Γ2, #<mark>0</mark>
         legal_move
  BL
  ORR
          r5, r5, r0
  ADD
          r7, r7, #1
          is_in_check_killer_next
is_in_check_killer_end:
```

```
bool_t is_in_check(bool_t player_id, byte_t src_pos, byte_t des_pos) {¶
byte_t tmp_cell_type = cells_type[des_pos]; 
bool_t tmp_cell_side = cells_side[des_pos]; 
bool_t tmp_cur_player = cur_player; ¶
 cur player = !player id; 
byte_t king_pos,killer_pos; 
bool t check = FALSE;
  actual move(src pos,des pos); 
 for(king pos = 0; king pos<BOARD SIZE; king pos++) 
   if(cells_type[king_pos] == PIECE_K && cells_side[king_pos] == player_id)
      break;
  if(king pos < BOARD SIZE) ||</pre>
   for(killer pos = 0; killer pos<BOARD SIZE; killer pos++) ¶</pre>
      check |= legal move(killer pos,king pos,FALSE);
  actual move(des pos,src pos);
  cells_type[des_pos] = tmp_cell_type;
  cells_side[des_pos] = tmp_cell_side; 
  cur player = tmp cur player;
  return check; ¶
```

# Game Logic – legal\_move()

```
legal_move:
                                   ; push lr
 STR
          lr, [sp, #4]!
 \mathsf{BL}
          push_all_r0_r12
 MOV
          г11, г0
                                     ; r11 as src_pos
 MOV
          г12, г1
                              ; r12 as des_pos
 MOV
          г10, г2
                                     ; r10 as update
          r0, r11
 MOV
 BL
          is_own_piece
                                     ; if(!is_own_piece(src_pos))
 CMP
          r0, #0
          legal move return false
 BEQ
 MOV
          r0, r12
 \mathsf{BL}
          is_own_piece
                                     ; if(is_own_piece(des_pos))
 CMP
          r0, #0
          legal move return false
 BNE
          г11, г12
                                     ; if(src_pos == des_pos)
 CMP
          legal move return false
 BEQ
          гб, г11, LSR #3
 MOV
          r7, r11, #7
 AND
          r8, r12, LSR #3
 MOV
                                     ; r8 as des row
          r9, r12, #7
                                     ; r8 as des col
 AND
 SUB
          г0, г6, г8
          absolute
 \mathsf{BL}
                                    ; r4 as absolute(src_row - des_row), diff_row
 MOV
          г4, г0
 SUB
          г0, г7, г9
          absolute
 \mathsf{BL}
                                    ; r5 as absolute(src col - des col), diff col
 MOV
          r5, r0
```

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 MOV
                                   ; r11 as src_pos
 MOV
         г12, г1
                    ; r12 as des_pos
 MOV
         г10, г2
                                   ; r10 as update
         r0, r11
 MOV
 \mathsf{BL}
         is_own_piece
                                    ; if(!is_own_piece(src_pos))
 CMP
         r0, #0
 BE0
         legal move return false
 MOV
         r0, r12
         is_own_piece
 \mathsf{BL}
                                    ; if(is own piece(des pos))
 CMP
         r0, #0
         legal move return false
 BNE
         г11, г12
                                    ; if(src_pos == des_pos)
 CMP
         legal move return false
 BEQ
         гб, г11, LSR #3
 MOV
         r7, r11, #7
 AND
                           ; r7 as src col
         r8, r12, LSR #3 ; r8 as des_row
 MOV
         r9, r12, #7
                                   ; r8 as des_col
 AND
 SUB
         r0, r6, r8
         absolute
 \mathsf{BL}
                                   ; r4 as absolute(src_row - des_row), diff_row
         г4, г0
 MOV
 SUB
         г0, г7, г9
         absolute
 BL
                                  ; r5 as absolute(src col - des col), diff col
 MOV
         r5, r0
```

```
; start of switch
 MOV
          r0, r11
          get cells type
 \mathsf{BL}
 CMP
          r0, #'S
          legal move piece s
 BEQ
 CMP
          r0, #'P'
 BE0
          legal_move_piece_p
 CMP
          r0, #'H'
 BE0
          legal_move_piece_h
 CMP
          г0, #'В'
          legal_move_piece_b
 BE0
 CMP
          г0, #'R'
          legal move piece r
  BEQ
 CMP
          r0, #'0'
          legal move piece q
 BEQ
 CMP
          г0, #'K'
 BE0
          legal move piece k
          legal move return false
 В
legal move piece s:
          legal move return false
legal move piece p:
          r5, #1
  CMP
          legal move return false
  BGT
legal_move_piece_p_non_forward_white:
 MOV
          r0, r11
          get cells side
  \mathsf{BL}
  CMP
          r0, #0
```

