

1. Write a function in ARM Cortex-M4 assembly language to calculate the area of a circle. Write a C program to test your function. The function prototype is:

```
float CircleArea(float radius) ;

    CircleArea: // S0 = radius
        VMUL.F32    S0,S0,S0      // S0 = radius * radius
        VLDR        S1,pi        // S1 = 3.14159
        VMUL.F32    S0,S0,S1      // S0 = 3.14159*radius*radius
        BX          LR

    pi:         .float 3.14159
```

2. Write a function in ARM Cortex-M4 assembly language to compute the dot product of two vectors. Write a C program to test your function. The function prototype is:

```
float DotProduct(float vec1[], float vec2[], int32_t len) ;
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DotProduct: // R0 = &vec1[0], R1 = &vec2[0], R2 = len
    VSUB.F32   S0,S0,S0      // sum = 0.0
    L1:        CBZ   R2,L2      // Done if len == 0
        VLDR    S1,[R0]       // S1 = *vec1
        ADD     R0,R0,4       // vec1++
        VLDR    S2,[R1]       // S2 = *vec2
        ADD     R1,R1,4       // vec2++
        VMLA.F32 S0,S1,S2      // sum += S1*S2
        SUB     R2,R2,1       // items--
        B       L1           // repeat
    L2:        BX          LR      // return
```

Faster if replaced by:

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VLDmia  R0!,{S1}
VLDmia  R1!,{S2}
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6. Write a function in assembly language to compute the arithmetic mean (average) of an array of floating-point values, given by:

$$\text{Mean } (\sigma) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i$$

Write a C program to test your function. The function prototype is:

```
float Mean(float x[], uint32_t n) ;
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Mean:      // R0 = &x[0], R1 = n (assume n > 0)
    VSUB    S0,S0,S0      // sum = 0.0
    VCVT.F32.U32 S2,R1      // S2 ← (float) n
loop:      CBZ   R1,done
    VLDMIA R0!,{S1}      // S1 ← x[i]
    VADD.F32 S0,S0,S1      // sum += x[i]
    SUB     R1,R1,1       // n ← n - 1
    B       loop          // repeat
done:      VDIV.F32 S0,S0,S2      // average = sum/n
    BX          LR      // return
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8. The standard deviation of a set of values is the square root of their variance. Consider the following function that computes the standard deviation. Draw a clock cycle timing diagram similar to **Error! Reference source not found.** and determine the worst-case number of clock cycles required to execute the three instructions of the function:

```
// void StdDev(float var, float *result) ;
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StdDev:  VSQRT  S0,S0      // S0 = Std. Dev.
          VSTR   S0,[R0]    // Store result
          BX     LR
```

clock cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
VSQRT	F	D	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		
VSTR		F	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	E	
BX			F	D	E	E										

F = “Fetch phase”, D = “Decode phase”, E = “Execute phase”, S = “Stall phase”

Notes:

- (1) The VSTR cannot complete its execute phase until the result is available from the VSQRT. However, the BX does not depend on either of the previous two instructions and can thus proceed without waiting. Ultimately, the result stored by the VSTR will be used wherever the function was called when it tries to reference the result, and then that's where the stall will occur again.
- (2) I can't find any documentation about this, but it's quite possible that the BX instruction will also stall, simply because it would become a complex hardware design for the hardware to know what the instruction at the destination of the branch will be and thus whether or not it will need the result of the VSTR. If the BX does stall, its execute phase would begin at clock cycle 16 in the above figure.