

## 5.5) Branch Instruction

- changes control flow by adding an offset to the PC
- format:  $B \{cond\} \text{ label}$ 
  - assembler replaces with pc-relative offset
  - only execute if condition true

- condition code suffixes:

EQ equal (to zero)

NE not equal

GT greater than

GE greater than or equal

LT less than

LE less than or equal

PL plus ( $\geq 0$ )

MI minus ( $< 0$ )

} signed      HI  
                 HS  
                 LO  
                 LS

} unsigned (equivalent to  
                  GT, GE, LT, LE  
                  respectively)

e.g. SUBS r2, r2, #1 //  $r2 \leftarrow [r2] - 1$   
      BGT Loop // Go to Loop if  $r2 > 0$

## 5.6) Pre- and Post-indexed Addressing

- applies to LDR and STR

- pre-indexed:  $\langle op \rangle \{size\} \{cond\} R_t, [R_n, \#offset]!$  → pre indexed

- the offset is added to the address in  $R_n$ , then the memory access is performed and  $R_n$  is updated

e.g. LDR r1, [r0, #4]!

//  $r1 \leftarrow [r0] + 4$ ,  $r0 \leftarrow [r0] + 4$

- post-indexed:  $\langle op \rangle \{size\} \{cond\} R_t, [R_n], \#offset$

- the memory access is performed with the address in  $R_n$ , then  $R_n$  is updated by adding the offset.

e.g. LDR r1, [r0], #4

//  $r1 \leftarrow [r0]$ ,  $r0 \leftarrow [r0] + 4$

## 5.7) Compare Instructions

- compares two operands and sets the condition flags (N, Z, C, V)  
but does not save to a destination register

- CMP {cond} Rn, OperandZ

e.g. CMP r1, #1      if  $r1 = 1, N \leftarrow 0, Z \leftarrow 0, C \leftarrow 1, V \leftarrow 0$   
                          //  $N, Z, C, V \in [r1] - 1$       but r1 is not changed

- CMN {cond} Rn, Operand2 // compare negative

- compares [Rn] and ~Operand2

- test: TST {cond} Rn, Operand2

- performs bit-wise AND and updates flags

e.g. TST r1, #0x00008000

// N,Z,C,V & [r1] • 2\_0000 0000 0000 0000 + 0000 0000 0000 0000 = 0000 0000 0000 0000

- test equal: TEQ {cond} Rn, Operand2

- performs bit-wise XOR and updates flags

- compare & branch: Cmp > Rn, label

- op = CBZ: compare equal to 0

CBNE: compare not equal to zero

- Compares [Rn] with zero and decides on branch

CBZ Rn, label = { CMP Rn, #0      CBNE Rn, label = { CMP Rn, #0  
                  BZQ label            BNE label }

## 5.8) If-Else

e.g. if(x==0)

    y++;

else

    y--;

// x is r0, y is r1

CBZ r0, ADD\_

SUB r2, r1, #2

AND\_ ADD r1, r1, #1

with branching

CMP r0, #0

ADDEQ r1, r1, #1

SUBNE r2, r1, #1

without branching

## Subroutine

### 1) The Stack

- LIFO

- each thread/process has a call stack growing from high to low memory addresses

- used for local variables and parameter passing

- typical memory map (32-bit addressing)

0x0000 0000

text

0x0000 0000

data

0x1000 0000

heap

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Stack

0xFFFF FFFF

0x1000 0200

- r13 (alias sp) is the stack pointer

- push [r0] onto stack

STR r0, [sp, #-4]!

- pop from stack into r0:

LDR r0, [sp], #4