

## 1. Assignment 1

## a) Stage 3

- **Input:** To call the sort function,  $r_0$  is start of list 1,  $r_1$  has size of it,  $r_2$  can be used to specify comparison mode, and  $r_3$  for removal of duplicate.

When running directly, run `main_part2.s`. Enter a list by separating strings by enter. When done with list 1, press `Ctrl + Enter`<sup>1</sup>. Then enter 0 or 1 for case sensitivity mode and similarly for removal or not of duplicates.

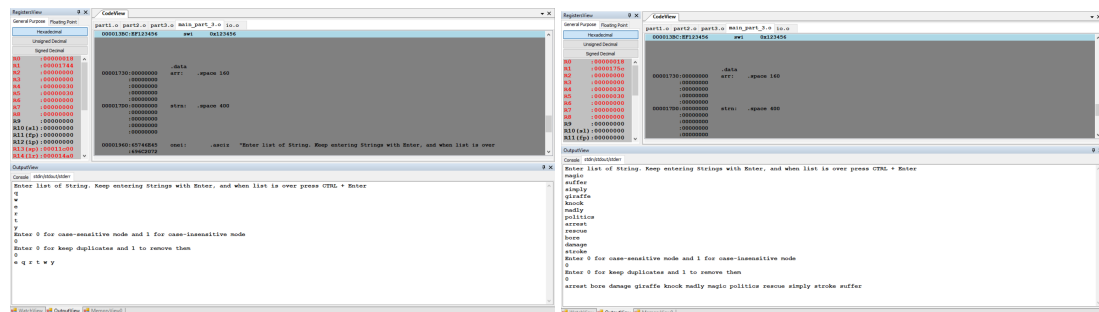
- **Output:** The  $r_0$ ,  $r_1$  has the locn and size of sorted list.

If directly running you will get the sorted list printed.<sup>2</sup>

**Working:** Instead of sizes, dealing with pointers is easy. So in my `merge_sort` function I call a helper function `sort` that actually implements the algorithm. It takes in  $r_0$  as start of list 1,  $r_3$  as end of list 1,  $r_4$  and  $r_5$  for case mode and duplicate removal. It return  $r_0$  as start of sorted list and  $r_1$  points to its end. In the function, I find the middle pointer by doing  $r_3 - r_0$ , and right shift by 3, and left shift by 2<sup>3</sup>.  $r_1$  stores this value and  $r_2$  stores  $r_1 + 4$ . Now I call sort on  $r_0, r_1$  section and  $r_2, r_3$  section.<sup>4</sup>

If  $r_0 = r_3$ , I simply return back.

The sorted list pointers are then moved to  $r_0, r_1$  and  $r_2, r_3$  respectively. Now merge is called on these. Which finally return  $r_0, r_1$  as pointer to the final sorted list. This is then returned, and the  $r_1$ , which has the end list pointer, is converted to store the size by doing  $r_1 - r_0$  and right shift by 2.<sup>5</sup>



<sup>1</sup>For windows, pressing enter sends '\r' char and pressing ctrl + enter registers as '\n'. The io replaces '\r', '\n' with the null character

<sup>2</sup>The IO prints space after the null char

<sup>3</sup>So that I get aligned pointer location

<sup>4</sup>This is the reason working with pointers is easier, now I don't need to convert to size of subsection and call sort

