

Chapter 6

8088/8086 Microprocessor Programming 2

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6.1 Flag Control Instructions- Loading, Storing, and Modifying Flags

- Variety of flag control instructions provide support for loading, saving, and modifying content of the flags register
 - LAHF/SAHF → Load/store control flags
 - CLC/STC/CMC → Modify carry flag
 - CLI/STI → Modify interrupt flag
- Modifying the carry flag—CLC/STC/CMC
 - Used to initialize the carry flag
 - Clear carry flag
CLC
 $0 \rightarrow (CF)$
 - Set carry flag
STC
 $1 \rightarrow (CF)$
 - Complement carry flag
CMC
 $(CF^*) \rightarrow (CF)$ * stands for overbar (NOT)
- Modifying the interrupt flag—CLI/STI
 - Used to turn on/off external hardware interrupts
 - Clear interrupt flag
CLC
 $0 \rightarrow (CF)$ Disable interrupts
 - Set interrupt flag
STC

Mnemonic	Meaning	Operation	Flags affected
LAHF	Load AH from flags	$(AH) \leftarrow (\text{Flags})$	None
SAHF	Store AH into flags	$(\text{Flags}) \leftarrow (AH)$	SF,ZF,AF,PF,CF
CLC	Clear carry flag	$(CF) \leftarrow 0$	CF
STC	Set carry flag	$(CF) \leftarrow 1$	CF
CMC	Complement carry flag	$(CF) \leftarrow (\overline{CF})$	CF
CLI	Clear interrupt flag	$(IF) \leftarrow 0$	IF
STI	Set interrupt flag	$(IF) \leftarrow 1$	IF

6.1 Flag Control Instructions- Debug Example

```
C:\DOS>DEBUG
-A
1342:0100 CLC
1342:0101 STC
1342:0102 CMC
1342:0103
-R F
NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC -CY
-R F
NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO CY -
-T

AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=1342 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=1342 IP=0101 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
1342:0101 F9 STC
-T

AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=1342 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=1342 IP=0102 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO CY
1342:0102 F5 CMC
-T

AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=1342 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=1342 IP=0103 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
1342:0103 8AFF MOV BH,BH
-Q

C:\DOS>
```

- Debug flag notation
 - $CF \rightarrow CY = 1, NC = 0$
- Example—Execution of carry flag modification instructions
 - $CY=1 \rightarrow$ initial state
 - CLC** ;Clear carry flag
 - STC** ;Set carry flag
 - CMC** ;Complement carry flag

6.1 Flag Control Instructions- Loading and Storing the Flags Register



SF = Sign flag
 ZF = Zero flag
 AF = Auxiliary
 PF = Parity flag
 CF = Carry flag
 - = Undefined (do not use)

- Format of the flags in the AH register
 - All loads and stores of flags take place through the AH register
 - B0 = CF
 - B2 = PF
 - B4 = AF
 - B6 = ZF
 - B7 = SF
- Load the AH register with the content of the flags registers

LAHF
(Flags) → (AH)
Flags unchanged
- Store the content of AH into the flags register

SAHF
(AH) → (Flags)
SF,ZF,AF,PF,CF → updated
- Application—saving a copy of the flags in memory and initializing with new values from memory


```

LAHF           ;Load of flags into AH
MOV [MEM1],AH ;Save old flags at address MEM1
MOV AH,[MEM2] ;Read new flags from MEM2 into AH
SAHF          ;Store new flags in flags register
      
```

