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Report of Tasks from Lab 2

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1 Task 1: Addition of Two 16-bit Variables

1.1 Code with Comments

The following assembly code adds the contents of the 16-bit variable X to the contents of the 16-bit variable Y and places the result in the 16-bit variable Result:

```
    AREA STACK, NOINIT, READWRITE, ALIGN=3
    SPACE 1024                  ; Reserve 1024 bytes for stack

    AREA |.vectors|, CODE, READONLY
    EXPORT __Vectors
__Vectors
    DCD __stack_top             ; Initial stack pointer
    DCD Reset_Handler           ; Reset handler
    DCD 0                       ; NMI handler (placeholder)
    DCD 0                       ; HardFault handler (placeholder)

    AREA |startup|, CODE, READONLY
__stack_top EQU STACK + 1024
    EXPORT Reset_Handler
Reset_Handler
    BL main                     ; Call main
    B .                         ; Loop forever if main returns

    AREA |.data|, DATA, READWRITE
X       DCW 0x1234              ; Define 16-bit value for X
Y       DCW 0x4321              ; Define 16-bit value for Y
Result  DCW 0x0001              ; Result placeholder

    AREA |.text|, CODE, READONLY
main
    LDR r0, =X                  ; Load address of X
    LDRH r1, [r0]               ; Load value of X into r1

    LDR r0, =Y                  ; Load address of Y
    LDRH r2, [r0]               ; Load value of Y into r2

    ADD r3, r1, r2              ; Add X and Y, store result in r3

    LDR r0, =Result             ; Load address of Result
    STRH r3, [r0]               ; Store result in memory
STOP
    B STOP                      ; Infinite loop
    END
```

1.2 Code Explanation

The assembly code can be broken down into several key components:

1.2.1 Memory and Stack Setup

- `AREA STACK` directive allocates 1024 bytes for the stack
- Vector table defines essential handlers including the reset handler

1.2.2 Data Section

- Variables X and Y are defined as 16-bit values (0x1234 and 0x4321)
- Result is initialized with a placeholder value

1.2.3 Main Logic

- The address of X is loaded into register r0
- The 16-bit value of X is loaded into register r1 using LDRH (Load Register Halfword)
- The address of Y is loaded into register r0
- The 16-bit value of Y is loaded into register r2 using LDRH
- The ADD instruction adds r1 and r2, storing the result in r3
- The address of Result is loaded into register r0
- The STRH (Store Register Halfword) instruction stores the 16-bit value in r3 to the Result variable

1.2.4 Expected Results

Adding 0x1234 (4660 in decimal) to 0x4321 (17185 in decimal) yields 0x5555 (21845 in decimal), which will be stored in the Result variable.

