

ARM Instructions Worksheet #5

Multiplication

Single/Double-Length, Signed/Unsigned

Prerequisite Reading: Chapter 5

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Objectives: To use the web-based simulator ("CPULator") to better understand ...

1. The MUL, SMULL, and UMULL instructions
2. Single versus double-length products.
3. Signed versus unsigned multiplication.

To do offline: Answer the questions that follow the listing below. (Numbers at far left are memory addresses.)

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                .syntax      unified
                .global      _start

00000000  _start:  LDR        R2,=+3      // *** EXECUTION STARTS HERE ***
00000004          LDR        R3,=-5
00000008          MUL        R0,R2,R3
0000000C          SMULL      R0,R1,R2,R3
00000010          LDR        R2,=3
00000014          LDR        R3,=0x80000000
00000018          MUL        R0,R2,R3
0000001C          UMULL      R0,R1,R2,R3

00000020  done:   B          done
                .end

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Note: Use this hex to decimal [converter](#) to convert 64-bit products to decimal.What is left in R2 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000000₁₆?

R2 (8 hex digits)

00000003

R2 (as signed decimal)

3

What is left in R3 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000004₁₆?

R3 (8 hex digits)

fffffffb

R3 (as signed decimal)

-5

What product is left in R0 by the MUL instruction at 00000008₁₆?

R0 (8 hex digits)

ffffff1

R0 (as signed decimal)

-15

What is left in R1.R0 by the SMULL instruction at 0000000C₁₆?

R1 (8 hex digits)

ffffff

R0 (8 hex digits)

ffffff1

R1.R0 (as signed decimal)

-2

Did the single-length signed product produced by the previous MUL overflow?

Yes: ☐ No: ☒What is left in R2 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000010₁₆?

R2 (8 hex digits)

00000003

R2 (as unsigned decimal)

3

What is left in R4 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000014₁₆?

R3 (8 hex digits))

80000000

R3 (as unsigned decimal)

2147483648

What product is left in R0 by the MUL instruction at 00000018₁₆?

R0 (8 hex digits)

287C0000

R0 (as unsigned decimal)

42450944

What is left in R1.R0 by the UMULL instruction at 0000001C₁₆?

R1 (8 hex digits)
00000001

R0 (8 hex digits)
80000000

R1.R0 (as unsigned decimal)
1.5

Did the single-length unsigned product produced by the previous MUL overflow?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Getting ready: Now use the simulator to collect the following information and compare to your earlier answers.

1. Click [here](#) to open a browser for the ARM instruction simulator with pre-loaded code.

Note: You can change the number format in the “Settings” window between hex, unsigned decimal and signed decimal as needed. For 64-bit products, use this hex to decimal [converter](#).

Step 1: Press F2 exactly 2 times to execute the two LDR pseudo-instructions (MOV, MVN) to provide the operands

What is left in R2 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000000₁₆?

R2 (8 hex digits)
0x00000003

R2 (as signed decimal)
3

What is left in R3 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000004₁₆?

R3 (8 hex digits)
fffffffb

R3 (as signed decimal)
-5

Step 2: Press F2 exactly once to execute the MUL R0, R2, R3 instruction.

What product is left in R0 by the MUL instruction at 00000008₁₆?

R0 (8 hex digits)
ffffff1

R0 (as signed decimal)
-15

Step 3: Press F2 exactly once to execute the SMULL R0, R1, R2, R3 instruction.

What is left in R1.R0 by the SMULL instruction at 0000000C₁₆?

R1 (8 hex digits)
ffffff

R0 (8 hex digits)
ffffff1

R1.R0 (as signed decimal)
-1.9999

Did the single-length signed product produced by the previous MUL overflow?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Step 4: Press F2 exactly 2 times to execute the two LDR pseudo-instructions (MOV, MOV) to provide the operands

What is left in R2 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000010₁₆?

R2 (8 hex digits)
00000003

R2 (as unsigned decimal)
3

What is left in R4 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000014₁₆?

R3 (8 hex digits)
80000000

R3 (as unsigned decimal)
2147483648

Step 5: Press F2 exactly once to execute the MUL R0, R2, R3 instruction.

What product is left in R0 by the MUL instruction at 00000018₁₆?

R0 (8 hex digits)
80000000

R0 (as unsigned decimal)
2147483648

Step 6: Press F2 exactly once to execute the UMULL R0, R1, R2, R3 instruction.

What is left in R1.R0 by the UMULL instruction at 0000001C₁₆?

R1 (8 hex digits)
00000001

R0 (8 hex digits)
80000000

R1.R0 (as unsigned decimal)
1.5

Did the single-length unsigned product produced by the previous MUL overflow?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