<sup>5</sup>As each word takes 4 address, so right shift divides by 4

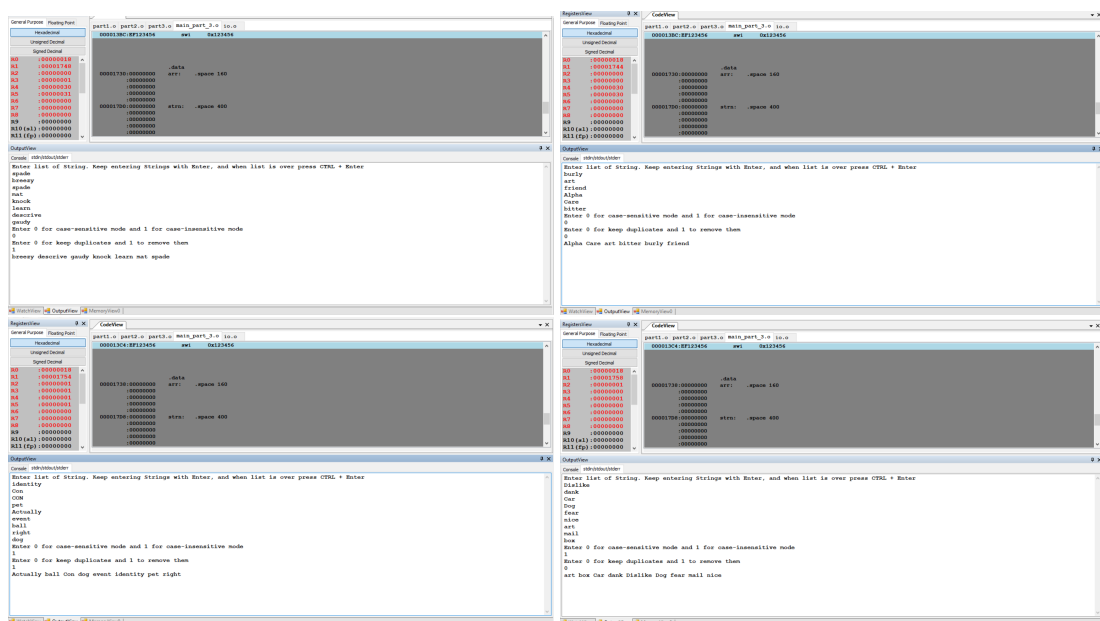


Figure 1: Various test cases

## b) Stage 2

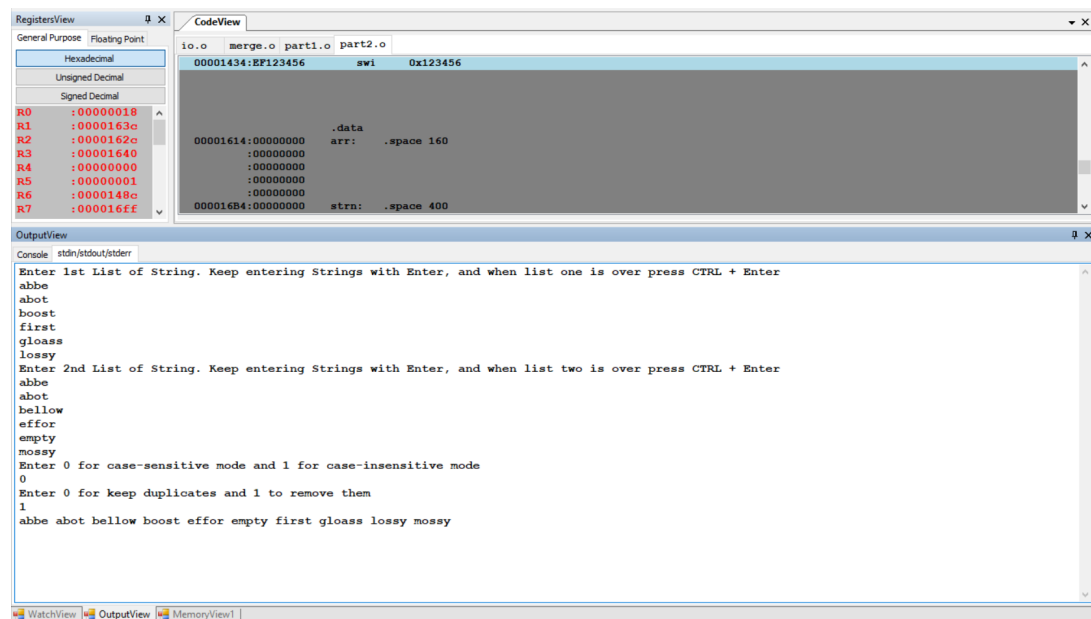
- **Input:** To call the merge function,  $r_0$  is start of list 1,  $r_1$  has size of it  $r_2$  has pointer to list 2,  $r_3$  has size of it,  $r_4$  can be used to specify comparison mode, and  $r_5$  for removal of duplicate.

When running directly, run `main_part2.s`. Enter a list by separating strings by enter. When done with list 1, press `Ctrl + Enter`<sup>6</sup>. Do the same for list 2. Then enter 0 or 1 for case sensitivity mode and similarly for removal or not of duplicates.