6.1 Flag Control Instructions- Debug Example

```
C:\DOS>DEBUG
-A 0:0110
0000:0110 LAHF
0000:0111 MOV [0150],AH
0000:0115 MOV AH,[0151]
0000:0119 SAHF
0000:011A
-E 0:150 FF 01
-R CS
CS 1342
:0
-R IP
IP 0100
:0110
-R DS
DS 1342
:0
-R
AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0000 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=0000 IP=0110 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0000:0110 9F LAHF
-T

AX=0200 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0000 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=0000 IP=0111 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0000:0111 88265001 MOV [0150],AH DS:0150=FF
-T

AX=0200 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0000 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=0000 IP=0115 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0000:0115 8A265101 MOV AH,[0151] DS:0151=01
-D 150 151
0000:0150 02 01
-T

AX=0100 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0000 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=0000 IP=0119 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0000:0119 9E SAHF
-T

AX=0100 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0000 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=0000 IP=011A NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO CY
0000:011A 00F0 ADD AL,DH
-Q

C:\DOS>
```

Example—Execution of the flag save and initialization sequence

Other flag notation:

Flag = 1/0

SF = NG/PL

ZF = ZR/NZ

AF = AC/NA

PF = PE/PO

6.2 Compare Instruction- Instruction Format and Operation

- Compare instruction
 - Used to compare two values of data and update the state of the flags to reflect their relationship
 - General format:
CMP D,S
 - Operation: Compares the content of the source to the destination; updates flags based on result
 - (D) - (S) → Flags updated to reflect relationship
 - Source and destination contents unchanged
 - Allowed operand variations:
 - Values in two registers
 - Values in a memory location and a register
 - Immediate source operand and a value in a register or memory
 - Allows SW to perform conditional control flow—typically testing of a flag by jump instruction
 - ZF = 1 → D = S = Equal
 - ZF = 0, CF = 1 → D < S = Unequal, less than
 - ZF = 0, CF = 0 → D > S = Unequal, greater than

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation	Flags affected
CMP	Compare	CMP D,S	(D) - (S) is used in setting or resetting the flags	CF,AF,OF,PF,SF,ZF

(a)

Destination	Source
Register	Register
Register	Memory
Memory	Register
Register	Immediate
Memory	Immediate
Accumulator	Immediate

(b)

6.2 Compare Instruction- Compare Example

- Example:

```
MOV AX,1234H    ;Initialize AX
MOV BX,ABCDH    ;Initialize BX
CMP AX,BX       ;Compare AX-BX
```

Instruction	ZF	SF	CF	AF	OF	PF
Initial state	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOV AX,1234H	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOV BX,0ABCDH	0	0	0	0	0	0
CMP AX,BX	0	0	1	1	0	0

- Initialization of data registers AX and BX with immediate data:

IMM16 → (AX) = 1234H

IMM16 → (BX) = ABCDH

- Compare computation performed as:

(AX) = 0001001000110100₂

(BX) = 1010101111001101₂

(AX) – (BX) = 0001001000110100₂ - 1010101111001101₂

ZF = 0 = NZ

SF = 0 = PL → treats operands as signed numbers

CF = 1 = CY

AF = 1 = AC

OF = 0 = NV

PF = 0 = PO

6.2 Compare Instruction- Listing and Debug Execution

```

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        STACK_SEG   SEGMENT      STACK 'STACK'
0000      DB          64 DUP(?)
0000      40 [
           ??
           ]

        STACK_SEG   ENDS

        CODE_SEG    SEGMENT      'CODE'
0000      EX66      PROC        FAR
0000      ASSUME   CS:CODE_SEG, SS:STACK_SEG

;To return to DEBUG program put return address on the stack

0000      1E          PUSH     DS
0001      B8 0000    MOV      AX, 0
0004      50          PUSH     AX

;Following code implements Example 6.6

0005      B8 1234    MOV      AX, 1234H
0008      BB ABCD    MOV      BX, 0ABCDH
000B      3B C3      CMP      AX, BX

000D      CB          RET      ;Return to DEBUG program
000E      ENDP

        CODE_SEG    ENDS

000E      END      EX66
    
```