1.3 System State Screenshots

1.3.1 System State After Code Loading

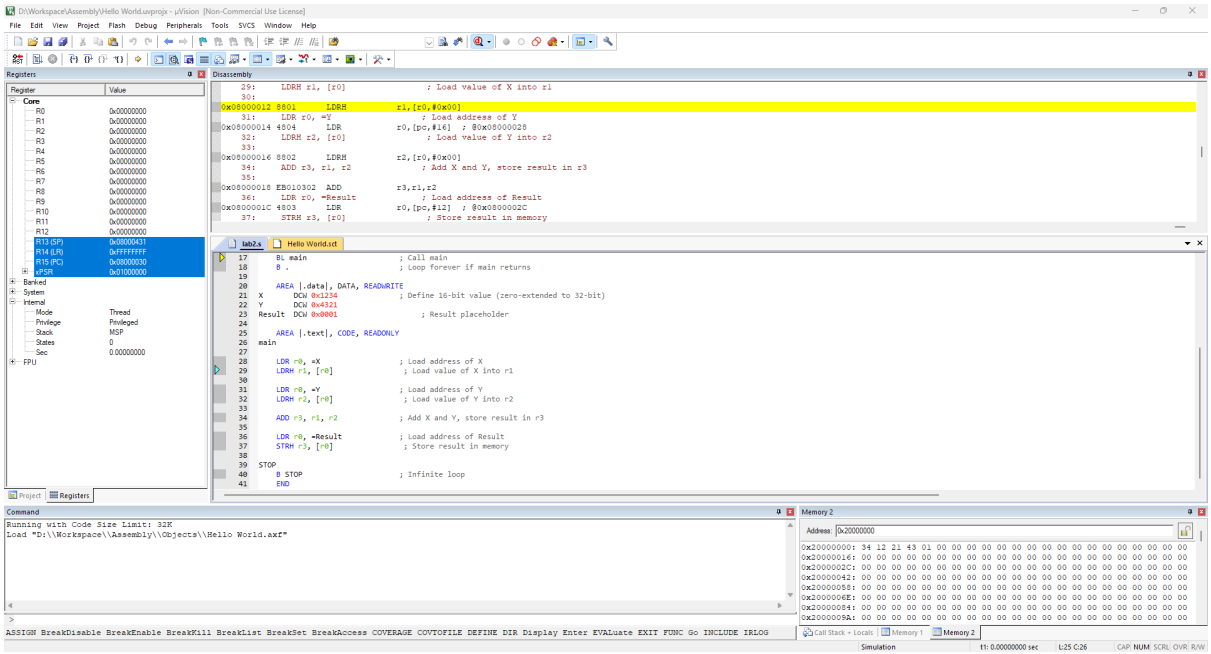

Figure 1: Memory contents after loading the assembly code

1.3.2 System State After Code Execution

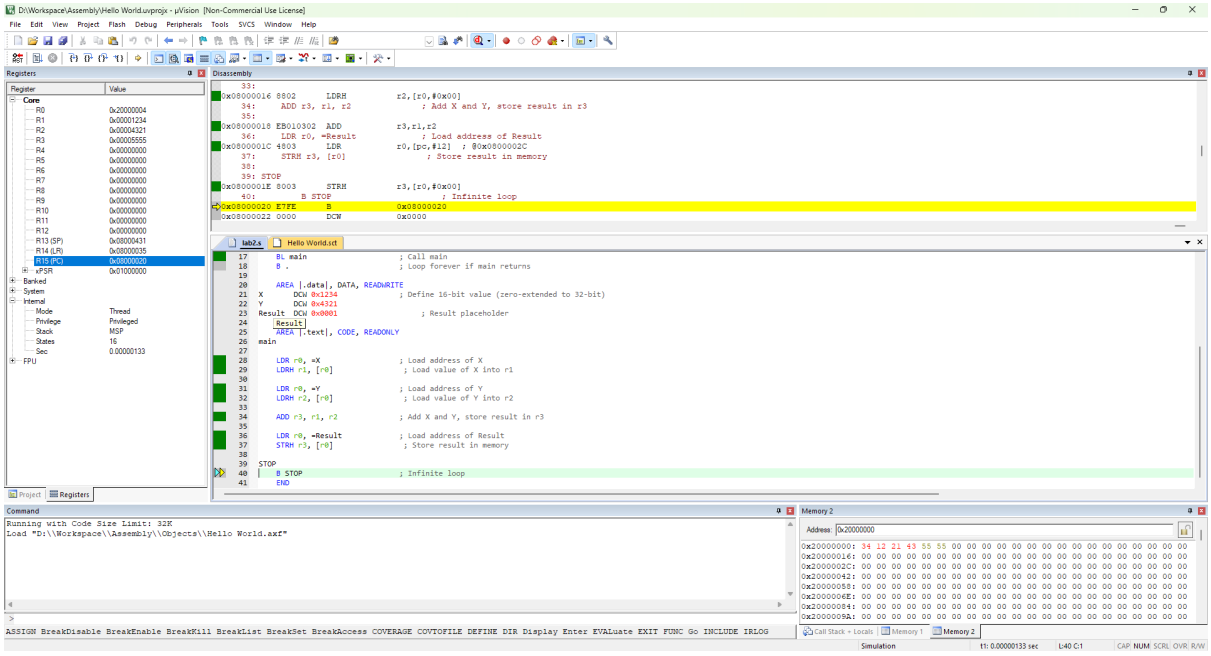

Figure 2: Memory contents after executing the assembly code

2 Task 2: Arithmetic Operations on Two Variables

2.1 Code with Comments

The following assembly code performs addition, subtraction, and multiplication on two 16-bit variables X and Y:

```
    AREA STACK, NOINIT, READWRITE, ALIGN=3
    SPACE 1024                  ; Reserve 1024 bytes for stack

    AREA |.vectors|, CODE, READONLY
    EXPORT __Vectors
__Vectors
    DCD __stack_top             ; Initial stack pointer
    DCD Reset_Handler           ; Reset handler
    DCD 0                       ; NMI handler (placeholder)
    DCD 0                       ; HardFault handler (placeholder)

    AREA |startup|, CODE, READONLY
__stack_top EQU STACK + 1024

    EXPORT Reset_Handler
Reset_Handler
    BL main                     ; Call main
    B .                         ; Loop forever if main returns

    AREA |.data|, DATA, READWRITE
X           DCW 0x4321          ; Define 16-bit value
Y           DCW 0x1234          ; Define another 16-bit value
Result_Add  DCW 0x0000          ; Placeholder for Addition result
Result_Sub  DCW 0x0000          ; Placeholder for Subtraction result
Result_Mul  DCD 0x0000          ; Placeholder for Multiplication result

    AREA |.text|, CODE, READONLY
main
    ; Load X into r1
    LDR r0, =X
    LDRH r1, [r0]

