6800 Basics

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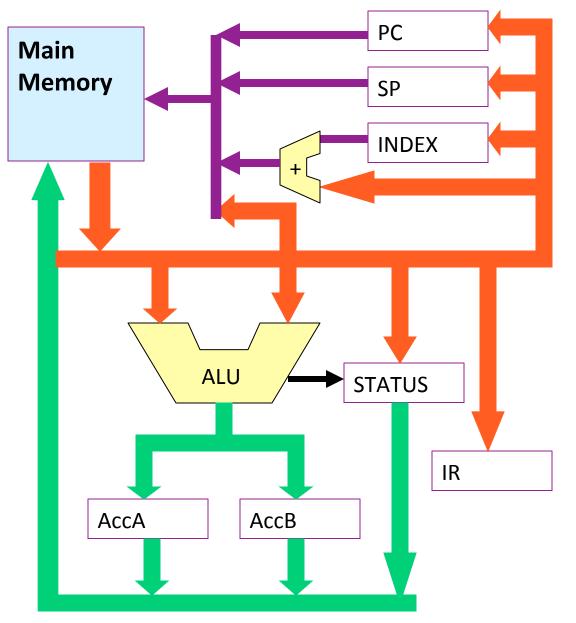
6800 Processor

- Uses 8 bit words
- Has addressable main memory of 64k
- Has Memory Mapped I/O and interrupts
- The 6800 has the following main registers:
 - 8-bit Accumulator A (AccA) register
 - 8-bit Accumulator B (AccB) register
 - 16-bit Index Register (X)
 - 16-bit Stack Pointer Register (SP)
 - 16-bit Program Counter (PC) points to next instruction
 - 8-bit Instruction Register (IR) holds instruction
 - 6-bit Status register holds status flags

6800 Processor



- Registers
- Address bus



6800 Addressing Modes

Inherent

- No operand is provided implied or not needed
- Example: clear the value in the accumulator

Immediate

Operand contains required data

Relative

- Operand is a value relative to current PC
- Used for setting which instruction to execute from

Direct

Operand contains 8 bit address of data

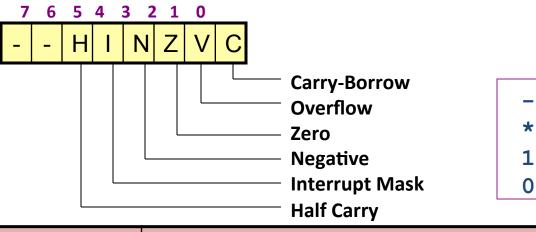
Extended

Operand contains 16 bit address of data

Indexed

- Operand is an offset relative to the index register
- Used for processing data arrays

Status Register Ops [00-0F]



Mnemonic	Description	HINZVC
CLC	Clear Carry	0
CLV	Clear Overflow	0-
CLI	Clear Interrupt Mask	-0
SEC	Set Carry	1
SEV	Set Overflow	1-
SEI	Set Interrupt Mask	-1
TAP	Set Status Mask [Flags<=AccA]	*****
TPA	Load Status Mask [AccA<=Flags]	

no change

updated

set

reset

Accumulator A&B Ops [10-1F]

(Inherent) Operate on both Accumulators

	Description	HINZVC
ABA	Add Accumulators [A <= A + B]	*-***
СВА	Compare Accumulators [A - B]	***
SBA	Subtract Accumulators [A<=A-B]	***
TAB	Transfer Accumulator [B <= A]	**0-
TBA	Transfer Accumulator [A <= B]	**0-

Branch and Jump Ops [20-2F]

Branch (Relative)

	Description		Description
BCS	Branch if Carry Set [C==1]	BRA	Branch Always
ВСС	Branch if Carry Clear [C==0]	BSR	Branch to Subroutine
BMI	Branch if Minus [N==1]	BLT	Branch if < (signed)
BPL	Branch if Plus [N==0]	BLE	Branch if <= (signed)
BVS	Branch if Overflow Set [V==1]	BGE	Branch if >= (signed)
BVC	Branch if Overflow Clear[V=0]	BGT	Branch if > (signed)
BEQ	Branch if Equal [Z==1]	BLS	Branch if <= (unsignd)
BNE	Branch if Not Equal [Z==0]	BHI	Branch if > (unsgned)

Jump (Extended, Indexed)

- JMP Jump Absolute address
- JSR Jump to Subroutine, Push PC
- RTS Return from Subroutine, Pop PC

