

		AREA power, CODE, READONLY	
		ENTRY	
		;constants	
x		EQU	2
n		EQU	5
MAIN	MOV	r0, #n	;loads value of n to r0
LDR from memory			
	MOV	r1, #x	;load value of x to r1
LDR from memory			
	ADR	sp, Stack	;Points sp to
stack location			
	STMFD	sp!, {r0,r1}	;push x and n onto
stack			
	SUB	sp, sp, #4	;allocate
space for return call			
	BL	PWR	;link to
function			
	LDR	r4, [sp]	;final value
	STR	result, r4	;store it in result
ILOOP B	ILOOP		
PWR	SUB	sp, sp, #4	;Create Stack Frame
	STR	fp, [sp]	;push frame
pointer onto stack			
	MOV	fp, sp	;frame pointer points
to the base			
	STMFD	sp!, {r0-r4,lr}	;pushes value of r0 and link
register onto stack			
		; int n;	
	LDR	r0, [fp,#8]	
		; int x;	
	LDR	r2, [fp,#12]	
	CMP	r0, #0	;checks if base
case 0 is reached			
	MOVEQ	r1, #1	;If reached,
move 1 into r1 (result reg)			
	SUB	sp, sp, #12	
	BEQ	return	;if base, pop

		;	if (n & 1)	
is 1)		ANDS	r3, r0, #1	;checks if odd (last bit
even		BEQ	EVEN	;branch to
by 1		SUB	r0, r0, #1	;decerement n
stack {x,n}		STMFD	sp!, {r2,r0}	;push x and n onto
space for return call		SUB	sp, sp, #4	;allocate
		BL	PWR	
		LDR	r4, [sp]	;load value
		MUL	r1, r4, r0	;r1 = x*power(x,n-1)
return		B	return	;branch to
EVEN	ASR		r0, r0, #1	;if not base case, n >> 1 (half)
n >> 1)		B	PWR	;call power(x,
and square it		MUL	r2, r1, r1	;take return value y
stack {x,n}		STMFD	sp!, {r2,r0}	;push x and n onto
space for return call		SUB	sp, sp, #4	;allocate
		BL	PWR	;recursive call
		LDR	r4, [sp]	;load value
store y*y in r1		MUL	r1, r4, r4	;y = return value,
return	STR		r1, [fp, #4]	;
		ADD	sp, sp, #12	
		LDMFD	sp!, {r0-r4, lr}	
		MOV	sp, fp	;restore stack pointer
from stack		LDR	fp, [sp]	;restore old frame pointer
down by 4 bytes		ADD	sp, sp, #4	;move stack pointer
into pc		MOV	pc, lr	;return by loading lr

AREA power, DATA, READWRITE  
ENTRY

Stack result      DCD                    0x00  
                         DCD            0x1000

END

Stack Frame

-	return value
	n
	x
	r0
	r1
	r2
	r3
	r4
	link register
+	frame pointer

How many stack frames needed to calculate  $x^n$ ?

N	STACK FRAMES
0	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	4
5	5
6	5
7	6
8	5
9	6
10	6
11	7
12	6