    ; Load Y into r2
    LDR r0, =Y
    LDRH r2, [r0]

    ; -------- Addition --------
    ADD r3, r1, r2              ; r3 = r1 + r2
    LDR r0, =Result_Add
    STRH r3, [r0]

    ; -------- Subtraction --------
    SUB r3, r1, r2              ; r3 = r1 - r2
    LDR r0, =Result_Sub
    STRH r3, [r0]

    ; -------- Multiplication --------
    MUL r3, r1, r2              ; r3 = r1 * r2
    LDR r0, =Result_Mul
    STR r3, [r0]                ; Store full 32 bits (since
   multiplication can overflow 16 bits)
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53 STOP
54     B STOP                          ; Infinite loop
55     END
```

2.2 Code Explanation

This code extends the previous example to include three arithmetic operations:

2.2.1 Data Section

- X is defined as 0x4321 (17185 in decimal)
- Y is defined as 0x1234 (4660 in decimal)
- Three result variables are defined for different operations

2.2.2 Main Logic

- Values of X and Y are loaded into registers r1 and r2 respectively
- Addition: r1 + r2 stored in r3, then stored in the Addition variable
- Subtraction: r1 - r2 stored in r3, then stored in the Subtraction variable
- Multiplication: r1 * r2 stored in r3, then stored in the Multiplication variable

2.2.3 Expected Results

- Addition: 0x4321 + 0x1234 = 0x5555 (17185 + 4660 = 21845)
- Subtraction: 0x4321 - 0x1234 = 0x30ED (17185 - 4660 = 12525)
- Multiplication: 0x4321 * 0x1234 = 0x4ECA564 (17185 * 4660 = 80,082,100)
  - Note: The multiplication result requires 32 bits to store properly, which is why we use STR instead of STRH for the result.

