# Interrupts

IVT contains all the ISR addresses.

IVT is in memory.

ISRs are also in memory.

→ MP gets an interrupt, want to go to ISRs. i.e. memory.

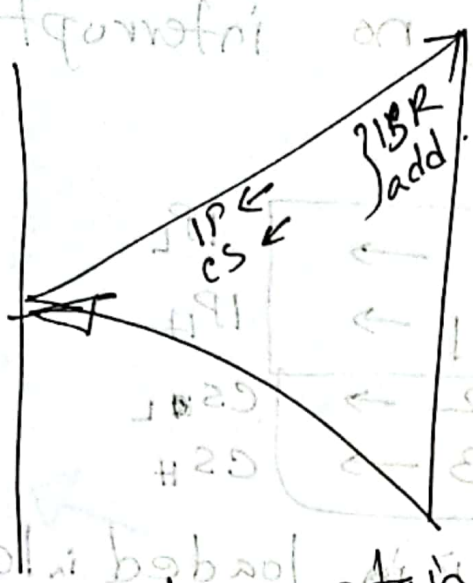
→ But 256 interrupts are scattered in the memory (all over 1 MB memory) (10 lakh memory locations)

→ So, whenever MP gets an interrupt, it goes to memory twice.

→ 1st. it goes to memory just to obtain ISR address.

→ once, it gets an ISR address from IVT, it will load that address into IP & cs

→ So, IVT basically vectors the MP to go to the actual ISR address corresponding to the Interrupts.




IVT does not contain subroutine; it contains the address (ISR add) for that corresponding subroutine.

→ IVT addresses are fixed, thankfully, otherwise that addresses should have been stored in some other location.

→ 00000H is the permanent add. of IVT to FFFFFH.

↳ physical add.

→ ~~Interrupts are 32 bits.~~

→ size of IVT is 1 kB of 1 MB memory
@ one thousand of one million location.

→ 256 interrupts × 4 Bytes = 1024 kB
≈ 1 kB.

→ without IVT, no interrupt can be serviced.

→ Int low: $n \times 4 \rightarrow IP_L$; $n \times 4 + 1 \rightarrow IP_H$

Int high: $n \times 4 + 2 \rightarrow CS_L$; $n \times 4 + 3 \rightarrow CS_H$

→ Lower byte is loaded in lower address

→ higher " " loaded in higher "

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| CS H/L | IP H/L |
|---|---|
| Higher | lower |

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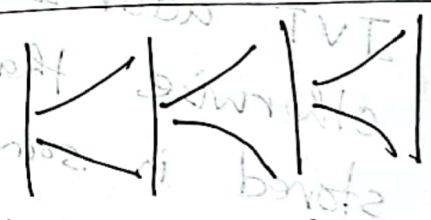
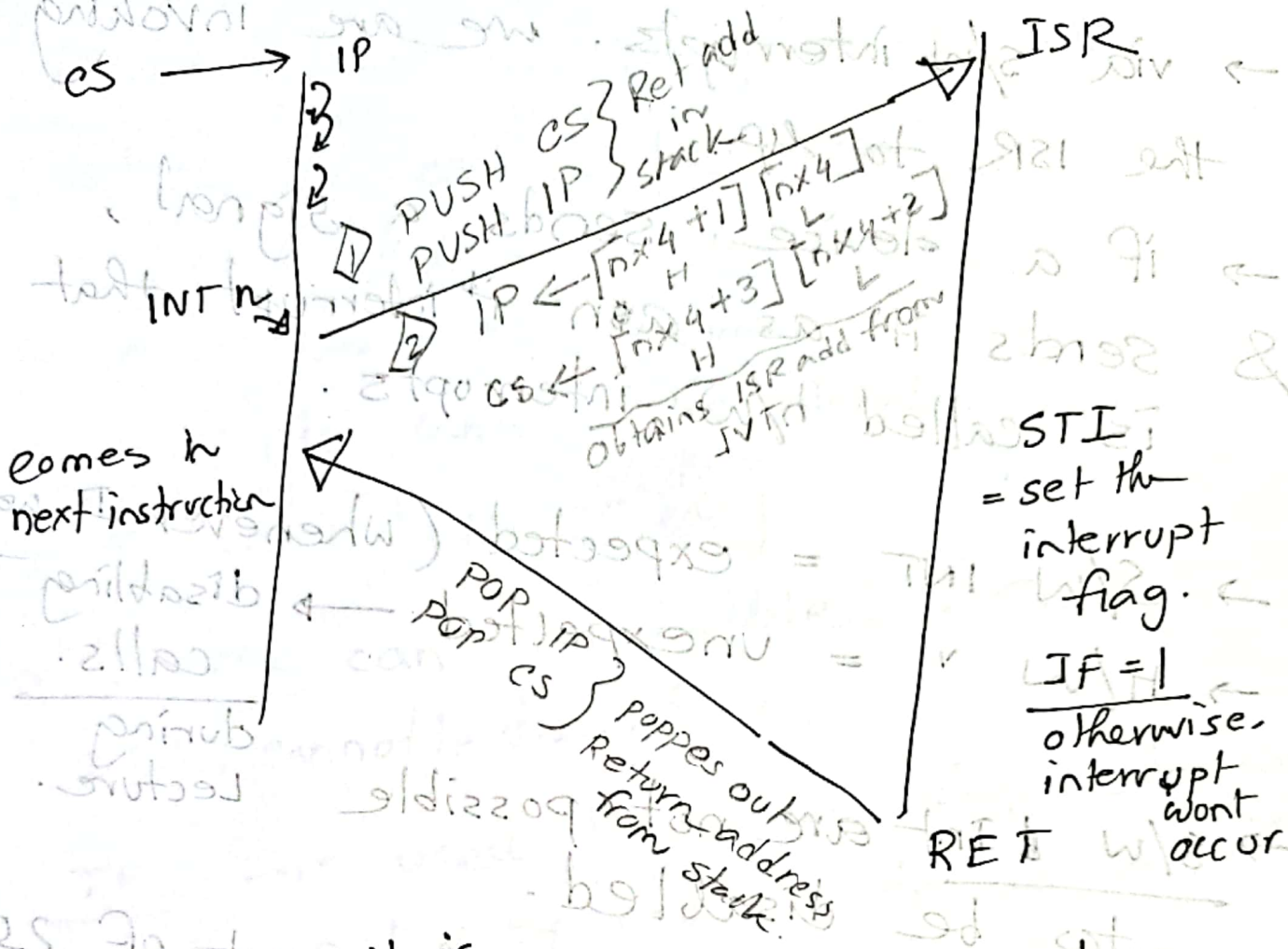
1. nested interrupts →



