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Questions

- 1. Sort a set of 16 numbers stored at RAM locations 30 to 3F. Before running the program, edit those locations to input the numbers. Show the sorted output.
- 2. Check if the bytes stored at locations 30H to 3FH constitute a palindrome or not. If the bytes make a palindrome, store 01H at location 40H, else store 0FFH at 40H.
- 3. Convert the number stored at location 30H into BCD format. Store the digits at locations 40H and 41H.

Objectives

- 1. The question asks us to sort a sequence stored from 30H to 3FH. We use the Bubble Sort algorithm to accomplish this in $O(N^2)$.
- 2. The question asks us to check if the sequence stored in 30H to 3FH is a palindrome or not. Our objective here is to keep checking the equality of elements equidistant from the ends, which performs the palindrome check in O(N).
- 3. The question asks us to convert the HEX number stored at 30H to BCD format where the hundreds digit is stored at 40H and the remaining two digits are stored in 41H.

Description

1. The bubble sort algorithm swaps adjacent elements based on one being greater than the other, and as a result in one pass form 1 to 16 (30H to 3FH) the greatest element is "bubbled" down to the 16th position. Repeating the pass now bubbles down the second largest element to the 15th position (since comparing with 16th position will not result in a swap). Since we perform N comparisons each pass, and we perform N passes, the overall time complexity turns out to be $O(N^2)$.

- 2. For this part, our implementation simply maintains two markers at either ends and we keep comparing as we move inwards. Since we make N/2 comparisons, the time complexity is O(N). We keep 01 at 40H and the moment we find the values at the two pointers unequal, we move FF to 40H and break.
- 3. We divide by 10 and store the remainder in R0, then divide by 10 again to obtain the 100s digit, which is stored to 41H and the remainder (10s digit) stored in B. We multiply 16 to B and add the remainder to obtain the last two digits' decimal representation written in HEX.

Code

Part 1

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1. START:
2. MOV 30H, #16H; Load data as required
3. MOV 31H, #7H
4. MOV 32H, #15H
5. MOV 33H,#2H
6. MOV 34H, #10H
7. MOV 35H, #11H
8. MOV 36H, #12H
9. MOV 37H, #9H
10.MOV 38H,#5H
11.MOV 39H,#1H
12.MOV 3AH,#8H
13.MOV 3BH,#6H
14.MOV 3CH,#3H
15.MOV 3DH,#14H
16.MOV 3EH,#4H
17.MOV 3FH,#13H
19.MOV R3,#0FH; Size of our array
21.OUT_LOOP:; Control for the outer loop
22.MOV B,R3
23.MOV R4,B; Copy the value in R3 to R4
24.MOV R0,#30H; Initialise the iterator
26.IN_LOOP:
27.MOV B,@R0; Store @R0 to B
28.INC R0; Increment R0
29.MOV A,@R0; Store @R0 to A
30.CJNE A,B,NEXT; Carry is 1 if A>B
31.NEXT: JNC NO_SWP; If carry is 0, jump to NO_SWP and skip the swap
32.MOV @R0,B; Following lines swap the two elements
33.DEC R0
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34.MOV @R0,A
35.INC R0
36.
37.NO_SWP:; Skip swap if not needed
38.DJNZ R4,IN_LOOP; Perform the comparison N times, making a single pass
39.DJNZ R3,OUT_LOOP; Perform the pass N times
40.END

Part 2

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1. MOV 30H, #1H; Load data into RAM as necessary
2. MOV 31H,#2H
3. MOV 32H,#3H
4. MOV 33H,#4H
5. MOV 34H, #5H
6. MOV 35H,#6H
7. MOV 36H,#7H
8. MOV 37H, #8H
9. MOV 38H, #8H
10.MOV 39H,#7H
11.MOV 3AH,#6H
12.MOV 3BH, #5H
13.MOV 3CH,#4H
14.MOV 3DH,#3H
15.MOV 3EH,#2H
16.MOV 3FH,#1H
17.
18.MOV R1,#30H; Left pointer
19.MOV R0,#3FH; Right pointer
20.MOV A,#0; Store 0 to Accumulator
21.MOV R2,#8; Store the amount of traversing needed
22.; half the length of sequence
23.MOV 40H, #01; Default is 0, change to FF if parity breaks
25.CHECK:; loop for checking parity
26.
27.MOV A,@R1; Move @R1 to A
28.MOV B, @R0; Move @R0 to B
29.SUBB A,B; Subtract A and B
30.JNZ NEXT; If the above is nonzero, go to NEXT
31.INC R1; Increase R1 for the next iteration
32.DEC R0; Decrease R0 for the next iteration
33.
34.DJNZ R2,CHECK; Perform CHECK R2 times
35.MOV 40H, #01H; If performed CHECK R2 times, move 01 to 40H
36.JMP EXIT; Jump to the EXIT
38.NEXT: MOV 40H, #0FFH; A and B found unequal, change 40H to FF and exit
39.EXIT:; End the program
40.END
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Part 3

