

Assembly Program to Compute Sum and Difference of Two Floating Point Numbers

Sub-Subject: Computer Science (Assembly Language Programming)

Topic: Implementing User-Defined Procedures for Floating Point Operations

Given Data:

- Implement a user-defined procedure for the sum of two floating-point numbers.
- Implement a user-defined procedure for the difference of two floating-point numbers.
- Check if the numbers are not equal before proceeding with the computation.

Introduction:

This assembly program is implemented using x86 assembly language, specifically targeting the FPU (Floating Point Unit). It defines two user-defined procedures/functions to calculate the sum and the difference of two floating-point numbers, ensuring the operations are performed only if the numbers are not equal.

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section .data
    num1    dd  5.5                ; Define first floating-point number
    num2    dd  3.2                ; Define second floating-point number
    resultSum dd 0.0               ; Variable to store the sum
    resultDiff dd 0.0             ; Variable to store the difference

section .text
    global _start                 ; Entry point for the program

_start:
    ; Load numbers into FPU registers and compare
    fld     dword [num1]          ; Load num1 into ST(0)
    fld     dword [num2]          ; Load num2 into ST(0) and push ST(0) to ST(1)
    fucompp                                ; Compare ST(0) and ST(1) and pop both
    fstsw   ax                    ; Store FPU status word in AX
    sahf                                ; Load AH into FLAGS status register
    jne     calculate             ; Jump if numbers are not equal

    ; Exit the program if numbers are equal
    mov     eax, 1                ; System call number (sys_exit)
    xor     ebx, ebx              ; Exit code 0
    int     0x80                 ; Call kernel

calculate:
    ; Call procedure to compute sum
    push    dword [num2]
    push    dword [num1]
    call    sum
    add     esp, 8                ; Clean up the stack

    ; Call procedure to compute difference
    push    dword [num2]
    push    dword [num1]
    call    diff
    add     esp, 8                ; Clean up the stack

    ; Exit the program
    mov     eax, 1                ; System call number (sys_exit)
    xor     ebx, ebx              ; Exit code 0
    int     0x80                 ; Call kernel

sum:
    ; Compute the sum of two floating-point numbers
    fld     dword [esp + 4]       ; Load first argument into ST(0)
    fld     dword [esp + 8]       ; Load second argument into ST(0)
    fadd     st(1), st(0)         ; Add ST(0) to ST(1)
    fstp     dword [resultSum]    ; Store the result in memory
    fstp     st(0)               ; Clean up the stack (pop ST(0))
    ret

diff:
    ; Compute the difference between two floating-point numbers
    fld     dword [esp + 4]       ; Load first argument into ST(0)
    fld     dword [esp + 8]       ; Load second argument into ST(0)
    fsub     st(1), st(0)         ; Subtract ST(0) from ST(1)
    fstp     dword [resultDiff]   ; Store the result in memory
    fstp     st(0)               ; Clean up the stack (pop ST(0))
    ret
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Explanation for Each Step:

1. Data Section Initialization:

``num1`` and ``num2`` are declared to hold the floating-point numbers. ``resultSum`` and ``resultDiff`` are declared to store the results of the sum and the difference operations. Explanation: This area initializes the memory to hold the required floating-point numbers and results.

2. Entry Point and Initial Comparison:

The ``_start`` label marks the entry point. ``fld dword [num1]`` and ``fld dword [num2]`` load the floating-point numbers into the FPU registers for comparison. The ``fucompp`` instruction compares the two numbers and updates the FPU status word. Explanation: Ensures the program checks if the numbers are equal before any operation.

3. Exit if Numbers are Equal:

After comparison, if the numbers are equal, it triggers an exit. Explanation: If numbers are equal, the program will not proceed with further calculations.

4. Calling Sum Procedure:

The two numbers are pushed onto the stack as arguments, followed by a call to the ``sum`` procedure. ``add esp, 8`` cleans up the stack after the procedure call. Explanation: The stack mechanism is utilized to pass arguments to the sum procedure.

5. Calling Diff Procedure:

The same stack mechanism is used to call the ``diff`` procedure. Explanation: This follows the exact mechanism used for the sum procedure, ensuring cleanliness and organization.

6. Exit Program:

System call to exit the program with ``exit code 0``. Explanation: Ensures proper termination of the program.

7. Sum Procedure:

Loads arguments from the stack and computes their sum using ``fadd``. Stores the result in ``resultSum``. Explanation: The procedure handles floating-point addition and memory storage efficiently.

8. Difference Procedure:

Loads arguments from the stack and computes their difference using ``fsub``. Stores the result in ``resultDiff``. Explanation: This procedure accurately computes and stores the difference between two floating-point numbers.

Final Solution:

The assembly program properly checks if the given floating-point numbers are unequal, then computes and stores their sum and difference using user-defined procedures.