

Embedded Systems with ARM Cortex-M Microcontrollers in Assembly Language and C

Chapter 8 Subroutines Exercises **ANS**

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Stack

PUSH {Rd}

- ▶ $SP = SP - 4 \rightarrow$ descending stack
- ▶ $(*SP) = Rd \rightarrow$ full stack

Push multiple registers

They are equivalent.

`PUSH {r6, r7, r8}` \longleftrightarrow `PUSH {r8, r7, r6}` \longleftrightarrow `PUSH {r8}`
`PUSH {r7}`
`PUSH {r6}`

- SP is decremented before PUSH (pre-decrement), and incremented after POP (post-increment).
- The order in which registers listed in the register list does not matter.
- When pushing multiple registers, these registers are automatically **sorted by name** and **the lowest-numbered register** is stored to the lowest memory address, i.e. **is stored last**.

Stack

POP {Rd}

- ▶ $Rd = (*SP) \rightarrow$ full stack
- ▶ $SP = SP + 4 \rightarrow$ Stack shrinks

Pop multiple registers

They are equivalent.

POP {r6, r7, r8} \longleftrightarrow POP {r8, r7, r6} \longleftrightarrow
 POP {r6}
 POP {r7}
 POP {r8}

- SP is decremented before PUSH (pre-decrement), and incremented after POP (post-increment).
- The order in which registers listed in the register list does not matter.
- When popping multiple registers, these registers are automatically **sorted by name** and **the lowest-numbered register** is loaded from the lowest memory address, *i.e. is loaded first*.

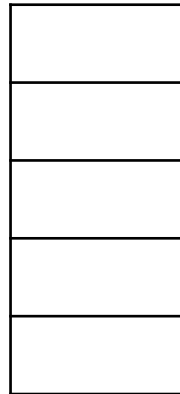
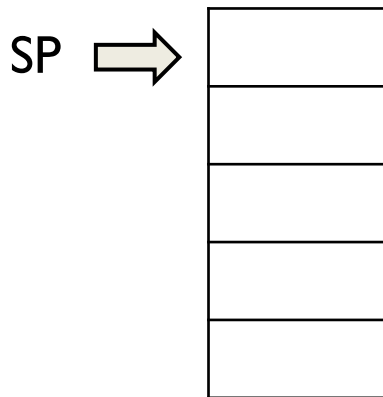
Summary: Condition Codes

Suffix	Description	Flags tested
EQ	E Qual	Z=1
NE	N ot E qual	Z=0
CS/HS	Unsigned H igher or S ame	C=1
CC/LO	Unsigned L ower	C=0
MI	M Inus (Negative)	N=1
PL	P Lus (Positive or Zero)	N=0
VS	o V erflow S et	V=1
VC	o V erflow C leared	V=0
HI	Unsigned H Igher	C=1 & Z=0
LS	Unsigned L ower or S ame	C=0 or Z=1
GE	Signed G reater or E qual	N=V
LT	Signed L ess T han	N!=V
GT	Signed G reater T han	Z=0 & N=V
LE	Signed L ess than or E qual	Z=1 or N!=V
AL	A Lways	

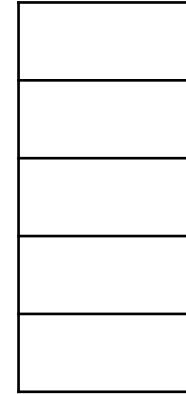
Note AL is the default and does not need to be specified

Stack

- ▶ Initially, let $r0=0$, $r1=1$, $r2=2$.
- ▶ a) Execute `PUSH {r1,r2}`. Draw stack.
- ▶ b) Execute `POP {r0,r1}`. Draw stack.



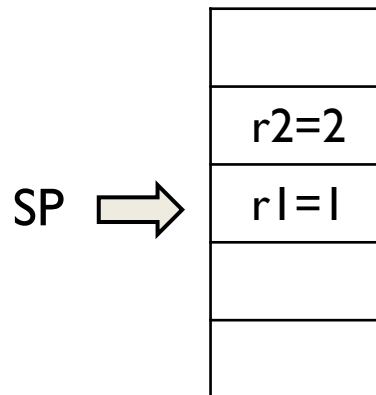
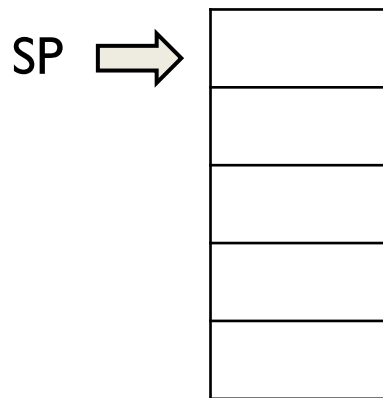
After `PUSH {r1,r2}`