# Game Logic – legal move()

```
legal_move:
                                                                                                           ; start of switch
          lr, [sp, #4]!
                                      ; push lr
  STR
                                                                                                          MOV
                                                                                                                    r0, r11
 \mathsf{BL}
          push all r0 r12
                                                                                                          \mathsf{BL}
 MOV
          г11, г0
                                       ; r11 as src pos
                                                                                                          CMP
                                                                                                                    r0, #'S
 MOV
          г12, г1
                                       ; r12 as des pos
                                                                                                          BEQ
  MOV
          г10, г2
                                       ; r10 as update
                                                                                                          CMP
                                                                                                                    r0, #'P
                                                                                                          BE0
          r0, r11
 MOV
                                                                                                          CMP
                                                                                                                    г0, #'H
          is_own_piece
  \mathsf{BL}
                                                                                                          BE0
                                       ; if(!is_own_piece(src_pos))
  CMP
          r0, #0
                                                                                                          CMP
                                                                                                                    r0, #'B'
  BE0
          legal move return false
                                                                                                          BE0
                                                                                                          CMP
                                                                                                                    r0, #'R'
 MOV
          r0, r12
                                                                                                          BEQ
          is_own_piece
 \mathsf{BL}
                                                                                                          CMP
                                                                                                                    r0, #'0'
                                       ; if(is own piece(des pos))
 CMP
          r0, #0
                                                                                                          BEQ
          legal move return false
  BNE
                                                                                                          CMP
                                                                                                                    r0, #'K'
                                                                      legal move piece q:
                                                                                                          BE0
          г11, г12
                                       ; if(src_pos == des_pos)
 CMP
                                                                       MOV
                                                                               r0, r11
                                                                                                           В
          legal move return false
  BE0
                                                                       MOV
                                                                               г1, г12
                                                                       MOV
                                                                               r2, #1
                                                                                                        legal move piece s:
          r6, r11, LSR #3
  MOV
                                                                       MOV
                                                                               r3, #1
          r7, r11, #7
  AND
                                      ; r7 as src col
                                                                       \mathsf{BL}
                                                                               is path clear
          r8, r12, LSR #3
  MOV
                                                                       CMP
                                                                               r0, #0
          r9, r12, #7
                                       ; r8 as des col
  AND
                                                                                                        legal_move_piece_p:
                                                                       BE0
                                                                               legal move return false
                                                                                                                   r5, #1
                                                                                                          CMP
                                                                               legal_move_return_true
                                                                       BNE
  SUB
          r0, r6, r8
                                                                                                          BGT
          absolute
 \mathsf{BL}
                                      ; r4 as absolute(src_row - des_row), diff_row
          г4, г0
  MOV
  SUB
          г0, г7, г9
                                                                                                                   r0, r11
                                                                                                          MOV
          absolute
  \mathsf{BL}
                                                                                                          \mathsf{BL}
                                      ; r5 as absolute(src col - des col), diff col
  MOV
          r5, r0
```

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get cells type
          legal move piece s
          legal_move_piece_p
          legal_move_piece_h
          legal_move_piece_b
          legal move piece r
          legal move piece q
          legal move piece k
          legal move return false
          legal move return false
          legal move return false
legal_move_piece_p_non_forward_white:
          get cells side
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  CMP
          r0, #0
```

# Thanks for watching!