2. by making IF = 0, does not mean we are not disabling all the interrupts.




remember: it is intersegment, since interrupt does not associated with your normal operation. i.e. playing games.

→ Software interrupts are given by the programmers. by writting the ~~int~~ instruction INTn.

→ ~~here~~ H/W interrupts given by the circuits or device.

'n' can be any number from 0 to 255.

→ via s/w interrupts. we are invoking the ISR to up.

→ if a device sends a signal, & sends it as an interrupt that is called h/w interrupts.

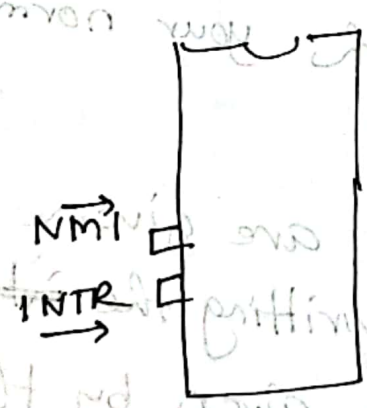
→ S/W INT = expected (whenever I want)

→ H/W " = unexpected → disabling calls.

during Lecture.

→ s/w & Int are not possible to be disabled.

→ there are 2 h/w interrupts out of 256.




NMI example: when motherboard gets overheated.

→ airbag is an example of NMI.

→ only NMI cannot be disabled among the hardware i.

→ in every hardware device, some interrupts cannot be disabled, for car it is airbag.

→ only INTR can be disabled; so ISR cannot be disturbed.

⇒ TF - is used to perform single stepping

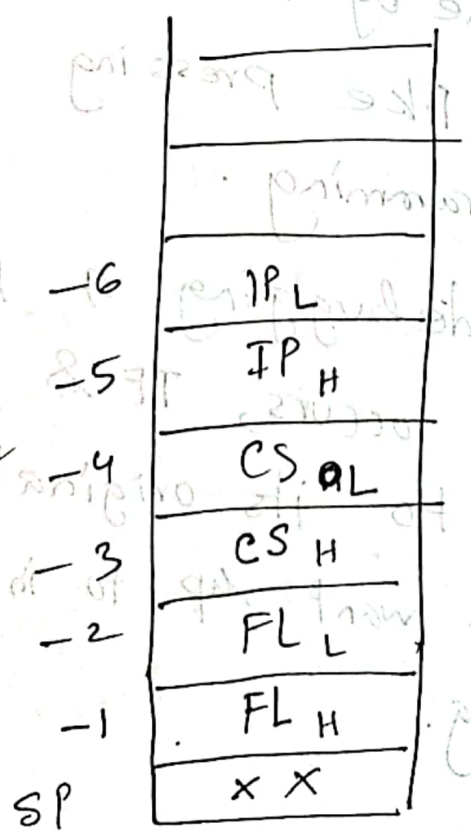
→ you go line by line to debug a program., like pressing F7 in C programming.