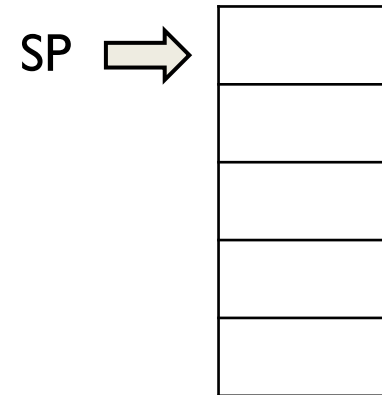
After `POP {r0,r1}`,
 $r0=?$, $r1=?$

Stack ANS

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After `PUSH {r1,r2}`

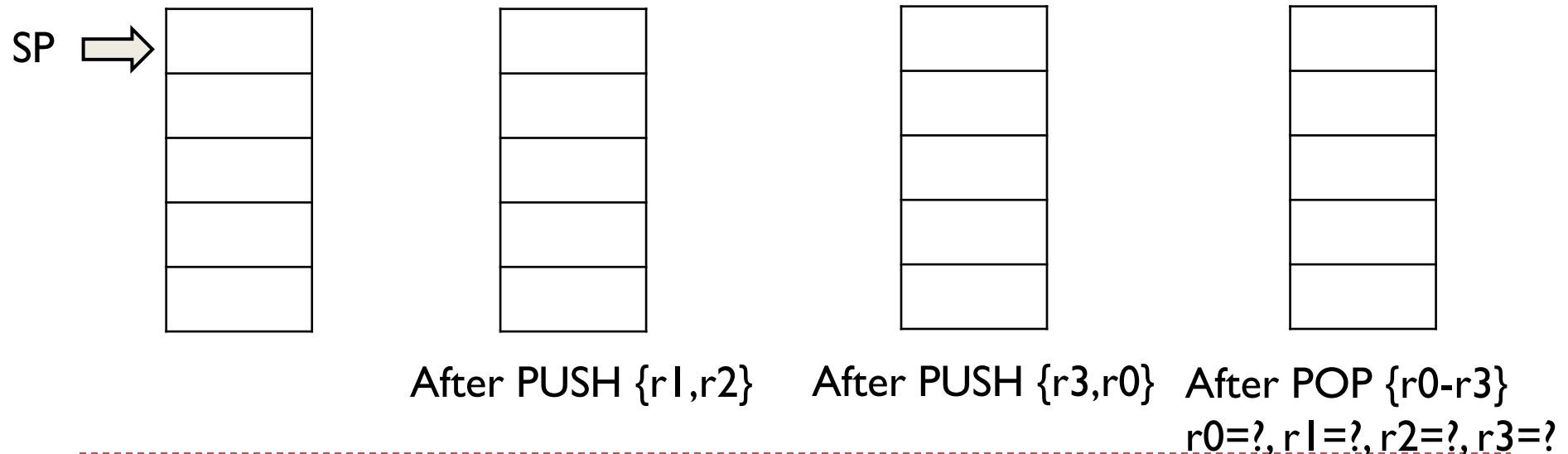


After `POP {r0,r1}`,
 $r0=1$, $r1=2$

Stack contains only the values like 2, 1... I write $r2=2$, $r1=1$ in the figures for illustration purposes only.

Stack

- Initially, let $r0=0$, $r1=1$, $r2=2$, $r3=3$
- Execute
 - $PUSH\ \{r1, r2\}$
 - $PUSH\ \{r3, r0\}$
 - $POP\ \{r0-r3\}$ (same as $POP\ \{r0, r1, r2, r3\}$)
- Draw stack after each instruction. What is in registers after execution?



