Assignment-1 Submission

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COL216: Computer Architecture

1 Introduction

The overall assignment is writing merge-sort algorithm for a list of strings in ARM. I have used ARMSIM# - Version 2.0.1 for the same. The assignment is divided into 3 components, the 3rd of which is submitted on 3rd Feb, 2022.

2 Stage 3

2.1 Objective

The objective of this stage is to finally write the merge sort algorithm that given a list of strings, sorts them. Functions made in stage 1 and stage 2 for string comparison and merging two sorted lists of strings have been used.

Since the input strings could be large in length, no string has been copied or moved. I have only dealt with the pointers to the strings.

2.2 Assumptions

I have used Version 2.0.1 of ARMSIM# and Angel SWI Commands. No use of Legacy SWI commands has been made.

I have assumed that the maximum number of strings is 250, and the sum of lengths of all strings (including null characters, but excluding newline characters) is 16000. This assumptions have been only made for static memory allocation. They can be easily relaxed by making a minor change in the code, if needed.

I have also taken care of the wrong inputs. If you try to enter a character or a negative integer for the number of input elements in a list, the program halts and starts to give an error.

2.3 Logistics

There are a total of 7 files. The main file contains the input/output logic and is named "main.s". The logic of sorting the is in a callable file and is in "merge_sort.s". The remaining files include

1. StringMatcher.s :- File that contains the logic of comparing 2 strings. This is the same file that was submitted in Stage 2.
2. ramio.s :- This file is credited to Ramanuj Goel. This contains the logic of input and output of a number.
3. math.s :- This file contains the logic of division of 2 numbers, which has also been taken from ramio,s.
4. UsefulFunctions.s :- This file contains the logic of getting input and giving output from stdin/stdout. This file was taken from Moodle and some minor changes were made to suit my own needs. 5. merge.s :- File that contains the logic of merging two sorted lists. This is the same file that was submitted in Stage 3.

2.4 Contributions

The functions to take input and print output from stdin/stdout respectively have been taken from the UsefulFunctions.s file available on Moodle. Minor changes were made in the functions to accomodate the personal needs. The code to directly input a number from console and directly output a number to the console has been taken from Ramanuj Goel, after due permission from the professor in the lecture. No help of any other form has been taken.