Stack and Index Ops [30-3F]

• Modes: inHerent, Immediate, Direct, Extended, indeXed

	Description	Mode	HINZVC
CPX	Compare X	IDXE	*
DEX	Decrement X [X <- X - 1]	Н	*
INX	Increment X [X <- X + 1]	Н	*
LDX	Load X	IDXE	**0-
STX	Store X	DXE	**0-
TSX	Transfer SP,X [X <= SP + 1] H		
TXS	Transfer X,SP [SP <= X - 1]	Н	
DES	Decrement SP [SP <- SP - 1]	Н	
INS	Increment SP [SP <- SP + 1]	Н	
LDS	Load SP	IDXE	**0-
STS	Store SP	DXE	**0-
PSHA, PSHB	Push Accumulator	Н	
PULA, PULB	B Pull/Pop Accumulator H		

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Accumulator or Memory Only

- (Inherent) Operate on either AccA or AccB
- (Index or Extended) Operate on Memory

	Description	HINZVC
ASL?	Arithmetic Shift Left Acc	***
ASR?	Arithmetic Shift Right Acc	***
LSR?	Logical Shift Right Acc	0***
ROL?	Rotate Left Acc	***
ROR?	Rotate Right Acc	***
CLR?	Clear Accumulator [?<=0]	0100
COM?	One's Complement	**01
DEC?	Decrement Acc [? <= ? - 1]	***_
INC?	Increment Acc [? <= ? + 1]	***_
NEG?	Negate Acc [? <= 0 - ?]	***
TST?	Test Acc [? <= ? - 0]	**00

Replace?
with A or B
or nothing
e.g.
ASL or ASLA or
ASLB
TST or TSTA or
TSTB

Accumulator and Memory Ops

- Immediate, Direct, Indexed and Extended
- Replace ? With A or B (eg LDAA, LDAB)

	Description	Mode	HINZVC
LDA?	Load Accumulator [? <= M]	IDXE	**0-
STA?	Store Accumulator [M <= ?]	DXE	**0-
ADC?	Add with Carry [? <= ?+M+C]	IDXE	**0-
ADD?	Add [? <= ?+M]	IDXE	**0-
SBC?	Subtract w. Carry [? <= ?-M-C]	IDXE	**0-
SUB?	Subtract [? <= ?-M]	IDXE	**0-
BIT?	Bit Test [M <= ?]	IDXE	**0-
AND?	Logical AND [? and M]	IDXE	**0-
EOR?	Exclusive OR [? xor M]	IDXE	**0-
ORA?	Inclusive OR [? or M]	IDXE	**0-
CMP?	Compare Memory [? - M]	IDXE	***

Interrupts and I/O

- Reading and writing to memory mapped I/O devices is just like accessing any other memory location
- Problem: How do we know when an input device has new data to be read – Interrupts.
- An interrupt is a special processor function that pauses code execution, saves all of the registers onto the stack and jumps to a function called an interrupt service routine – when it finishes it restores all the registers and continues processing from where it left off. [not fully supported in the emulator]

	Description	HINZVC
NOP	No Operation	
RTI	Return from Interrupt [*not supported]	*****
SWI	Software Interrupt [*not supported]	-1
WAI	Wait for Interrupt - pause processing	-1

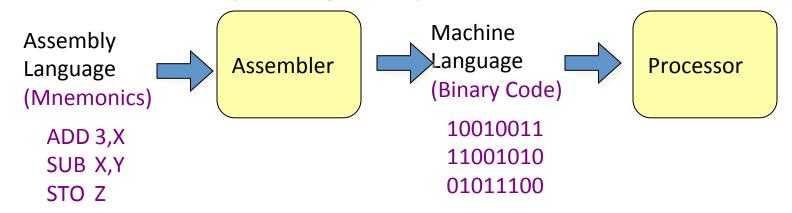
Machine Language

- The set of instruction codes used to control a processor is called an instruction set.
- Each instruction needs to be represented by a different codeword/bit pattern (e.g. 001 for add).
- The set of binary instruction codes that make up a computer program is called machine language.
- Programming in machine code by hand is difficult
 - Hypothetical 4bit Example: Look at code to add one to one

Memory Address	Hex Content of Memory	Instruction	Binary Content of Memory
000	0x81	Store 1 in Accumulator	0001 0001
001	0x24	Add with value at address 4	0010 0100
002	0x45	Store result at address 5	0100 0101
003	0xE0	Clear Accumulator	1110 0000