C:\DOS>DEBUG A:EX66.EXE

```

-U 0 D
0F50:0000 1E          PUSH     DS
0F50:0001 B80000    MOV      AX,0000
0F50:0004 50          PUSH     AX
0F50:0005 B83412    MOV      AX,1234
0F50:0008 BCDAB     MOV      BX,ABCD
0F50:000B 3BC3     CMP      AX,BX
0F50:000D CB          RETF
-G B
    
```

```

AX=1234  BX=ABCD  CX=000E  DX=0000  SP=003C  BP=0000  SI=0000  DI=0000
DS=0F40  ES=0F40  SS=0F51  CS=0F50  IP=000B  NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0F50:000B 3BC3     CMP      AX,BX
-T
    
```

```

AX=1234  BX=ABCD  CX=000E  DX=0000  SP=003C  BP=0000  SI=0000  DI=0000
DS=0F40  ES=0F40  SS=0F51  CS=0F50  IP=000D  NV UP EI PL NZ AC PO CY
0F50:000D CB          RETF
-G
    
```

Program terminated normally

-Q

C:\DOS>

Segments and groups:

Name	Size	align	combine	class
CODE_SEG	000E	PARA	NONE	'CODE'
STACK_SEG	0040	PARA	STACK	'STACK'

Symbols:

Name	Type	Value	Attr
EX66	F PROC	0000	CODE_SEG Length =000E

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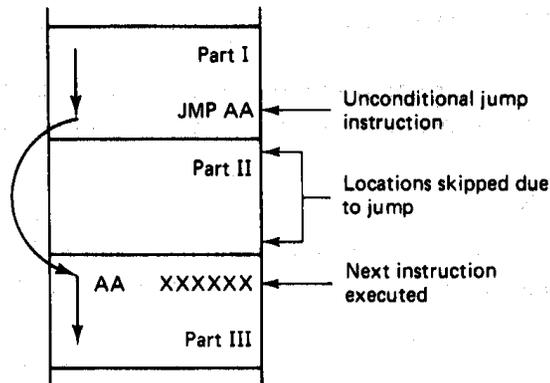
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6.3 Jump Instructions- Unconditional and Conditional Jump Control Flow

- Jump operation alters the execution path of the instructions in the program—flow control

- **Unconditional Jump**

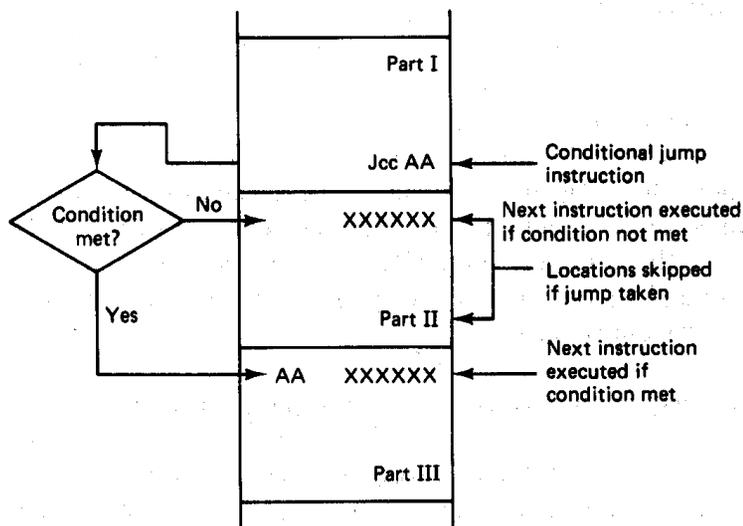
- Always takes place
- No status requirements are imposed
- Example
 - JMP AA instructions in Part I executed
 - Control passed to next instruction identified by AA in Part III
 - Instructions in Part II skipped



(a)

- **Conditional jump**

- May or may not take place
- Status conditions must be satisfied
- Example
 - Jcc AA instruction in Part 1 executed
 - Conditional relationship specified by cc is evaluated
 - If conditions met, jump takes place and control is passed to next instruction identified by AA in Part III
 - Otherwise, execution continues sequentially with first instruction in Part II
- Condition cc specifies a relationship of status flags such as CF, PF, ZF, etc.



