

## 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

```

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 00000000<sub>16</sub>?

R2 (8 hex digits)

00000003

R2 (as signed decimal)

3

What is left in R3 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000004<sub>16</sub>?

R3 (8 hex digits)

fffffffb

R3 (as signed decimal)

4294967291

What product is left in R0 by the MUL instruction at 00000008<sub>16</sub>?

R0 (8 hex digits)

fffffffl

R0 (as signed decimal)

4294967281

What is left in R1.R0 by the SMULL instruction at 0000000C<sub>16</sub>?

R1 (8 hex digits)

fffffffb

R0 (8 hex digits)

fffffffl

R1.R0 (as signed decimal)

1152921504606846961

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 00000010<sub>16</sub>?

R2 (8 hex digits)

00000003

R2 (as unsigned decimal)

3

What is left in R4 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000014<sub>16</sub>?

R3 (8 hex digits))

80000000

R3 (as unsigned decimal)

2147483648

What product is left in R0 by the MUL instruction at 00000018<sub>16</sub>?

R0 (8 hex digits)

80000000

R0 (as unsigned decimal)

2147483648

What is left in R1.R0 by the UMULL instruction at 0000001C<sub>16</sub>?

R1 (8 hex digits)  
00000001

R0 (8 hex digits)  
80000000

R1.R0 (as unsigned decimal)  
6442450944

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 00000000<sub>16</sub>? R2 (8 hex digits) 00000003 R2 (as signed decimal) 3

What is left in R3 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000004<sub>16</sub>? R3 (8 hex digits) ffffffff R3 (as signed decimal) 4294967291

**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 00000008<sub>16</sub>? R0 (8 hex digits) ffffffff R0 (as signed decimal) 4294967281

**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 0000000C<sub>16</sub>? R1 (8 hex digits) ffffffff R0 (8 hex digits) ffffffff R1.R0 (as signed decimal) 18446744073709551601

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 00000010<sub>16</sub>? R2 (8 hex digits) 00000003 R2 (as unsigned decimal) 3

What is left in R4 by the LDR pseudo-instruction at 00000014<sub>16</sub>? 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 00000018<sub>16</sub>? 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 0000001C<sub>16</sub>? R1 (8 hex digits) 00000001 R0 (8 hex digits) 80000000 R1.R0 (as unsigned decimal) 6442450944

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

Yes: ☐ No: ☒