Stack ANS

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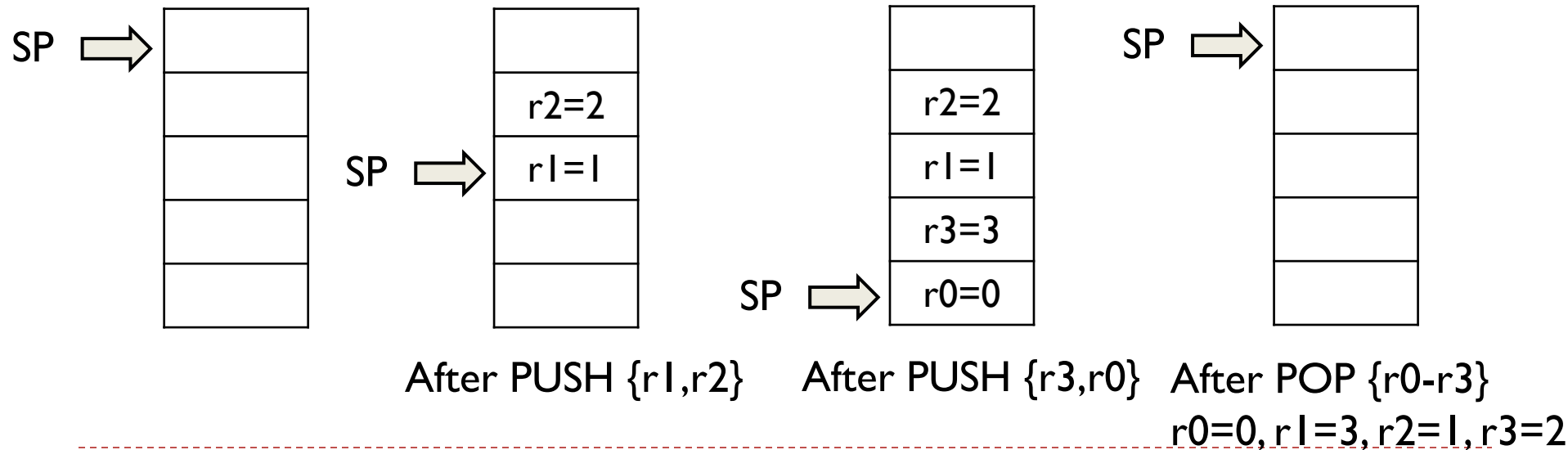
► Execute

PUSH {r1,r2}

PUSH {r3,r0}

POP {r0-r3}

► Draw stack after each instruction. What is in registers after execution?



What is Wrong?

Caller Program

```
Extern int32_t sum3(int32_t a1, int32_t a2, int32_t a3);
```

```
int main(void){
```

```
int32_t s
```

```
...
```

```
s = sum3(-1, -2, -3) + sum3(4, 5, 6);
```

```
...
```

Callee Program

```
sum3 PROC
```

```
EXPORT sum3
```

```
; r3 = sum
```

```
ADD r3, r0, r1 ; sum = a1 + a2
```

```
ADD r3, r0, r2 ; sum += a3
```

```
MOV r1, r3
```

```
BX pc
```

```
ENDP
```

What is Wrong? ANS

- ▶ Return result should be put into r0, not r1
- ▶ BX lr returns to caller

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; r3 = sum
ADD r3, r0, r1 ; sum = a1 + a2
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MOV r0, r3
BX lr
ENDP
```

toLower

Caller Program

```
#include <stdio.h>

extern int mystery(int); /* mystery assembler routine */

int main(void)
{
    static const char str[] = "Hello, World!";

    const int len = sizeof(str)/sizeof(str[0]);
    char      newstr[len];
    int       i;

    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        newstr[i] = toLower (str[i]);

    printf("%s\n", newstr);

    return 0;
}
```

- Consider the following C program that converts all ASCII letters to lower case. Write the toLower function in ARMv7 assembly code.

Callee Program

```
int toLower (int c)
{
    if (c >= 'A' && c <= 'Z')
        c += 'a' - 'A';

    return c;
}
```

Callee Program Assembly

```
.text
.global toLower
toLower:
```

toLower ANS

Callee Program

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{
    if (c >= 'A' && c <= 'Z')
        c += 'a' - 'A';

    return c;
}
```

Callee Program Assembly

```
.text
.global toLower
toLower:
    cmp     r0, #'A'           @ if c < 'A' -> skip_adjust
    blt     skip_adjust
    cmp     r0, #'Z'           @ if c > 'Z' -> skip_adjust
    bgt     skip_adjust
    add     r0, r0, #('a' - 'A') @ c += 32

skip_adjust:
    bx      lr
```

If Then Else

- ▶ Translate the following program into ARMv7 assembly.