2.3 System State Screenshots

2.3.1 System State After Code Loading

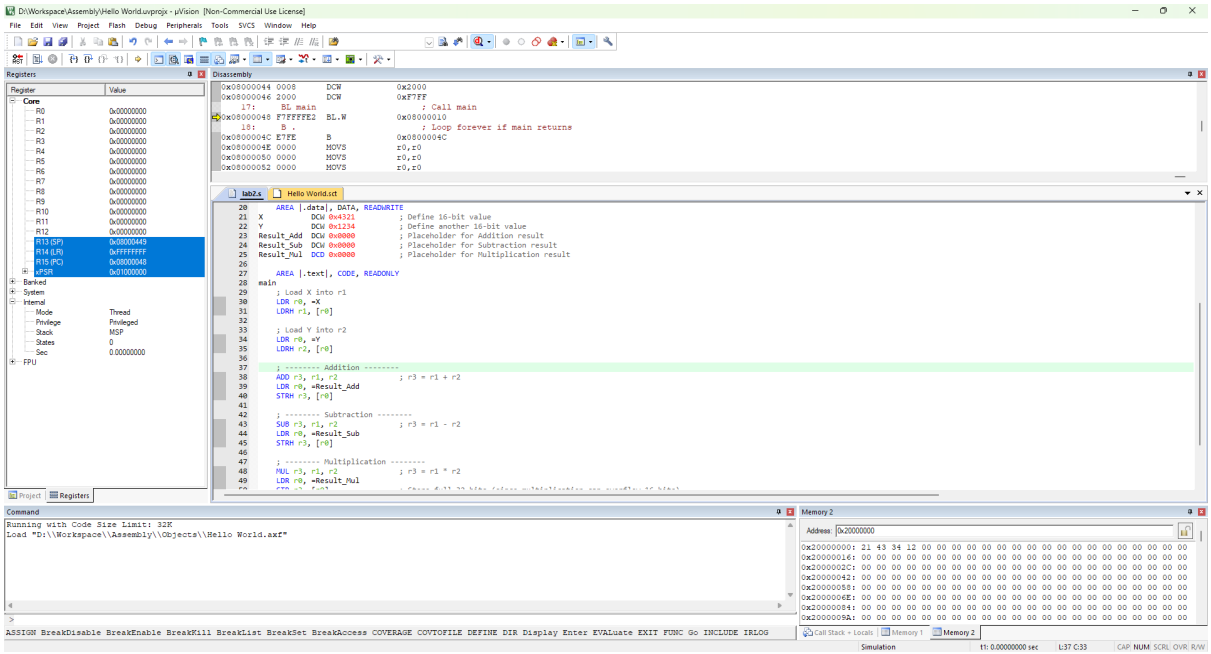

Figure 3: Memory contents after loading the assembly code

2.3.2 System State After Code Execution

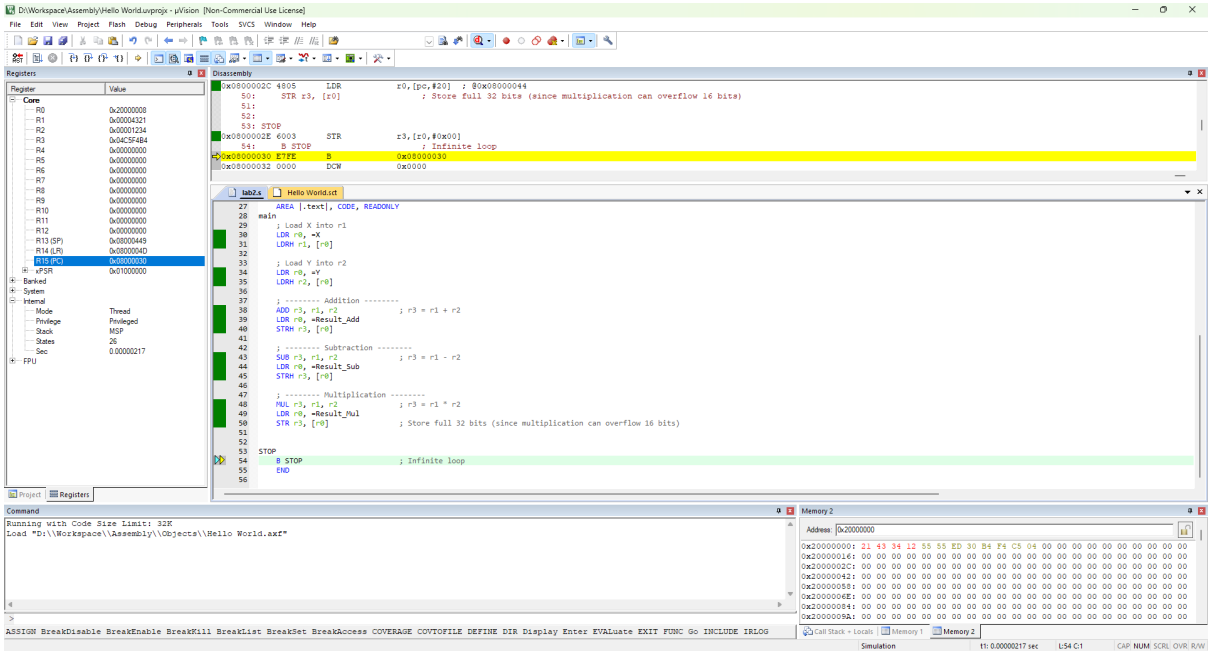

Figure 4: Memory contents after executing the assembly code

3 Task 3: Finding the Smaller of Two Integer Numbers

3.1 Code with Comments

The following assembly code finds the smaller of two integer numbers:

```
    AREA STACK, NOINIT, READWRITE, ALIGN=3
    SPACE 1024                  ; Reserve 1024 bytes for stack

    AREA |.vectors|, CODE, READONLY
    EXPORT __Vectors
__Vectors
    DCD __stack_top             ; Initial stack pointer
    DCD Reset_Handler           ; Reset handler
    DCD 0                       ; NMI handler (placeholder)
    DCD 0                       ; HardFault handler (placeholder)

    AREA |startup|, CODE, READONLY
__stack_top EQU STACK + 1024
    EXPORT Reset_Handler
Reset_Handler
    BL main                     ; Call main
    B .                         ; Loop forever if main returns

    AREA |.data|, DATA, READWRITE
Num1        DCW 0x0018          ; First number (24 in decimal)
Num2        DCW 0x002A          ; Second number (42 in decimal)
SmallerNum  DCW 0x0000          ; Will store the smaller number

    AREA |.text|, CODE, READONLY
main
    ; Load the values of Num1 and Num2
    LDR r0, =Num1               ; Load address of Num1
    LDRH r1, [r0]               ; Load value of Num1 into r1

