

CMPE-250 Assembly and Embedded Programming

Laboratory Exercise 2

Basic Arithmetic Operations

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Results

Screen captures were taken for two different input sets. The variable memory is divided into 4-byte signed decimal values. The first two values are P and Q. The next three are F, G, and Result respectively.

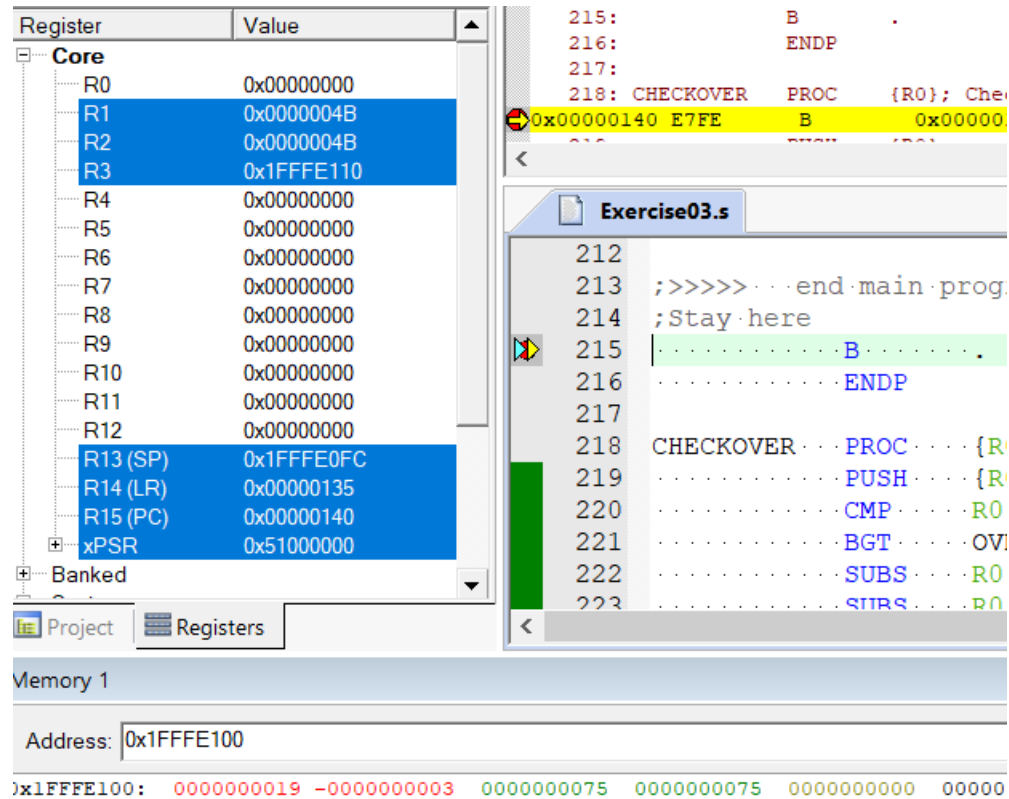


Figure 1: Debugger results after program execution with first input set.

Figure 1 shows the register values and memory contents after execution with the first input set where $P = 19_{10}$ and $Q = -3_{10}$

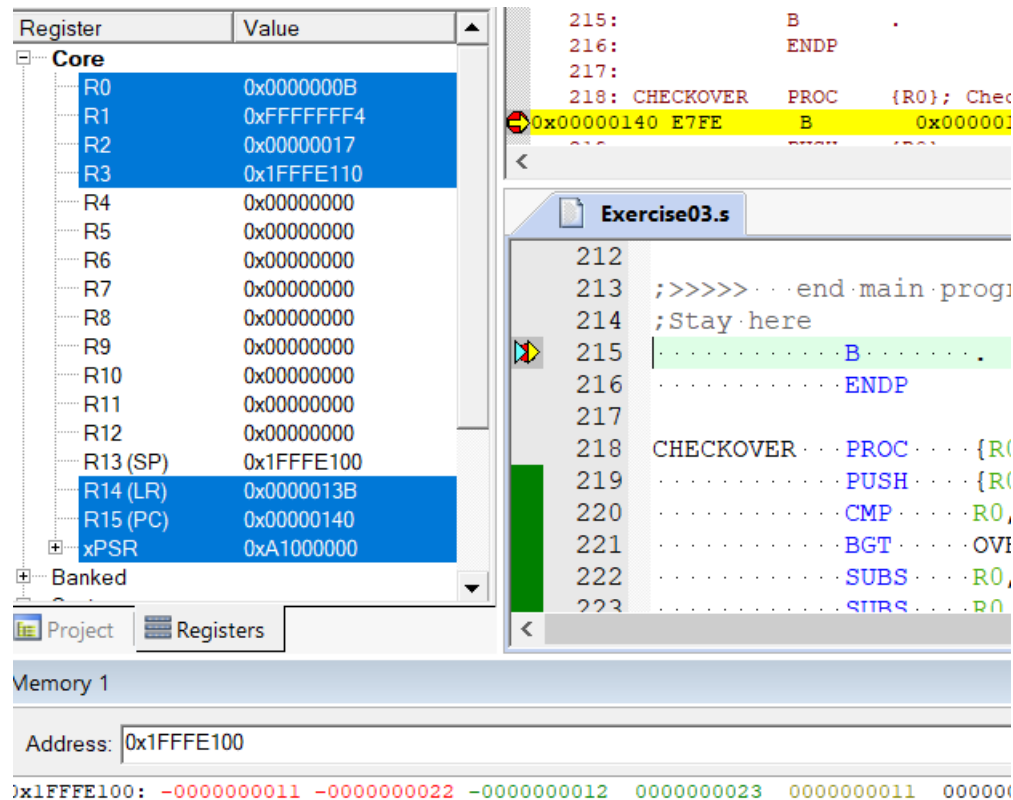


Figure 2: Debugger results after program execution with second input set.

Figure 2 shows the register values as well as memory contents after the second input set where $P = -11_{10}$ and $Q = -22_{10}$.

According to prelab calculations, in the first input set F and G should both be 75_{10} which would cause $Result$ to overflow. Figure 1 shows the $Result$ variable with a value of 10 and F and G both have 75_{10} indicating that the results were correct.

Similarly, for the second input set, prelab calculations revealed $F = -12_{10}$, $G = 23_{10}$, and $Result = 11_{10}$. This is corroborated by the results shown in Figure 2.

Question

In theory you could reduce the overflow of the calculations if the overflow occurs in one of the intermediate steps. For example in the expression $G = 3P - 2Q + 12$, G would overflow if $3P$ was out of range of $[-128, 127]$ even the final result could still be within that range. To reduce this overflow, the order of operations can be changed like so:

$$G = P + 2 \cdot (P - Q) + 12 \quad (1)$$

This alternate equation would stop overflow in intermediate steps but would obviously not avoid it if the result were to overflow.