- ▶ `int foo(int x, int y) {`
- ▶ `if ((x+y) < 0)`
- ▶ `return 0;`
- ▶ `else return 1;`
- ▶ `}`

- ▶ **ANS:**

- ▶ `@ int foo(int x, int y) - returns 0 if (x+y) < 0, else 1`
- ▶ `@ x in r0, y in r1, return in r0`
- ▶ `foo:`
- ▶ `...`
- ▶ `BX lr`

If Then Else ANS

- ▶ Straight-line with conditional execution

- ▶ foo:
 ADD r2, r0, r1 ; r2 = x + y
 CMP r2, #0 ; sets N,Z,V,C for signed
compare to 0
 MOVLT r0, #0 ; if (x+y) < 0 -> r0 = 0
 MOVGE r0, #1 ; else r0 = 1
 BX lr

- ▶ Conditional branch to label

- ▶ foo:
 ADD r2, r0, r1
 CMP r2, #0
 BLT .Lneg
 MOV r0, #1
 BX lr
.Lneg:
 MOV r0, #0
 BX lr

- ▶ Combine add and compare with ADDS

- ▶ foo:
 ADDS r2, r0, r1 ; r2 = x + y, sets flags from the sum
 MOVMI r0, #0 ; MI means N==1 (negative)
 MOVPL r0, #1 ; PL means N==0 (non-negative)
 BX lr

- ▶ No temp register r2, reuse r0

- ▶ foo:
 ADDS r0, r0, r1 ; r0 = x + y, flags set
 MOVMI r0, #0
 MOVPL r0, #1
 BX lr

- ▶ Conditional branch to label

- ▶ foo:
 ADDS r2, r0, r1
 BMI .Lneg ; if negative
 MOV r0, #1
 BX lr
.Lneg:
 MOV r0, #0
 BX lr

Factorial ANS

- Write an assembly program to calculate the factorial of a number, corresponding to the following C programs. One recursive version, one iterative version. (In the exams, I may provide most of the code and let you fill in the blanks.)

```
//Iterative algorithms for Factorial
```

```
#include <stdint.h>
```

```
uint32_t fact_iter(uint32_t n) {  
    uint32_t acc = 1;  
    if (n <= 1) {  
        return 1;  
    }  
    while (n > 1) {  
        acc *= n;  
        n -= 1;  
    }  
    return acc;  
}
```

```
//Recursive algorithms for Factorial
```

```
#include <stdint.h>
```

```
uint32_t fact_rec(uint32_t n) {  
    if (n <= 1) {  
        return 1;  
    }  
    return n * fact_rec(n - 1);  
}
```

Factorial ANS

```
// uint32_t fact_iter(uint32_t n);
// r0 = n, returns r0 = n!
.global fact_iter
fact_iter:
    PUSH    {r4, lr}        // save callee-saved
                             // we'll use and return addr
    MOV     r1, r0           // r1 = n (loop counter)
    MOV     r0, #1           // r0 = acc = 1
    CMP     r1, #1
    BLS     .Ldone_iter      // if n <= 1, return 1

.Lloop_iter:
    MUL     r0, r0, r1       // acc *= i
    SUBS    r1, r1, #1       // i--
    BHI     .Lloop_iter      // continue while i > 1
                             // (unsigned)
.Ldone_iter:
    POP     {r4, lr}
    BX      lr
```

```
// uint32_t factorial(uint32_t n);
// r0: n
// returns r0: n!

factorial:
    CMP     r0, #1          // if (n <= 1) ...
    BLE     base_case       // ... return 1

    PUSH    {lr}            // save return address for this frame
    PUSH    {r0}            // save current n on stack (we'll need it after the
                             // recursive call)

    SUB     r0, r0, #1       // r0 = n - 1 (argument for recursive call)
    BL      factorial        // r0 = factorial(n - 1)

    POP     {r1}            // r1 = saved n (restore caller's n)
    MUL     r0, r0, r1       // r0 = factorial(n - 1) * n

    POP     {lr}            // restore return address
    BX      lr              // return with result in r0

base_case:
    MOV     r0, #1          // factorial(n) = 1 for n <= 1
    BX      lr              // return
```

