

Computing Machinery I

Assignment 6

File I/O and Floating-Point Numbers

Write an ARMv8 assembly language program to compute the sine and cosine of an angle given in degrees using the series expansions shown below. Use double precision floating-point numbers and only allow angles between 0 and 90 degrees. The program will read a list of input values from a file whose name is specified at the command line. The input values will be in binary format; each number will be double precision (and thus each is 8 bytes long). Read from the file using system I/O (i.e. generate an exception using the `svc` instruction). Process the input values one at a time using a loop (be sure to detect end-of-file correctly), calculate the sine and cosine, and then use `printf()` to print out the input value and its corresponding sine and cosine values in table form (i.e. in columns, with column headings) to the screen (standard output). Print out all values with a precision of 10 decimal digits to the right of the decimal point.

You can compute the sine and cosine according to the following series expansions:

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

where x is the angle *in radians*. Continue to accumulate terms until the absolute value of the term is less than $1.0\text{e-}10$. You may need the constant $\pi/2 = 1.57079632679489661923$ to help convert the angle from degrees to radians.

Run your program using the input binary file supplied on D2L. Capture its execution using the *script* UNIX command, and name the output file *script.txt*.

New Skills needed for this Assignment:

- Use of system I/O (exceptions) to open and read an input binary file
- Understanding and use of floating-point single and double formats
- Use of floating-point instructions to do simple calculations
- Use of floating-point branching instructions

Submit the following:

1. Your assembly source code and script via electronic submission. Use the *Assignment 6* Dropbox Folder in D2L to submit electronically. Your TA will assemble and run your program to test it. Name your program *a6.asm* and the script as *script.txt*.

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Assignment 6 Grading

Student: _____

Command line arguments	2	_____	
Loop to read in data	2	_____	
File I/O using traps	4	_____	
Sine routine	4	_____	
Cosine routine	4	_____	
Screen output using printf()	2	_____	
Correct use of floating-point instructions	2	_____	
Script showing I/O	2	_____	
Complete documentation and commenting	4	_____	
Design quality	2	_____	
Total	28	_____	_____%