

Assignment 5

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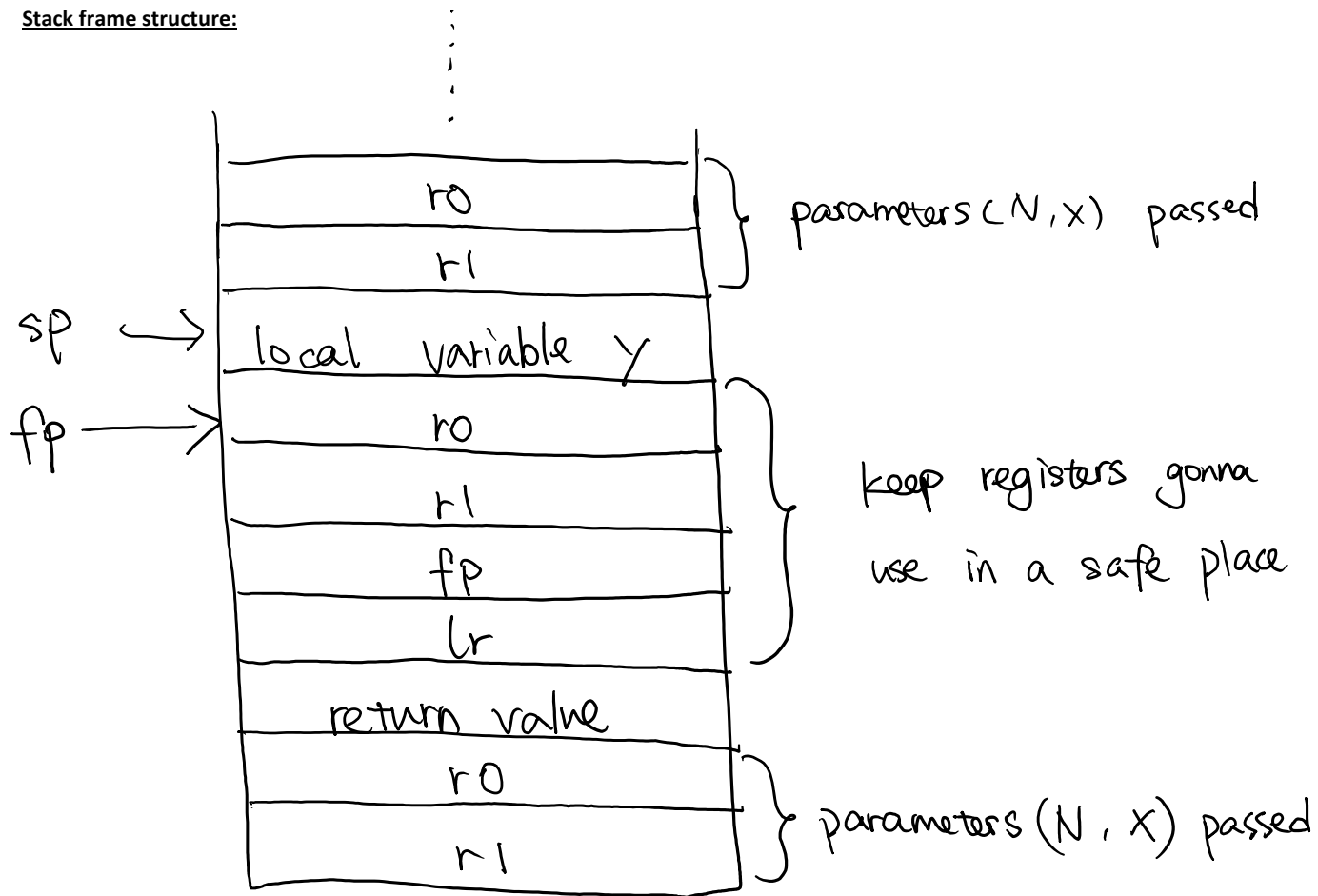
Code:

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ENTRY

N		EQU 4		;define N=4
X		EQU 3		;define X=2
		MOV r0,#X		;load the value of x into r0
		MOV r1,#N		;load the value of n into r1
		ADR sp,Stack		;let sp points to the top of the stack
		STMFD sp!, {r0,r1}		;pass x and n as parameters by pushing them onto stack
		SUB sp, sp, #4		;reserve space for the return RESULT
		BL POWER		;call power function
		LDR r2, [sp], #12		;load return value into r2 and deallocate the stack
		ADR r3, RESULT		;let r3 points to RESULT
		STR r2, [r3]		;store return value of POWER in RESULT
EXIT		B EXIT		;end of the program
POWER		STMFD sp!, {r0,r1, fp, lr}		;push registers to be used, fp and lr to the Stack
		MOV fp, sp		;let frame pointer points to the top of the stack
		SUB sp, sp, #4		;reserve space in the stack for local variable y
		LDR r1, [fp, #24]		;load parameter n to r1
		CMP r1, #0		;base case, check if n is 0
		MOVEQ r1, #1		;if n is 0, return 1
		BEQ RETURN		;then also branch to RETURN
		LDR r0, [fp, #20]		;if n is not 0, continue to load parameter x that was passed
		TST r1, #2_00000001		;use last bit of n to test if n is even or odd
		BNE ODD		;if last bit of n is 1, n is odd, branch to ODD
		BEQ EVEN		;if last bit of n is 0, n is even, branch to EVEN
EVEN		ASR r1, #1		;divide n by 2, using arithmetic right shifting by 1
		STMFD sp!, {r0,r1}		;pass x and n parameters by pushing them onto stack
		SUB sp, sp, #4		;reserve a space on the Stack for the return value
		BL POWER		;call power function
		LDR r0, [fp, #-16]		;get returned value from above recursive call to POWER
		STR r0, [fp, #-4]		;store returned value in local variable y on the stack
		MUL r1, r0, r0		;multiply y by y and store result into r1
		B RETURN		;branch to RETURN
ODD		SUB r1, r1, #1		;decrement n by 1
		STMFD sp!, {r0,r1}		;pass x and n parameters by pushing them onto the Stack
		SUB sp, sp, #4		;reserve a space on the Stack for the return value
		BL POWER		;call power function
		LDR r1, [fp, #-16]		;get return value from above recursive call to POWER
		MUL r1, r0, r1		;multiply x by previous returned value, which is in r1, and store result in r1
RETURN		STR r1, [fp, #16]		;store value in r1 to the return value location on stack
		MOV sp, fp		;deallocate the stack frame
		LDMFD sp!, {r0,r1,fp,pc}		;restore modified registers along with fp, and move lr into pc
		space 0x200		;reserve space for stack
Stack		DCD 0x00		;top of the stack
RESULT		DCD 0x00		;reserve space to store final result

END

Stack frame structure:



Question: How many stack frames are needed to calculate x^n , when $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11$, and 12 ?

Answer:

Value of n	Number of stack frames needed
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12