(b)

6.3 Jump Instructions- Unconditional Jump Instruction

Unconditional jump instruction

- Implements the unconditional jump operation needed by:
 - Branch program control flow structures
 - Loop program control flow structures

General format:

JMP Operand

Types of unconditional jumps

- Intra-segment—branch to address is located in the current code segment
 - Only IP changes value
 - short-label
 - 8-bit signed displacement coded into the instruction
 - Immediate addressing
 - Range equal -126 to $+129$
 - New address computed as:
(Current IP) + short-label \rightarrow (IP)

Jump to address = (Current CS) + (New IP)

- near-label
 - 16-bit signed displacement coded in the instruction

Example

JMP 1234H

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation	Affected flags
JMP	Unconditional jump	JMP Operand	Jump is initiated to the address specified by the operand	None

(a)

Operands
Short-label
Near-label
Far-label
Memptr16
Regptr16
Memptr32

(b)

6.3 Jump Instructions- **regptr16** Unconditional Jump Example

```
C:\DOS>DEBUG
-A
1342:0100 JMP BX
1342:0102
-R BX
BX 0000
:10
-R
AX=0000 BX=0010 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=1342 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=1342 IP=0100 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
1342:0100 FFE3 JMP BX
-T
AX=0000 BX=0010 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=1342 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=1342 IP=0010 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
1342:0010 8B09 MOV CX,[BX+DI] DS:0010=098B
-Q
C:\DOS>
```

- **regptr16**
 - 16-bit value of IP specified as the content of a register
 - Register addressing
 - Operation:
(BX) → (IP)

Jump to address = (Current CS(0)) + (New IP)

- **Example**
1342:0100 JMP BX

Prior to execution

(IP) = 0100H

(BX) = 0010H

After execution

(IP) = 0010H

Address of next instruction

(CS:IP) = 1342:0010

6.3 Jump Instructions- memptr16 Unconditional Jump Example

- memptr16
 - 16-bit value of IP specified as the content of a storage location in memory
 - Register indirect addressing

- Example

1342:0100 JMP [BX]

Prior to execution

(IP) = 0100H

(DS) = 1342H

(BX) = 1000H

(DS:BX) = (1342H:1000H) = 0200H

After execution

(IP) = 0200H

Next instruction

(CS:IP) = 1342:0200H

```
C:\DOS>DEBUG
-A
1342:0100 JMP [BX]
1342:0102
-R BX
BX 0000
:1000
-E 1000 00 02
-D 1000 1001
1342:1000 00 02
-R
AX=0000 BX=1000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=1342 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=1342 IP=0100 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
1342:0100 FF27 JMP [BX] DS:1000=0200
-T
AX=0000 BX=1000 CX=0000 DX=0000 SP=FFEE BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=1342 ES=1342 SS=1342 CS=1342 IP=0200 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
1342:0200 4D DEC BP
-Q
```

6.3 Jump Instructions- Intersegment Unconditional Jump Operation

- Intersegment—branch to address is located in another code segment
 - Both CS and IP change values
 - far-label
 - 32-bit immediate operand coded into the instruction
 - New address computed as:
 - 1st 16 bits → (IP)
 - 2nd 16 bits → (CS)
 - memptr32
 - 32-bit value specified in memory
 - Memory indirect addressing
 - Example
JMP DWORD PTR [DI]
 - Operation:
 - (DS:DI) → new IP
 - (DS:DI +2) → new CS
- Jump to address = (New CS):(New IP)
- Jump to address = (New CS):(New IP)

6.3 Jump Instructions- Conditional Jump Instruction

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation	Flags affected
Jcc	Conditional jump	Jcc Operand	If the specified condition cc is true the jump to the address specified by the operand is initiated; otherwise the next instruction is executed.	None

(a)