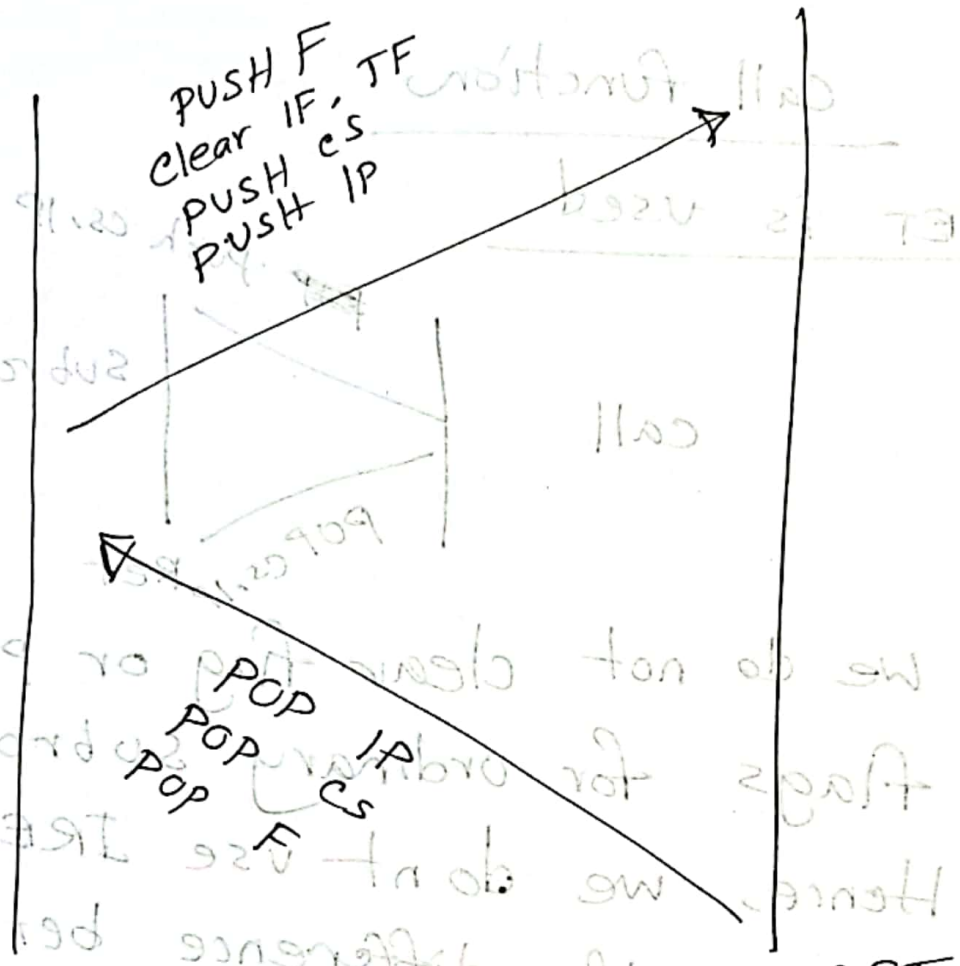
⇒ So, during debugging a prog. if an interrupt occurs, TF & IF should be restored to its original value, since, I don't want up to interfer with my debbugging.

→ hence, before clearing IF & TF, we need to PUSH F i.e. push the whole flag into stack.

→ So, after servicing ~~inte~~ any interrupts, all the contents of flags will be restored to its original value; ~~bef~~ like before: POPF

⇒ So, the total scenario of ~~flag wi~~ stack will be:





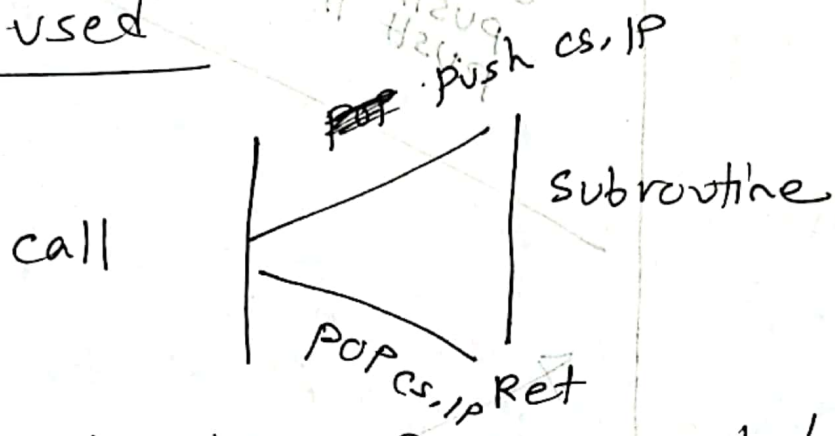

→ the command at the end is IRET → interrupt return.

→ Ret is written for supporting ordinary function.

→ IRET is written at the end of every ISR.

## Call function

RET is used




We do not clear flag or push/pop flags for ordinary subroutine.
Hence, we dont use IRET.
this is the difference bet RET & IRET.
RET does not care about flags.

→ By clearing IF & TF,
// IF disables INTR ↛ line
// TF " single stepping
we do disable INTR, so that we can entertain one ISR at a time.