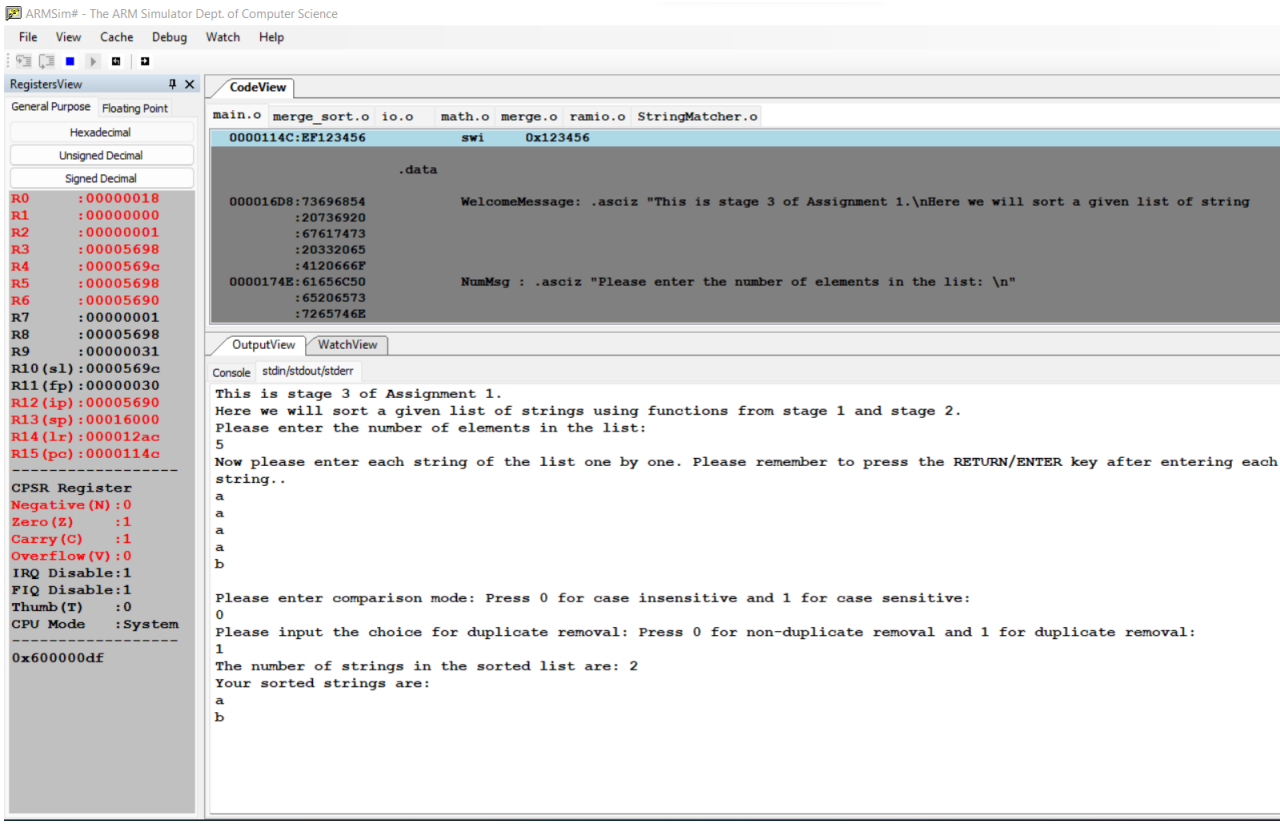
2.5 Test Cases

The program was tested on many different test cases.
My program first outputs the welcome message. It then expects the size of list which needs to be sorted. Once this has been given, the program will output message to get the inputs of strings of the list.

After all these inputs, the program expects to get 2 more inputs. The first input will be to get the comparison mode, and the second input will be to get the duplicate removal choice of the user,

This completes the set of inputs required. The program then outputs firstly the number of strings in the sorted list, and then outputs all the strings in sorted order, separated by new line characters.

The test cases were designed to exhaustively cover all the cases.