Mnemonic	Meaning	Condition
JA	above	CF = 0 and ZF = 0
JAЕ	above or equal	CF = 0
JB	below	CF = 1
JBE	below or equal	CF = 1 or ZF = 1
JC	carry	CF = 1
JCXZ	CX register is zero	(CF or ZF) = 0
JE	equal	ZF = 1
JG	greater	ZF = 0 and SF = OF
JGE	greater or equal	SF = OF
JL	less	(SF xor OF) = 1
JLE	less or equal	((SF xor OF) or ZF) = 1
JNA	not above	CF = 1 or ZF = 1
JNAE	not above nor equal	CF = 1
JNB	not below	CF = 0
JNBE	not below nor equal	CF = 0 and ZF = 0
JNC	not carry	CF = 0
JNE	not equal	ZF = 0
JNG	not greater	((SF xor OF) or ZF) = 1
JNGE	not greater nor equal	(SF xor OF) = 1
JNL	not less	SF = OF
JNLE	not less nor equal	ZF = 0 and SF = OF
JNO	not overflow	OF = 0
JNP	not parity	PF = 0
JNS	not sign	SF = 0
JNZ	not zero	ZF = 0
JO	overflow	OF = 1
JP	parity	PF = 1
JPE	parity even	PF = 1
JPO	parity odd	PF = 0
JS	sign	SF = 1
JZ	zero	ZF = 1

(b)

- **Condition jump instruction**
 - Implements the conditional jump operation
 - **General format:**
Jcc Operand
 - cc = one of the supported conditional relationships
 - Supports the same operand types as unconditional jump
 - **Operation: Flags tested for conditions defined by cc and:**
If cc test True:
 - IP, or IP and CS are updated with new value
 - Jump is taken
 - Execution resumes at jump to target address
 If cc test False:
 - IP, or IP and CS are unchanged
 - Jump is not taken
 - Execution continues with the next sequential instruction
 - **Examples of conditional tests:**
 JC = jump on carry → CF = 1
 JPE/JP = jump on parity even → PF = 1
 JE/JZ = jump on equal → ZF = 1

6.3 Jump Instructions- Branch Program Structures

```

CMP  AX, BX
JE   EQUAL
---  ---
; Next instruction if (AX) ≠ (BX)

JMP  END
EQUAL: ---
; Next instruction if (AX) = (BX)

END: ---

```

- **Example—IF-THEN-ELSE comparing values**
 - One of the most widely used flow control program structure
 - Implemented with **CMP**, **JE**, and **JMP** instructions
 - **Operation**
 - **AX** compared to **BX** to update flags
 - **JE** tests for **ZF = 1**
 - If **(AX) ≠ (BX)**; **ZF = 0** → **THEN** path—next sequential instruction is executed
 - If **(AX) = (BX)**; **ZF = 1** → **ELSE** path—instruction pointed to by **EQUAL** executes
 - **JMP** instruction used in **THEN** path to bypass the **ELSE** path when

6.3 Jump Instructions- Program Applying Branching

```

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0000          STACK_SEG      SEGMENT      STACK 'STACK'
0000 40 [          DB          64 DUP(?)
    ]
0040          STACK_SEG      ENDS

0000          CODE_SEG       SEGMENT      'CODE'
0000 EX610 PROC FAR
    ASSUME CS:CODE_SEG, SS:STACK_SEG
;To return to DEBUG program put return address on the stack
0000 1E          PUSH DS
0001 B8 0000     MOV AX, 0
0004 50          PUSH AX
;Following code implements Example 6.10
0005 3B C3      CMP AX, BX
0007 72 07      JC DIFF2
0009 8B D0      DIFF1: MOV DX, AX
000B 2B D3      SUB DX, BX ; DX = AX - BX
000D EB 05 90   JMP DONE
0010 8B D3      DIFF2: MOV DX, BX
0012 2B D0      SUB DX, AX ; DX = BX - AX
0014 90          DONE: NOP
0015 CB          RET ;Return to DEBUG program
0016 EX610 ENDP
0016          CODE_SEG       ENDS
END EX610

```

Segments and groups:

