

- In this case our subroutine is trivial and uses few registers.

But in general you may need several registers in a subroutine.

- If these registers are being used to hold data in the caller, then we cannot change them in the subroutine.

- Solution: we need to save the registers at the start of the subroutine, and then restore them before returning. We can use the concept of a stack data structure.

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.define STACK 255 // bottom of memory.
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MAIN: mvi r6, #STACK
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mvi r1, #1 // used to subtract, add.
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mv r5, r7
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mvi r7, #my-sub
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```
my-sub: sub. r6, r1 // save regs on stack.
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st. r2, [r6]
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```
sub. r6, r1
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```
st. r3, [r6]
```

```
sub. r6, r1
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```
st. r4, [r6] // done saving regs.
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// subroutine can modify r2, r3, r4
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ld. r4, [r6]
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```
add. r6, r1
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```
ld. r3, r6
```

```
add. r6, r1
```

Push onto stack.

STACK.

r6 → 252: r4

r6 → 253: r3

r6 → 254: r2

r6 → 255: ?

pop-off stack.

ld r2, r6

add r6, r1

add r5, r1

add r5, r1

mv r7, r5