Assembly Language

- Assembly Language was invented to make programming easier by using simple 3 letter Mnemonics to represent instructions.
- These are easy for humans to write & understand but impossible for processors to understand.
- Assemblers translate instructions into the machine language by looking up the mnemonics and replacing with the corresponding binary value



Assemblers

- Assemblers create an *object program file* from mnemonic *source code* in two passes.
- During the first pass, the assembler assembles as much of the program is it can, while it builds a *symbol table* that contains memory references for all symbols in the program.
- During the second pass, the instructions are completed using the values from the symbol table.

6800 Assembly Language

- 6800 Assembly statements contain the following fields: [Label] Operation [operand] [comment]
 - Label (optional) "names" that you give to memory locations
 - Operation Defines the opcode or directive. (Not case sensitive)
 - Operand Contains an address or the data for the instruction.
 (Ignored with inherent operations)
 - Comment (optional) can be at start of line or end of operand must follow a semicolon
- Examples

Assembler Directives

- Directives tells the assembler how/where to put instructions and data into memory.
- The following directives are supported

Tag	Description	Example
.org	Where to put code in memory	.org \$200
.equ	Define Constant	label .equ 100
.setw	Preset memory value	.setw \$FFFE,10
.rmb	Reserve Memory (# bytes)	.rmb 16
.byte	Create and initialise byte variable	.byte 64
	Array of bytes	.byte 1,2,3
.word	Create and initialise word variable	.word 5000
	Array of words	.word 1,2,3
.str	Create character string	.str "text"
.end	End of Program	.end

Labels

- A label can be placed on any memory position.
- Labelling a memory position allows you to access whatever is stored in that memory location.
- Referring to a label refers to the memory position of that label.
- Example

```
loop nop; name the location where this instruction
; will be stored "loop"

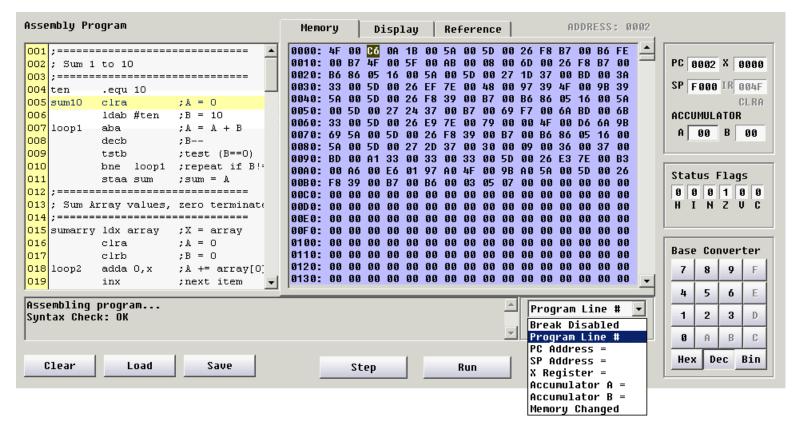
var .byte 14; name the location of this byte in memory "var"

inc var; increment the value named "var"

jsr loop; set PC to location of "loop"
```

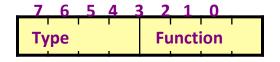
6800 Simulator

 Includes an assembler and an emulator with built-in debugging support such as user breakpoints, execution trace, internal register display and a Hex/ Bin/Dec number converter.



6800 Instruction Format

- Instruction Formats (8-bit Opcode)
 - Inherent: Opcode (data is implied)
 - Indexed, Relative: Opcode Operand (8-bit offset from X or PC)
 - Immediate, Direct: Opcode Operand (8-bit data or address)
 - Extended Opcode 16 bit Operand (16-bit address of data)
- Opcode Format:



*Roughly

- 00-0F: (INH) status reg ops
- 10-1F: (INH) Acc A&B ops
- 20-2F: (REL) Branch & Jump
- 30-3F: (INH) Stack & Index
- 40-4F: (INH) AccA only
- 50-5F: (INH) AccB only
- 60-6F: (IDX) memory only
- 70-7F: (EXT) memory only