Name	Size	align	combine	class
CODE_SEG	0016	PARA	NONE	'CODE'
STACK_SEG	0040	PARA	STACK	'STACK'

Symbols:

Name	Type	Value	Attr
DIFF1	L NEAR	0009	CODE_SEG
DIFF2	L NEAR	0010	CODE_SEG
DONE	L NEAR	0014	CODE_SEG
EX610	F PROC	0000	CODE_SEG Length =0016

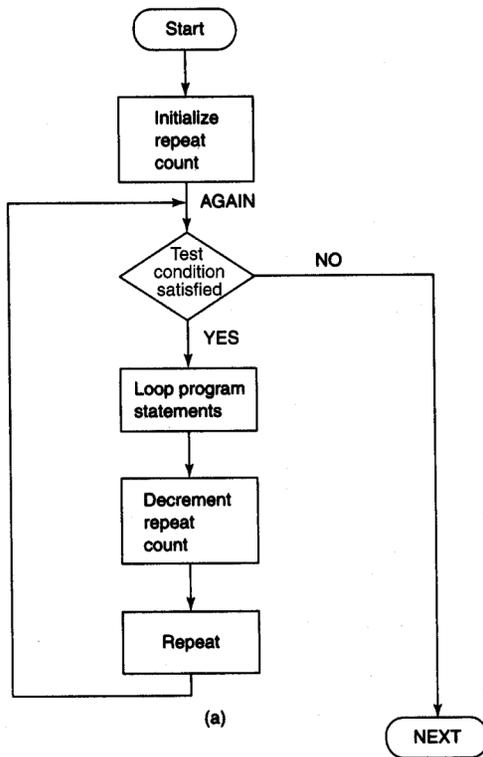
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C:\DOS>DEBUG A:EX610.EXE
-U 0 15
0D03:0000 1E          PUSH DS
0D03:0001 B80000     MOV AX,0000
0D03:0004 50          PUSH AX
0D03:0005 3BC3      CMP AX,BX
0D03:0007 7207      JB 0010
0D03:0009 8BD0     MOV DX,AX
0D03:000B 2BD3     SUB DX,BX
0D03:000D EB05     JMP 0014
0D03:000F 90          NOP
0D03:0010 8BD3     MOV DX,BX
0D03:0012 2BD0     SUB DX,AX
0D03:0014 90          NOP
0D03:0015 CB          RETF
-G 5
AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0016 DX=0000 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD6 ES=0DD6 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=0005 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0005 3BC3      CMP AX,BX
-R AX
AX 0000
:6
-R BX
BX 0000
:2
-T
AX=0006 BX=0002 CX=0016 DX=0000 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD6 ES=0DD6 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=0007 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0007 7207      JB 0010
-G 14
AX=0006 BX=0002 CX=0016 DX=0004 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD6 ES=0DD6 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=0014 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0014 90          NOP
-G
Program terminated normally
-R
AX=0006 BX=0002 CX=0016 DX=0004 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD6 ES=0DD6 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=0014 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0014 90          NOP
-R IP
IP 0014
:0
-G 5
AX=0000 BX=0002 CX=0016 DX=0004 SP=0038 BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD6 ES=0DD6 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=0005 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0005 3BC3      CMP AX,BX
-R AX
AX 0000
:2
-R BX
BX 0002
:6
-T
AX=0002 BX=0006 CX=0016 DX=0004 SP=0038 BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD6 ES=0DD6 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=0007 NV UP EI NG NZ AC PE CY
0D03:0007 7207      JB 0010
-G 14
AX=0002 BX=0006 CX=0016 DX=0004 SP=0038 BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD6 ES=0DD6 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=0014 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0014 90          NOP
-G
Program terminated NORMALLY
-Q
C:\DOS>

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6.3 Jump Instructions- Loop Program Structures