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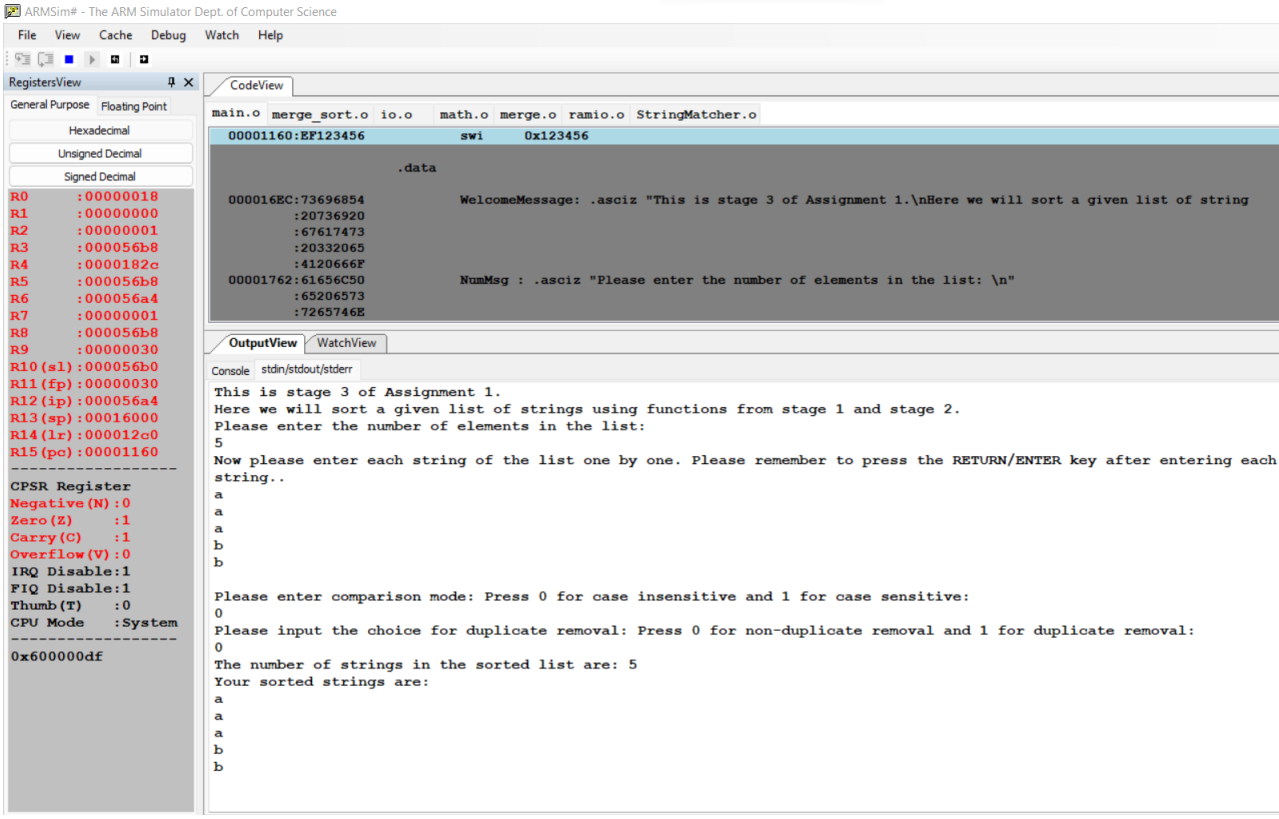

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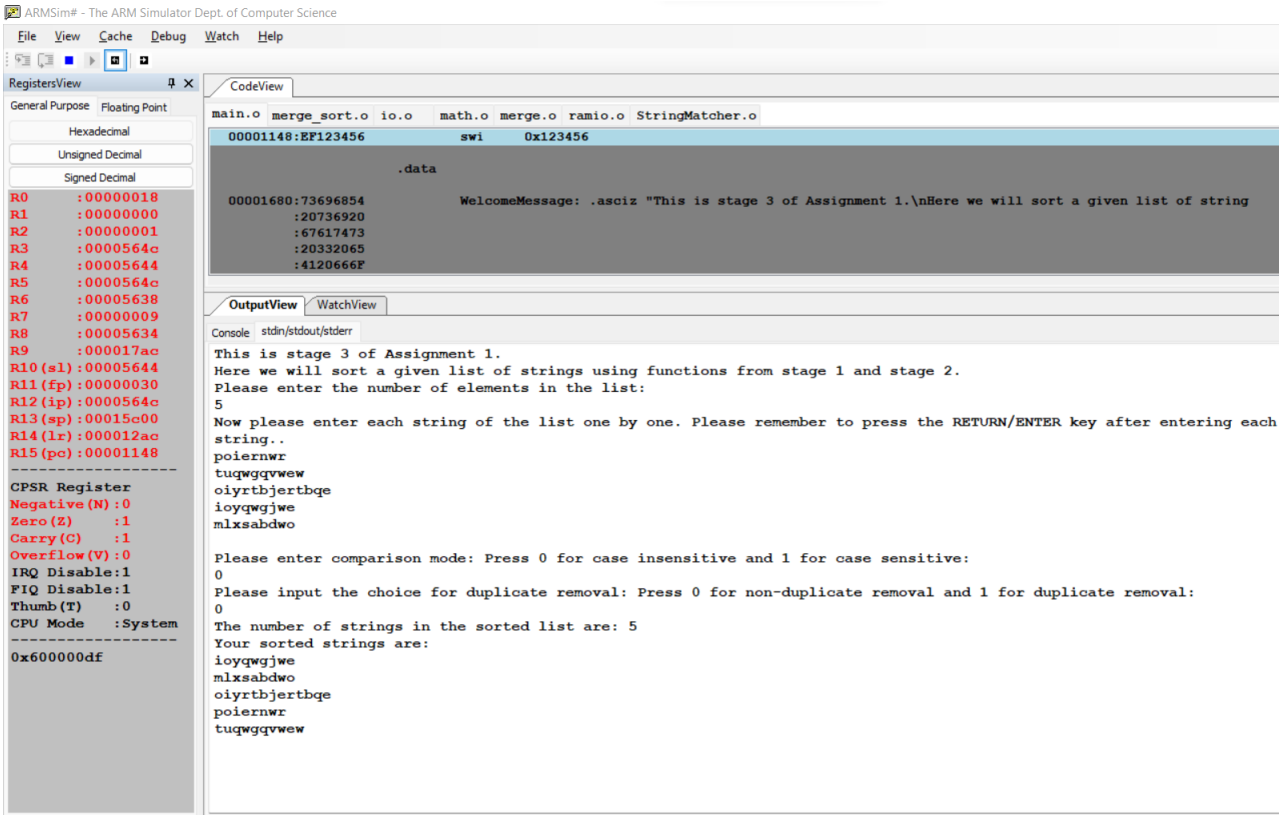