- 80-8F: (IMM) AccA + Memory
- 90-9F: (DIR) AccA + Memory
- A0-AF: (IDX) AccA + Memory
- B0-BF: (EXT) AccA + Memory
- C0-CF: (IMM) AccB + Memory
- D0-DF: (DIR) AccB + Memory
- E0-EF: (IDX) AccB + Memory
- F0-FF: (EXT) AccB + Memory

6800 Assembly Programming

- When 6800 starts execution, the program counter will always start with the value 0. So always put the first instruction at location 0.
- Furthermore, at the start of execution, all registers (except PC) and unspecified memory locations are in an unknown state. Do not assume they have the value zero.
- Normally declare all constants (.equ) at the start of program and variables at the end (.byte)

Assembly Language Syntax

Number Formats:

Prefix	Description	Example
	Decimal	320
\$	Hexadecimal	\$240
%	Binary	%110101
,	Single character	'm

Operand Formats:

Syntax	Format	Examples
	In <u>h</u> erent	CLRA
# <data></data>	<u>I</u> mmediate	LDDA #4
<data></data>	Relative	BRA 10
<data></data>	<u>D</u> irect	LDDA 4
<data></data>	<u>E</u> xtended	LDDA label
<data>,X</data>	Inde <u>x</u> ed	LDDA 4,X

Load Example

• A simple 6800 code fragment to load the value 5 to the accumulator A.

```
Idaa #5 ; load accumulator A immediate
.end ; end of code directive
```

Alternatively

```
five .equ 5 ; define const with value of 5
ldaa #five ; load the value at label five
.end ; end of code directive
```

Addition & subtraction Examples

```
;*** Result = 5 + 3 ***

;*** direct addressing ***

three .equ 3

five .equ 5

ldaa #five

adda #three

staa result

result.byte 0

.end
```

If ... else ... example

```
int x;
int y,
                  ldaa x
                              ;load x into A
int z;
                      cmpa #10 ;compare 10
if (x == 10)
                       jne else ; skip if false
{
                      inc y ;y++
  y++;
                       jmp endif;skip else
                  else inc z ;z++
                  endif bra prog ;skip data
else z++
                       .byte 0
                  X
                                   These bytes
                       .byte 0
                                   should not
                  У
                       .byte 0
                                   be executed
                      ... ; rest of program
                  proq
```

 CMP and TST instructions only affect the status flags and are used to control branching/jumps

Allocating Data

- Be careful not to allocate data at the start of a program before the code as it will be interpreted as instructions and executed
- Data can be allocated at the end of the program or after a BRA instruction so that you can jump over it and continue execution

Addr	Unsafe	Addr	Safe	Safe
0x00	A .byte 3	-	A .equ 3	_
0x01	Idaa A	0x00	Idaa A	Idaa A
0x02	nop	0x01	bra 1	Idaa B
0x03	B .byte 0	0x02	B . byte 0	A .byte 3
0x04	ldab B	0x03	Idaa B	B .byte 0

Program Loops in Assembly

How to construct a loop?

```
int count = 0;
                             Variable Declaration
int limit = 2;
                             moved to the end
do
                               loop
                                               ; your code
                                    inc count; count++
   count++;
                                    Idaa count ; load count into A
                                   >cmpa #limit ; does count == limit
while (count != limit)
                                    bne loop; jump to loop while false
                               count .byte 0 ; var loop counter
                               limit .equ 2
                                              ; const max count
                                    .end
```

 CMPz and TST instructions only affect the status flags and are used to control branching/jumps

Loop Execution Example

Instruction	Comment	PC	Zero Flag	count	limit	
loop	First instruction of loop	0	X	0	2	
-1-	Instructions in loop body		X	0	2	
inc count	Increment count	Z	1	1	2	
\ cmpa limit	Does count == limit?	z+2	<u>0</u>	1	2	
bne loop	Jump to loop if false 0		1	2		
2 nd Pass						
loop	First instruction of loop	0	X	1	2	
	Instructions in loop body		X	1	2	
inc count	Increment count	Z	1	2	2	
cmpa limit	Does count == limit?	z+2	1	2	2	
- bne loop	Jump to loop if false	z+4	1	2	2	
****	Continue Execution	z+6	X	2	2	

For Loop Operation

Consider the following high level loop:

```
for (count =0; count <10; count ++)
{
    // do something
}</pre>
```

This is the same as the do-while loop:

```
loop, ...

... ;do something
inc count ;count++
    ldaa count ;load count into A
    cmpa limit ;does count == limit
    bne loop ;jump to loop while false
...

count .byte 0 ;loop counter
limit .byte 10 ;max count
.end
```