- 1. MOV 30H, #247; Store the number in 247
- 2. MOV A,30H; Move the number to accumulator
- 3. MOV B, #10; Store 10 in B
- 4. DIV AB; Divide A by 10
- 5. MOV R0,B; Store the remainder in R0
- 6. MOV B, #10; Store 10 in B
- 7. DIV AB; Divide A by 10 again
- 8. MOV 40H, A; Store the 100s digit in A
- 9. MOV A,B; Shift the 10s digit to A
- 10.MOV B,#16; Set B to 16
- 11.MUL AB; Multiply 16 to the 10s digit
- 12.ADD A,R0; Add the initial remainder to A
- 13.MOV 41H,A; Move this to 41H
- 14.END

Screenshots

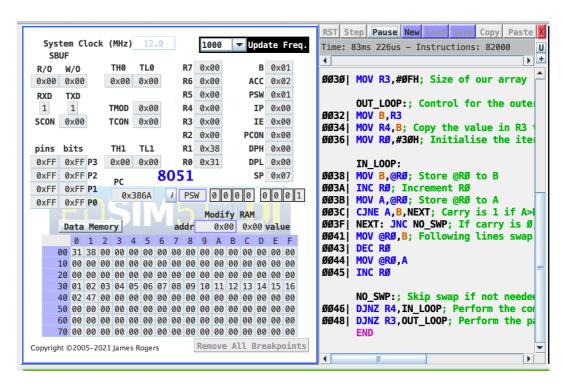


Fig. 1: Corresponding to Part 1. We can observe the sorted sequence from 30H to 3FH.

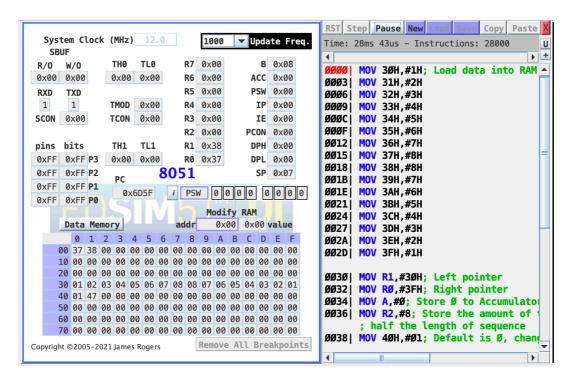


Fig. 2: Screenshot for Part 2. We can see the palindrome from 30H to 3FH and the result in 40H.

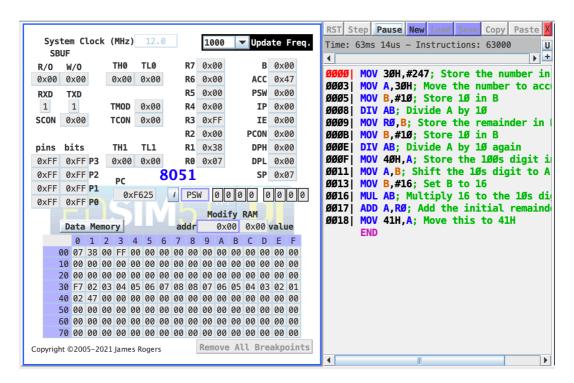


Fig. 3: Screenshot for Part 3. Line 0 shows 247 is the number to be represented, 40H and 41H display the representation.

Results

- 1. An array sorted in ascending order is obtained.
- 2.40H acts as a flag and tells us if we've found a palindrome. The value at 40H is 01H if a palindrome is found and FFH if it isn't.
- 3. The required HEX number was displayed as BCD on 40H and 41H.

Discussion

- 1. There are multiple sort algorithms available for our task. Due to the small number of inputs at hand, $O(N^2)$ sorting algorithms such as Bubble Sort, Insertion Sort and Selection Sort work well here. We use Bubble sort due to its ease of implementation but it's possible for other algorithms to offer a better constant for the time complexity. We have O(Nlog(N)) time complexity sorting algorithms as well, but we don't use them here because of implementational difficulty as well as larger overheads which dominate the time taken for small values of N such as 16.
 - We employ the CJNE instruction with JNC to decide whether a swap needs to happen or not and use the DJNZ instruction to perform the INNER_LOOP and OUTER_LOOP both 16 times.
- 2. Our algorithm works only for the even case, but it can very easily be modified for the odd case as well by pre-calculating how many iterations of checking are needed. In most cases, less than N/2 are needed since our algorithm breaks at the first loss of equality. We use the SUBB and JNZ instruction to check equality of A and B where the two values from the maintained pointers are kept. DJNZ instruction is used to loop.
- 3. Here we display a BCD number on a space which supports only HEX representation. We do this by separating the digits of the 3 digit number abc. We store a directly in 40H since a < 10 implies it's the same in BCD and HEX. Now since we need to display bc in HEX, we store y in 41H where y is bc in HEX, which means y = 16b + c.

Summary

In this assignment, we explore basic control flow functionality in 8081 Microcontroller Assembly Language. We perform sorting in $O(N^2)$, palindrome check in O(N) and BCD to HEX conversion in O(1).