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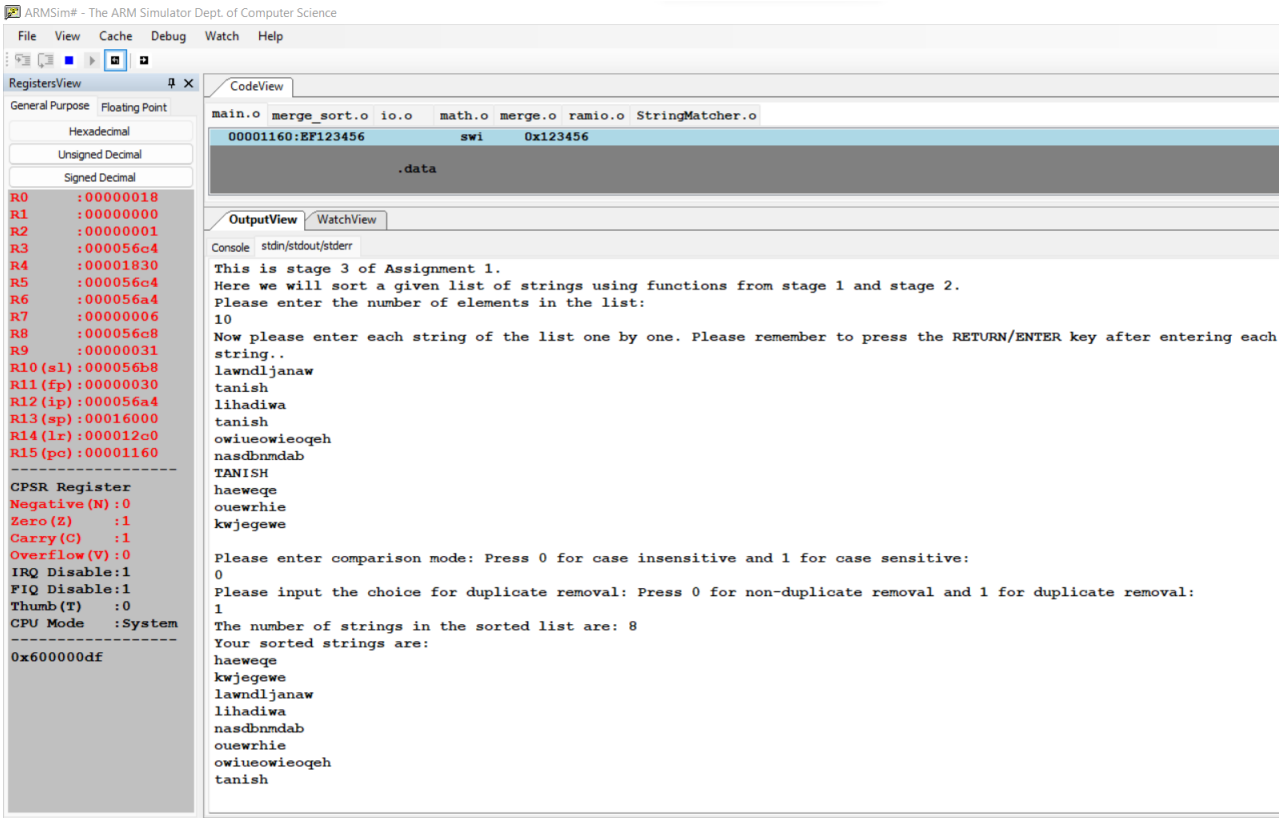