Simple Loop Example

Sum the numbers from 1 to 10

```
ten .equ 10
sum10 clra ;A = 0
     Idab #ten ;B = 10
loop1 aba ;A = A + B
      decb ;B--
       tstb ;test (B==0)
       bne loop1 ;repeat if B!=0
       staa sum ;sum = A
;----- variables -----
sum .rmb 1 ;same as .byte
       .end
```

Using Directives

- Normally declare constants (.equ) at start of program and variables (.byte etc) at the end
- You can assign other labels to any constant but no labels can be assigned to variables

```
a .equ 8
b .equ a ; Ok \underline{b = 8}
c .byte a ; Illegal
```

```
a .byte 8
b .equ a ; Ok <u>b = a's addr</u>
c .byte a ; Illegal
```

- Use to .org to locate where the next instruction will be placed in memory
- Declaring a constant with value '*'
 assigns it the current memory location

```
.org $40
m .equ *
Idaa #m
AccA = $40
```

 Using Direct addressing with a constant gives undefined results since constants contain no data

Addressing

 6800 Assembly provides many addressing modes with and without labels (for variables - not constants)

Example	Mode	Description
ldaa #3	Immediate	Load number 3
ldaa 3	Direct	Load content of memory location 3
ldaa #label	Immediate	Load memory address of Label
Idaa label	Direct	Load content of memory at label
ldaa ,x	Indexed	Load content of memory at 0+index
ldaa 3,x	Indexed	Load content of memory at 3+index
ldaa label,x	Indexed	Load content at label + index

- Indexed Addressing
 - Can't use # symbol (no mixing indexed and immediate)
 - Using a constant label (.equ) is correct
 - Using a variable label adds the address of the variable to the index

Addressing Examples Index = 0

Addr	Memory	Assembly	AccA
0000	86 04	ldaa #4 ;load num 4	4
0002	96 04	1daa 4 ;load Mem[4]	86
0004	86 06	ldaa #a ;load .equ 6	6
0006	B6 00 06.	ldaa a ;load Mem[#a]	В6
0009	86 22	,ldaa #b ;load addr of b	22
000B	B6 00 22	/,ldaa b ;load Mem[#b]	6
000E	86 06	ldaa #c ;load a .equ 6	6
0010	в6 00 06	// ldaa c ;load Mem[#c]	В6
0013	86 22 /	$/\bigwedge$ 1daa #d ;load addr of b	22
0015	B6 00 22/	\setminus ldaa d ;load Mem[#d]	6
0018	A6 03/ /	\lambda ldaa 3,x ; load Mem[3+0]	4
001A	A6 06 /	ldaa a,x ; load Mem[6+0]	В6
001C	A6/22/	ldaa b,x ;load $Mem[22+0]$	6
001E	A6 06	ldaa c,x ; load Mem[6+0]	В6
0020	/A6 /22	ldaa d,x ;load Mem[22+0]	6
- *		a .equ 6	
0022	06	b .byte 6	
_	_	c .equ a ; $a = 6$	
-	_	d .equ b ;addr of b!!	

Array Handling

- Use indexed addressing and INX instruction
- Example: Sum Array of values, zero terminated

```
sumarry ldx #array ; X = array
                                          Pseudo Code
        clra; A = 0
                                          int sum = 0;
        clrb; B = 0
                                          int i = 0;
loop2 adda ,x ; A += array[0]
                                          while (a[i] != 0)
        inx ; next item
        tst ,x ; check item
                                            sum = sum + a[i];
        bne loop2 ; repeat if B!=0
                                             i = i + 1;
        staa sum ; sum = A
sum .byte 0
array .byte 3,5,7,0
        .end
```

Bit Manipulation Instructions

- Complement
 - LDDA 00110001
 - COMA => 11001110
- Rotate and shift (uses carry flag)
 - Arithmetic shift Left Arithmetic shift right (replicates the left bit) Logical shift right
 - Rotate left / right
- Bit Test
 - LDDA 00110001
 - BITA 00100000 => true

A Sample Program

- Count the number bits in a word which are 1.
 - E.g: CD₁₆ or 11001101₂ has 5 Ones.