- **Output:** The  $r_0$ ,  $r_1$  has the locn and size of merged list. The merge uses temporary space to sort, but replaces the original list too, hence can be easily used for merge sort

If directly running you will get the sorted list printed.<sup>7</sup>

**Working:** It works via a two pointer method. In the function merge, initially  $r_0$  points to list 1 start,  $r_1$  points to list 1 end,  $r_2$  points at list 2 start and  $r_3$  points to list 2 end. String at  $r_0, r_2$  pointer are compared. Whatever is smaller,  $r_6$  places pointer at a temp locn, advances and the one which is placed is also advanced. This loop continues till  $r_0$  becomes more than  $r_1$  or  $r_2$  becomes more than  $r_3$ . In this case the rest of pointers are copied at the temp locn. If we have to remove duplicate, and a duplicate occurs, the val at  $r_0$  is placed at  $r_6$  and both  $r_0, r_2$  advance together. The final merge list is copied back at the original  $r_0$  that was passed and  $r_1$  holds size of sorted list.



<sup>6</sup>For windows, pressing enter sends `\r` char and pressing `ctrl + enter` registers as `\n`. The io replaces `\r`, `\n` with the null character

<sup>7</sup>The IO does not add any `" \n"` or space char. So enter space with the word to get spaced out output. In the memory the strings stored are null terminated

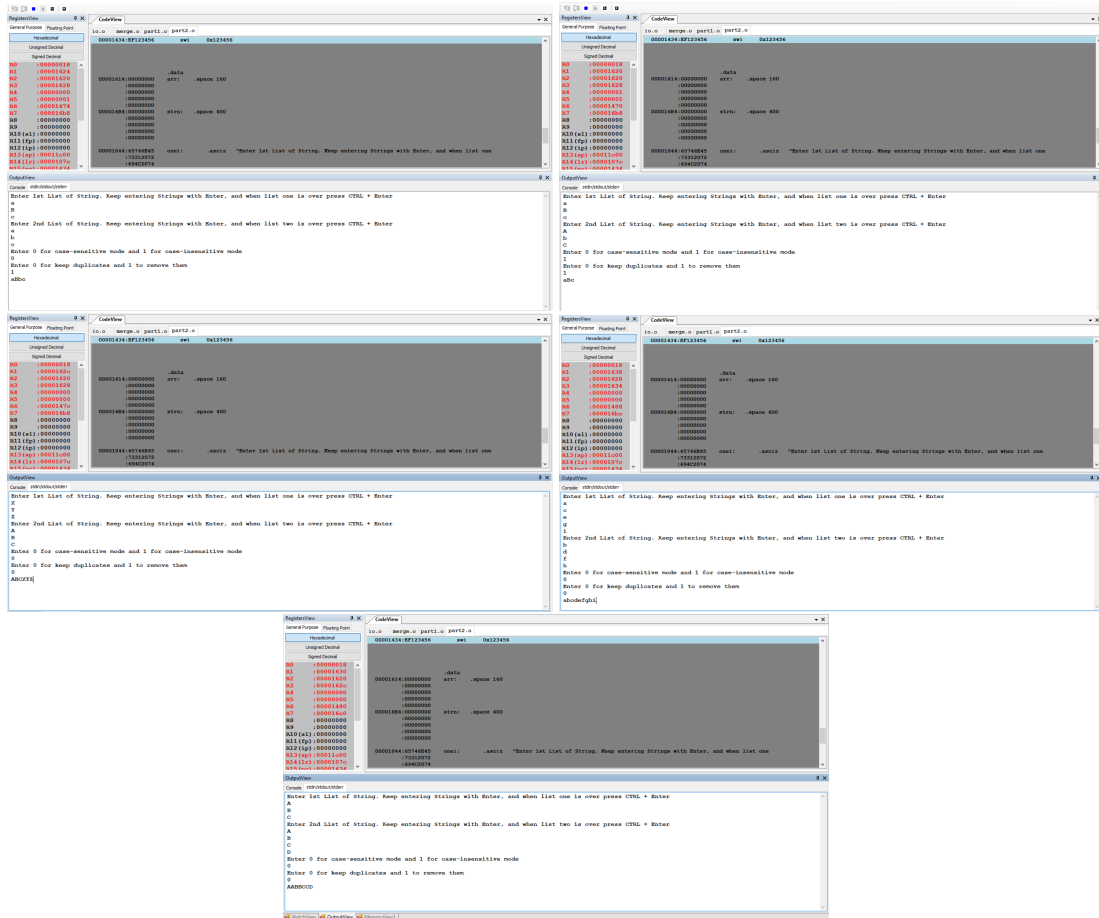


Figure 2: Various test cases

## c) Stage 1

- Input:** To call the comparison function,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  can be used to pass pointer to string 1 and string 2.  $r_3$  can be used to specify comparison mode. Place 0 for case-sensitive mode and 1 for case-insensitive mode