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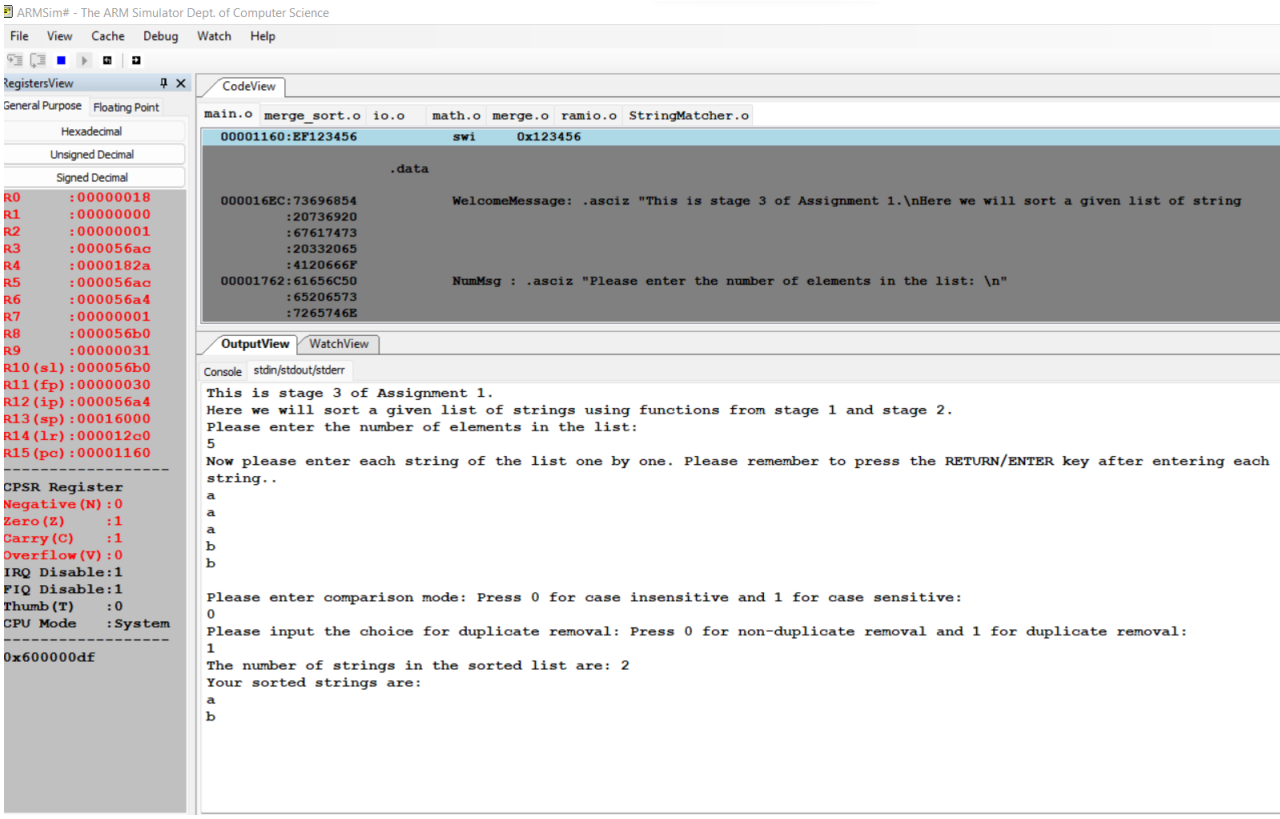

