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EE 310 – Lab 6 Report

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Problem Description

In this lab, we have been asked to add the beq instruction to the supplemental files. This is detailed in section 6.5 of Zybooks but a simplified run-down/guide was provided to us in the lab report. In this lab the use of offsets is allowed but loops and subroutines are still not (we can bypass this using the beq instruction and a label). Once adding the beq instruction to the instruction set, we were tasked with creating a MIPS assembly file that completed the operations seen in Figure 1. Once we verify our code is fully functional, we were tasked with editing lines of the test bench to test the code.

The memory contents will look like:

Before the program run:

DM[5000] = x

DM[5004] = y

After the program run:

DM[5000] = x

DM[5004] = y

DM[5008] = x * y

Numeric examples will look like:

Before the program run:

DM[5000] = 5

DM[5004] = 7

After the program run:

DM[5000] = 5

DM[5004] = 7

DM[5008] = 35

Figure 1. Expected behavior of the circuit

Solution Plan

In order to solve the problem explained above, I used the supplemental code provided to set up the project. Once the project was set up, following the instructions within the lab I modified the `mipzy_control`, `adder_32`, and `MIPSzy` files to all include the `beq` instruction. This was straight forward and just required following along with the pictures provided.

Next, we were tasked with creating a program that would perform multiplication without using the `mul` instruction. This can be done with a loop adding the multiplicand to a running sum and then subtracting from the multiplier. This is looped until the multiplier reaches zero, thus completing the multiplication operation. A simple check should also be implemented to check if the multiplicand is zero. This will keep the code from running completely and will save run time in this special case. The multiplier does not need to be checked beforehand because it will be checked when the loop executes.

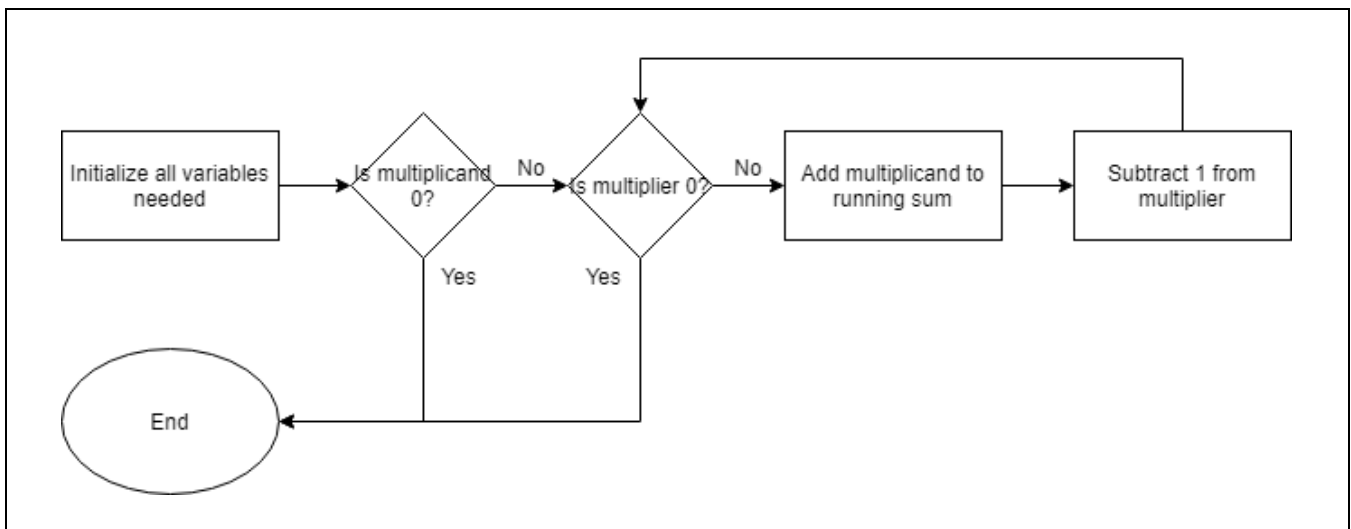


Figure 2. State diagram for the proposed solution

Implementation and Test Plan

I have implemented the solution plan explained above, by first adding the `beq` instruction to the `MIPSzy` instruction set. This was easy and straightforward as we were given picture guides and told how to do it like last lab. Next, I simply created a basic MIPS file that did the operations requested in Figure 1. Register `t4` acted as my running sum variable. Register `t1` was set to 5000 for loading and saving registers. Next, I loaded the multiplier into `t3` and the multiplicand into `t2`. A check using the `beq` instruction was used next to test if the multiplicand was 0. If it was, then it would immediately end. The code would next add the multiplicand to the running sum and then subtract 1 from the multiplier. This loop would repeat if the multiplier did not equal 0. Lastly it would save the running sum at memory address 5008.

Lab8.txt

```
addi    $t1, $zero, 5000    # Pointer for the input
addi    $t4, $zero, 0       # Set output as zero, for 0 case

lw       $t2, 0($t1)         # Fetch multiplicand
lw       $t3, 4($t1)         # Fetch the multiplier
beq      $t2,$zero,End       # Check if multiplicand is 0 to avoid needless runtime
mulLoop:
    beq   $t3,$zero, End     # Check if multiplier is 0, if so end loop
    add   $t4, $t4, $t2      # Add multiplicand to running sum
    addi  $t3,$t3,-1         # Subtract 1 from multiplier
    beq   $zero,$zero, mulLoop # Repeat loop
End:
    sw    $t4,8($t1)         # Save t4 into the output address 5008
```

Lab8Binary.txt

```
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[0] = 'b00100000000010010001001110001000;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[1] = 'b00100000000011000000000000000000;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[2] = 'b10001101001010100000000000000000;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[3] = 'b100011010010101100000000000000100;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[4] = 'b000100000000101000000000000000101;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[5] = 'b000100000000101100000000000000100;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[6] = 'b000000001100010100110000000100000;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[7] = 'b0010000101101011111111111111111;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[8] = 'b0001000000000000111111111111101;
MIPSzy_0.IM.memory[9] = 'b10101101001011000000000000001000;
```

The other edited code files will be attached to the BBLearn submission.

Figure 3. Verilog code for the proposed solution

```
# Data at address 5000 is      56
# Data at address 5004 is      78
# Data at address 5008 is    4368
# ** Note: $stop      : I:/#EE/EE 310/Lab 8/MIPSzy_TB.v(64)
#   Time: 3724080 ns  Iteration: 0  Instance: /MIPSzy_TB
# Break in Module MIPSzy_TB at I:/#EE/EE 310/Lab 8/MIPSzy_TB.v line 64
```

First run with the default numbers set

```
Data at address 5000 is      65
Data at address 5004 is       0
Data at address 5008 is       0
** Note: $stop      : I:/#EE/EE 310/Lab 8/MIPSzy_TB.v(64)
   Time: 850080 ns  Iteration: 0  Instance: /MIPSzy_TB
Break in Module MIPSzy_TB at I:/#EE/EE 310/Lab 8/MIPSzy_TB.v line 64
```

Second run with zero case. X=65 Y=0

```
Data at address 5000 is      23
Data at address 5004 is      82
Data at address 5008 is    1886
** Note: $stop      : I:/#EE/EE 310/Lab 8/MIPSzy_TB.v(64)
   Time: 2193080 ns  Iteration: 0  Instance: /MIPSzy_TB
Break in Module MIPSzy_TB at I:/#EE/EE 310/Lab 8/MIPSzy_TB.v line 64
```

Last run with random numbers set. X=23 Y=82

Figure 4. Lab pictures of the running solution