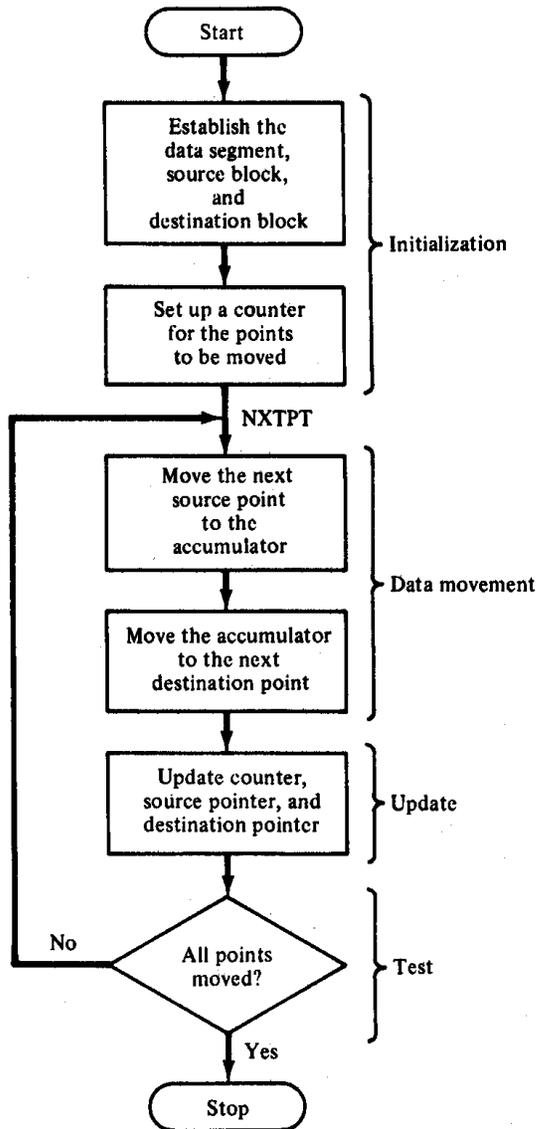
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AGAIN:  MOV CL,COUNT ;Set loop repeat count
        JZ  NEXT   ;Loop is complete if CL = 00H (ZF = 1)
        --- ---   ;1st instruction of loop
        --- ---   ;2nd instruction of loop
        .   .
        .   .
        .   .
        --- ---   ;nth instruction of loop
        DEC CL    ;Decrement CL by 1
        JMP AGAIN ;Repeat from AGAIN
NEXT:   --- ---   ;First instruction executed after loop is complete
  
```

(b)

- **Example—While-Do program structure**
 - Allows a part of a program to be conditionally repeated over and over
 - Employs pre-test—at entry of loop; may perform no iterations
 - Important parameters
 - Initial count → count register
 - Terminal count → zero or other value
 - Program flow/control:
 - Initialize count
MOV CL,COUNT
 - Pre-test
AGAIN: JZ NEXT
 - Perform body of loop operation
--- --- first of multiple instructions
 - Decrement count
DEC CL
 - Unconditional return to start of loop
JMP AGAIN

6.3 Jump Instructions- Block Move Program

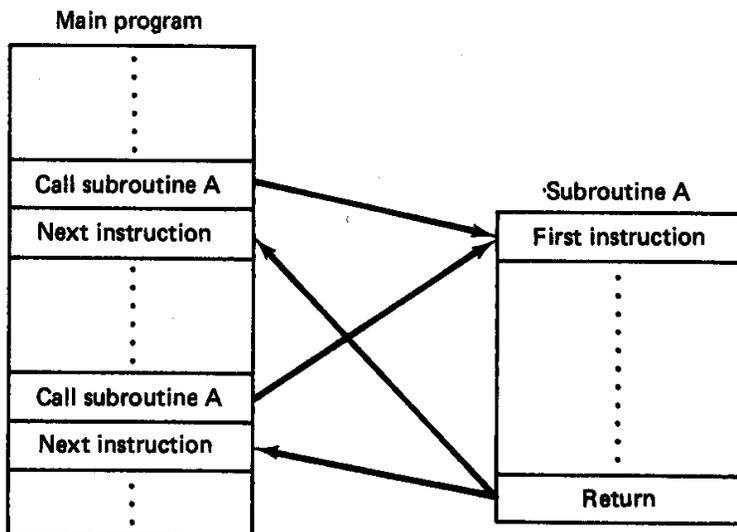


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NXTPT:
MOV     AX, DATASEGADDR
MOV     DS, AX
MOV     SI, BLK1ADDR
MOV     DI, BLK2ADDR
MOV     CX, N
MOV     AH, [SI]
MOV     [DI], AH
INC     SI
INC     DI
DEC     CX
JNZ    NXTPT
HLT
  
