

CS270 Recitation 7

“LC-3 Programming Introduction”

Goals

1. To learn how to write a basic LC-3 program with functions, conditionals, and a loop.
2. To learn how to use the LC-3 assembler and simulator to debug assembly code.

The Assignment

Make a subdirectory called R7 for the recitation, all files should reside in this subdirectory. Copy the file from the link to the R7 directory, a listing of the code with some comments removed is shown below.

<http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~cs270/CurrentSemester/recitations/R7/R7.asm>

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.ORIG x3000
BR Main

; A jump table defined as an array of addresses
Functions      .FILL IntAdd      ; address of add      (option 0)
               .FILL IntSub      ; address of subtract (option 1)
               .FILL IntMul      ; address of multiply (option 2)

Main           LEA R0,Functions   ; get base of jump table
               LD  R1,Option      ; get option to use, no error checking
               ADD R0,R0,R1       ; add index of array
               LDR R0,R0,#0       ; get address of function
               JSRR R0            ; call selected function
               HALT

; Parameters and return values for all functions
Option         .BLKW 1           ; which function to call
Param1         .BLKW 1           ; space to specify first parameter
Param2         .BLKW 1           ; space to specify second parameter
Result        .BLKW 1           ; space to store result

; End reserved section: do not change ANYTHING in reserved section!
;-----
IntAdd         ; Your code goes here
               ; Solution has ~4 instructions
               RET

;-----
IntSub         ; Your code goes here
               ; Solution has ~6 instructions
               RET

;-----
IntMul         ; Your code goes here
               ; Solution has ~9 instructions
               RET
.END
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1) Use the LC-3 assembler to transform your assembly code into object code that can run on the LC-3 simulator:

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$ ~cs270/lc3tools/lc3as R7.asm
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2) Load the LC-3 simulator and the TA will help you step through an invocation of one of the LC-3 subroutines:

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$ ~cs270/lc3tools/lc3sim-tk &
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3) Implement the IntAdd subroutine, using the following algorithm:

- Load the Param1 parameter into a register
- Load the Param2 parameter into a register
- Add the registers storing Param1 and Param2 into another register
- Store the result into the Result memory location and return

4) Test the IntAdd subroutine in the simulator using Option = 0, Param1 = 0x1234, and Param2 = 0x3456. The answer in Result should be 0x468A. Try a negative value as well.

5) Implement the IntSub subroutine, which is a clone of IntAdd, however you must negate the second operand before the addition. Use the 2's complement to do this, as follows:

- Negate the register storing Param2
- Increment Param2 using an immediate add

6) Test the IntSub subroutine in the simulator using Option = 1, Param1 = 0x8765, and Param2 = 0x3456. The answer in Result should be 0x530F.

7) Implement the IntMul subroutine, using the following algorithm:

- Initialize a register for the result to zero
- Load the Param1 parameter into a register
- If zero, go to the exit code
- Load the Param2 parameter into a register
- If zero, go to the exit code
- In a loop, add the Param1 to the result, and decrement Param2
- Continue in the loop while Param2 is positive
- In the exit code store the Result value and return

7) Test the IntMul subroutine in the simulator, using Option = 2, Param1 = 0x1234, and Param2 = 0x0003. The answer in Result should be 0x369C. Try a negative value as well.

8) Submit to the drop box in RamCT for Recitation 7 and show your code to the TA.