    LDR r0, =Num2               ; Load address of Num2
    LDRH r2, [r0]               ; Load value of Num2 into r2

    ; Compare the two numbers
    CMP r1, r2                  ; Compare r1 (Num1) with r2 (Num2)
    BLS Num1IsSmaller           ; Branch if r1 <= r2 (Num1 is smaller
   or equal)

    ; If we get here, Num2 is smaller
    LDR r0, =SmallerNum         ; Load address of SmallerNum
    STRH r2, [r0]               ; Store Num2 as the smaller number
    B Done                      ; Branch to Done

Num1IsSmaller
    LDR r0, =SmallerNum         ; Load address of SmallerNum
    STRH r1, [r0]               ; Store Num1 as the smaller number

Done
STOP
    B STOP                      ; Infinite loop
    END
```

3.2 Code Explanation

This code compares two numbers and finds the smaller one:

3.2.1 Data Section

- Num1 is defined as 0x0018 (24 in decimal)
- Num2 is defined as 0x002A (42 in decimal)
- SmallerNum is initialized to store the result

3.2.2 Main Logic

- Values of Num1 and Num2 are loaded into registers r1 and r2 respectively
- CMP instruction compares r1 and r2
- BLS (Branch if Lower or Same) instruction checks if r1 $\leq$ r2
- If r1 $\leq$ r2, the code branches to Num1IsSmaller
- Otherwise, r2 is assumed to be smaller and stored in SmallerNum
- At Num1IsSmaller, r1 is stored in SmallerNum

3.2.3 Expected Results

Since Num1 (24) is smaller than Num2 (42), the value 0x0018 (24) will be stored in SmallerNum.