Program

```
    - ;--- Program to count the number of 1s in a word

    - ;--- shift each bit into carry & increment count if carry=1

    value .equ $CD ; the word to be counted

       clc
                   ; clear carry
       ldaa value
loop asla ; shift left
       bcc next; jmp if not carry
       inc count; ; else count++
next dec nbits; nbits—
             nbits ; is nbits == 0?
       tst
       bne loop; if false loop
– count .byte 0 ; initial count
nbits .byte 8 ; how many bits to pro
        .end
```

```
Basic Algorithm
load the word to ACC;
int count = 0;
for (n =wordsize; n >0; n--)
{
    shift ACC once to the left;
    if (carry == 1) count++;
}
```

Sample program Execution

First pass

Instruction	Comment	PC	Flags Z, C	Acc	nbits	count
value .equ \$CD	Constant to evaluate	-				
clc	Clear carry flag	2	-, 0		8	0
ldaa value	Load word into Acc	3	0, 0	,\$CD	8	0
loop asla	Shift left into carry	5	0, 1	\$9A	8	0
bcc next	Skip if carry = 0	6	0, 1	\$9A	8	0
inc count	Increment count	8	<u>0, 1</u>	\$9A	8	1
next dec nbits	Decrement nbits	10	0, 1	\$9A	7	1
tst nbits	Does nbits = 0?	12	0,0	\$9A	7	1
bne loop	If false jump to loop	14	0 0	\$9A	7	1
count .byte 0	First byte in memory	0				0
nbits .byte 8	Second byte in memory	1			8	0

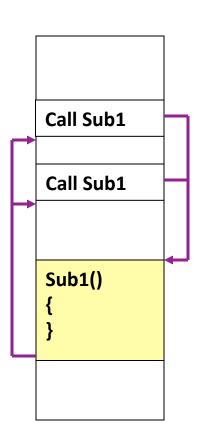
Note we have lost Carry Flag

Sample passes: 2nd & 3rd

Instruction	Comment	РС	Flags Z, C	Acc	nbits	count
loop asla	Shift left into carry	5	0, <u>1</u>	\$34	7	1
bcc next	Skip if carry = 0	6	0,1	\$34	7	1
inc count	Increment count	8	<u>0,</u> 1	\$34	7	<u>2</u>
next dec nbits	Decrement nbits	10	0, 1	\$34	<u>6</u>	2
tst nbits	Does nbits = 0?	12	<u>0</u> , 0	\$34	6	2
bne loop	If false jump to loop	14	0,0	\$34	6	2
loop asla	Shift left into carry	5	<u>0</u> ,0	\$68	6	2
bcc next	Skip if carry = 0	6	1,0	\$68	6	2
inc count	Increment count	8	1, <u>0</u>	\$68	6	<u>2</u>
next dec nbits	Decrement nbits	10	1,0	\$68	<u>5</u>	2
tst nbits	Does nbits = 0?	12	0, <u>0</u>	\$68	5	2
bne loop	If false jump to loop	14	0,0	\$68	5	2
loop asla	Until nbits == 0					

Subroutines

- There are two main issues when invoking subroutines
 - How is subroutine linkage achieved?
 - How is data passed in and out of a subroutine?
- Subroutine linkage requires:
 - control to be transferred to start of a subroutine
 - control to be transferred back at subroutine end
 - Since a subroutine can be called from more than one place the return code must be flexible enough to compute its return address.
- Parameters can be either passed:
 - by copying values to the accumulator
 - by copying values on to the stack
 - By using program variables (.byte etc)



Calling Subroutines: JSR & BSR

Call Subroutines using the JSR or BSR instruction:

- JSR label or BSR label

JSR has the following functionality:

This places the 16 bit return address on the stack First the top byte, then the bottom byte

PC ← label

BSR has the following functionality:

This places the 16 bit return address on the stack First the top byte, then the bottom byte

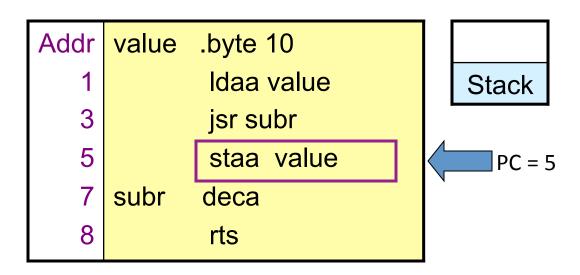
Change PC to point somewhere relative to its current location

Subroutine Example

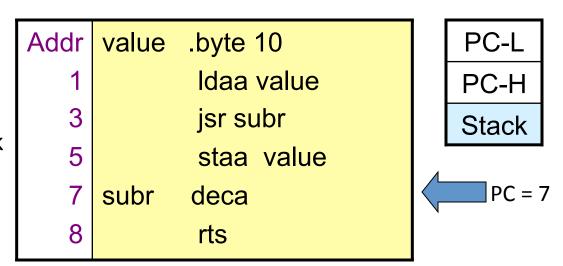
- The RTS instruction is used to return control to the calling function and restore the stack as it was
- Write a subroutine to decrement a value (in acc).