If directly running part1.s, enter string 1, string 2, and comparison mode (0 or 1) via stdin<sup>8</sup>

- Output:** If you call the comparison function, result is stored in  $r_0$ . -1 is returned if string2 > string 1, 0 if string1 = string2 and 1 if string1 < string 2

If directly running part1.s, stdout text to tell which string is bigger

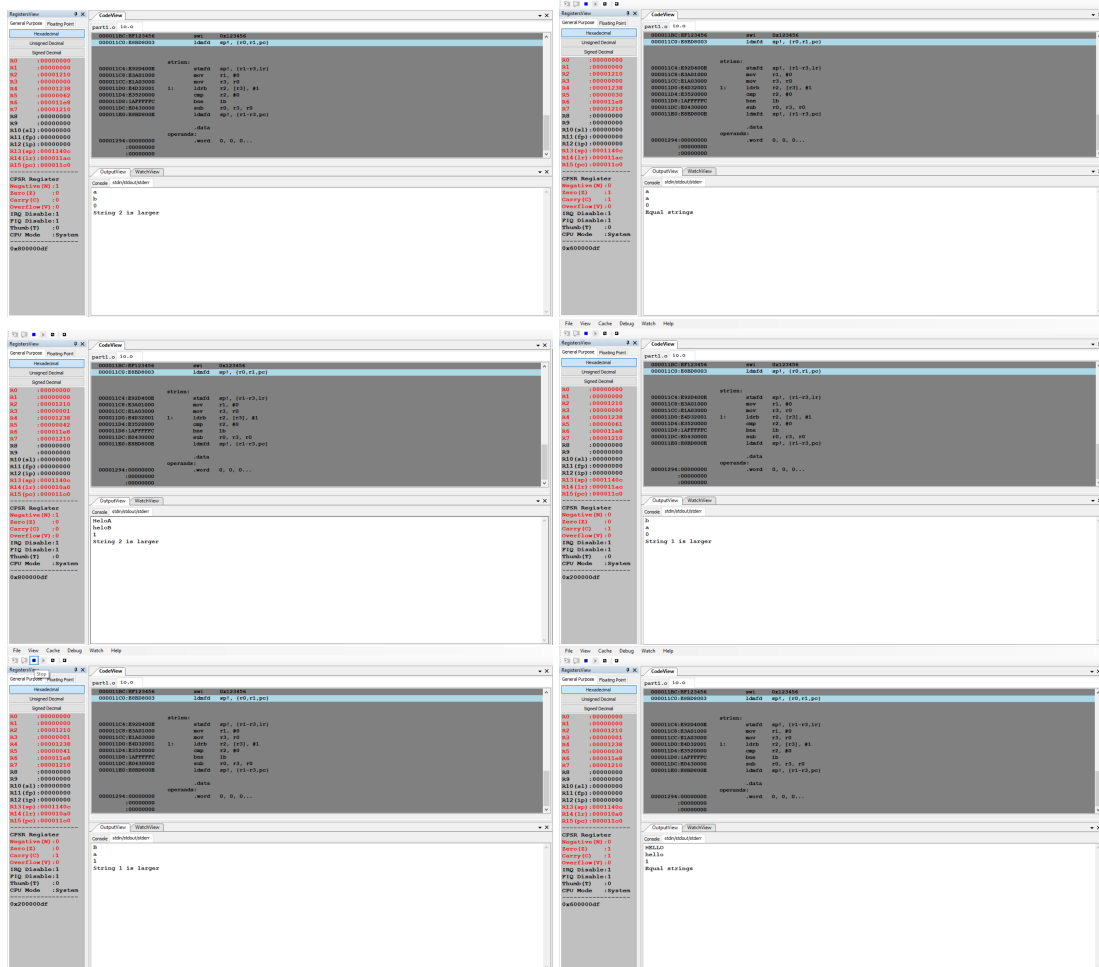


Figure 3: Various test cases

<sup>8</sup>In direct run  $r_0$  will get 0 as print is called