3.3 System State Screenshots

3.3.1 System State After Code Loading

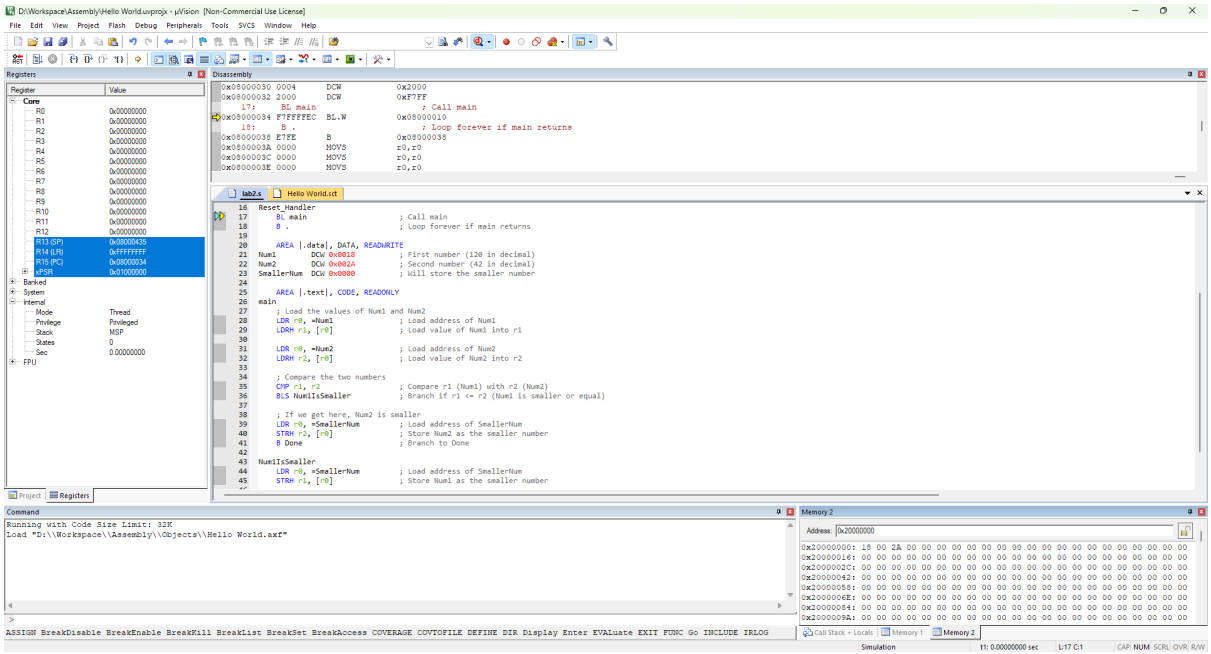

Figure 5: Memory contents after loading the assembly code

3.3.2 System State After Code Execution

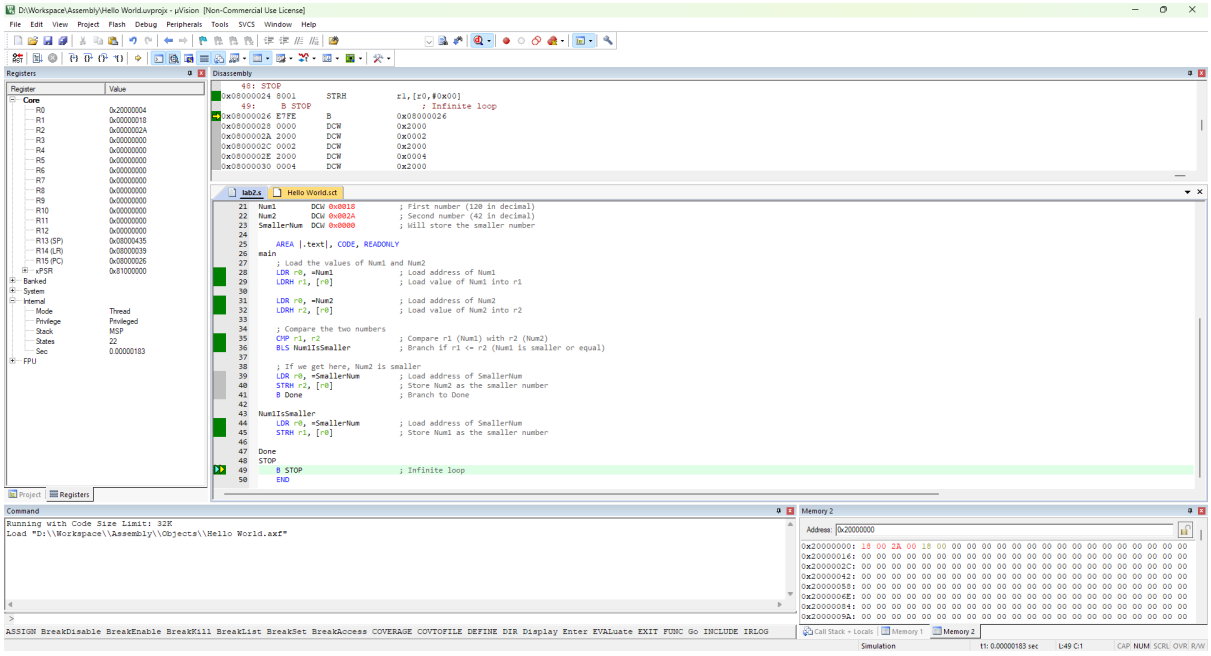

Figure 6: Memory contents after executing the assembly code

4 Conclusion

This lab demonstrated the implementation of basic arithmetic operations and comparison logic in assembly language. The programs successfully:

- Added two 16-bit variables
- Performed addition, subtraction, and multiplication on two variables
- Found the smaller of two integer numbers

These implementations illustrate fundamental assembly language concepts including memory access, register operations, and conditional branching.