Subroutine Example

 After the JSR has been fetched the PC still points to the next instruction after the JSR.



 After execution of JSR the PC is updated and the return address is stored on the stack

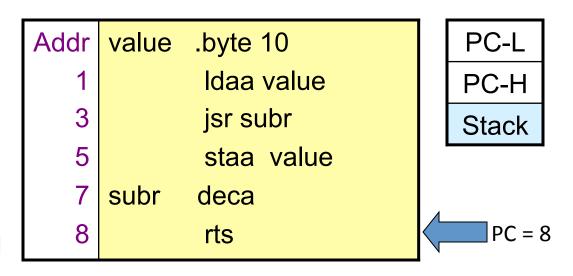


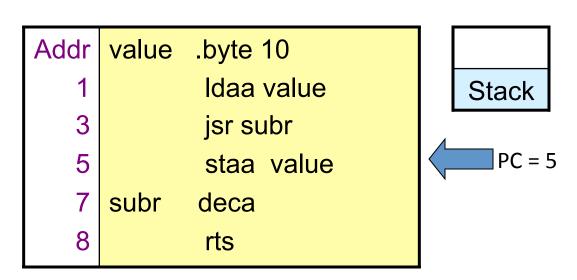
Subroutine Example

 The subroutine body executes the next instructions (DECA) normally

 Control is returned to the instruction following the JSR using the RTS instruction by popping the PC value from the

stack





Argument Passing in Registers

- Calculate Factorial(n) passing arguments in AccA & AccB
- Subroutine result returned in AccA

```
;--- Calculate Factorial(5) ---
main Idaa #5 ; A = 5
    tab ; B = A
loop decb; B = B - 1
    tstb ; test (B==0)
    beq fin ; exit loop if B=0
    jsr mult ; call subroutine
    tstb ; test (B==0)
    bne loop ; repeat if B!=0
fin staa sum ; sum = A
```

```
;---- Subroutine Multiply(A*B) ----
var rmb 1  ; variable A
mult pshb; save B ****
    staa var  ; var = A
    clra ; A = 0
moreadda var ; A += var
    decb; B--
    tstb ; test (B==0)
    bne more; repeat if B!=0
    pulb ; restore B ****
    rts ; return
```

Argument Passing in Variables

- Calculate Factorial(n) passing arguments as variables
- Subroutine result returned in AccA

```
;--- Calculate Factorial(5) ---
main Idaa #5  ; A = 5
    tab ; B = A
loop decb; B = B - 1
    tstb ; test (B==0)
    beq fin  ; exit loop if B=0
    staa var1 ; var1 = A
    stab var2 ; var2 = B
    jsr mult ; call subroutine
    tstb ; test (B==0)
    bne loop ; repeat if B!=0
fin staa sum ; sum = A
```

```
;---- Subroutine Multiply(A*B) ----
var1 rmb 1  ; variable A
var2 rmb 1  ; variable B
mult pshb; save B
    clra ; A = 0
    ldab var2 ;
moreadda var1; A += var
    decb; B--
    tstb ; test (B==0)
    bne more; repeat if B!=0
    pulb ; restore B
    rts ; return
```

Argument Passing on the Stack

- Calculate Factorial(n) passing arguments on stack
- Subroutine result returned in AccA

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main Idaa \#5: A = 5
     tab; B = A
loop decb; B = B - 1
     tstb ; test (B==0)
     beg fin ; exit loop if B=0
     pshb; save B
     tsx ; X = SP
     dex
     pshb; var B
     psha; var A
     isr mult; call subroutine
     pulb ; clear stack
     pulb; clear stack
     pulb; restore B
     tstb ; test (B==0)
     bne loop ; repeat if B!=0
fin
     staa sum ; sum = A
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Need to use index register to get arguments from the stack since they are under the saved PC