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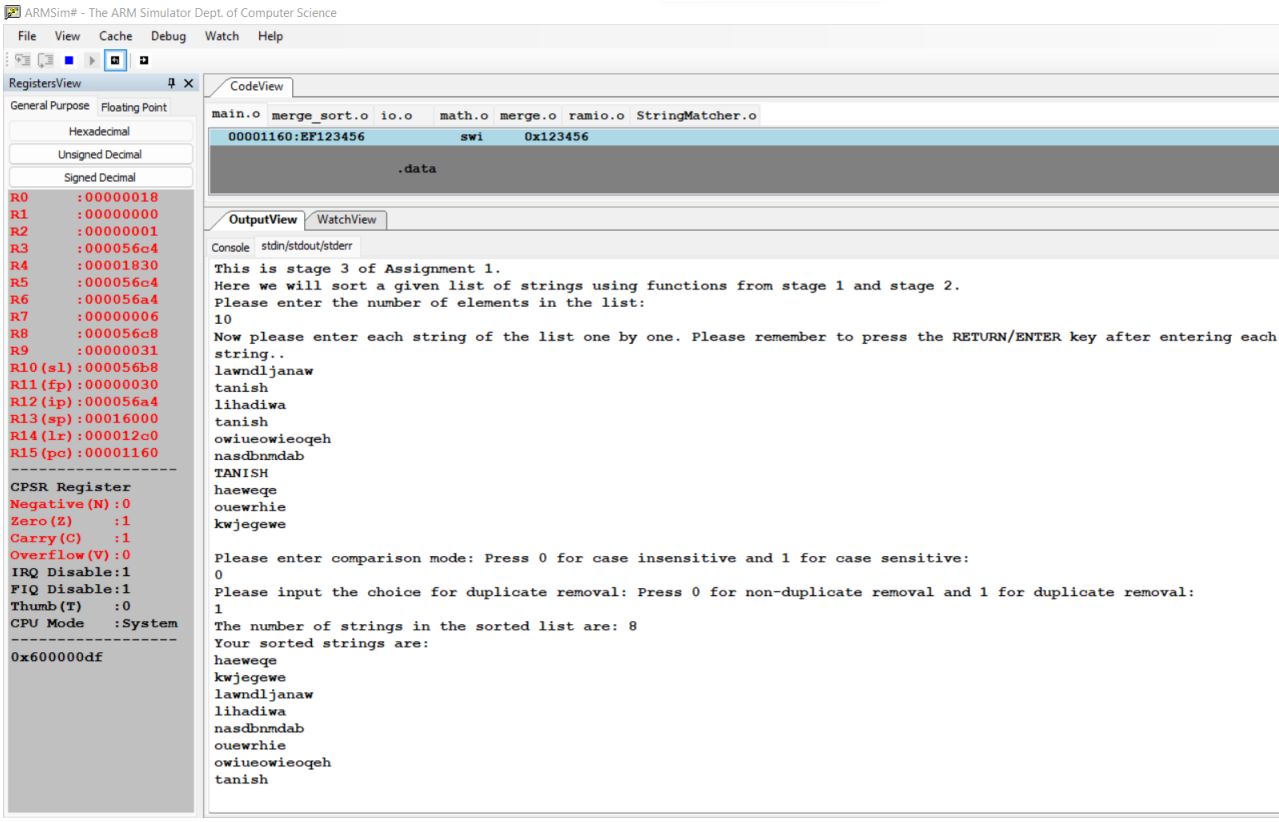

Figure 6: Test case 6