```

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- **Subroutine**

- Subroutine—special segment of program that can be called for execution from any point in a program
 - Program structure that implements HLL “functions” and “procedures”
 - Written to perform an operation (function/procedure) that must be performed at various points in a program
 - Written as a subroutine and only included once in the program
 - Example:
 - Instruction in Main part of program calls “Subroutine A”
 - Program flow of control transferred to first instruction of Subroutine A
 - Instructions of Subroutine A execute sequentially
 - Return initiated by last instruction of Subroutine A
 - Same sequence repeated when the subroutine is called again later in the program
 - Instructions
 - Call instruction—initiates the subroutine from the main part of program
 - Return instruction—initiates return of control to the main program at completion of the subroutine
 - Push and pop instructions used to save register content and pass parameters



6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- **Call Instruction**

- **Call Instruction**
 - **Implements two types of calls**
 - Intra-segment call
 - Inter-segment call
 - **Intra-segment call—starting address of subroutine is located in the current code segment**
 - Only IP changes value
 - near-proc
 - 16-bit offset coded in the instruction
 - Example
`CALL 1234H`
 - Operation:
 1. IP of next instruction saved on top of stack
 2. SP is decremented by 2
 3. New value from call instruction is loaded into IP
 4. Instruction fetch restarts with first instruction of subroutine

Current CS:New IP

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation	Flags Affected
CALL	Subroutine call	CALL operand	Execution continues from the address of the subroutine specified by the operand. Information required to return back to the main program such as IP and CS are saved on the stack.	None

(b)

Operand
Near-proc
Far-proc
Memptr16
Regptr16
Memptr32

(c)

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- **Intrasegment Call Operation (Continued)**

- **regptr16**
 - 16-bit value of IP specified as the content of a register
 - Register addressing
 - Example:
`CALL BX`
 - Operation:
 - Same as near-proc except
(BX) → New IP
- **memptr16**
 - 16-bit value of IP specified as the content of a storage location in memory
 - Memory addressing modes—register addressing
 - Example
`CALL [BX]`
 - Same as near-proc except
(DS:BX) → New IP

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- **Intersegment Call Operation**

- **Intersegment**—start address of the subroutine points to another code segment
 - **Both CS and IP change values**
 - **far-proc**
 - **32-bit immediate operand coded into the instruction**
 - **New address computed as:**
 - **1st 16 bits → New IP**
 - **2nd 16 bits → New CS**
 - **Subroutine starts at = New CS:New IP**
- **memptr32**
 - **32-bit value specified in memory**
 - **Memory addressing modes—register indirect addressing**
 - **Example**
 - **CALL DWORD PTR [DI]**
 - **Operation:**
 - **(DS:DI) → New IP**
 - **(DS:DI +2) → New CS**
 - **Starting address of subroutine = New CS:New IP**

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- **Return Instruction**

- **Return instruction**
 - Every subroutine must end with a return instruction
 - Initiates return of execution to the instruction in the main program following that which called the subroutine
 - Example:

RET

 - Causes the value of IP (intra-segment return) or both IP and CS (inter-segment return) to be popped from the stack and put back into the IP and CS registers
 - Increments SP by 2/4

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation	Flags Affected
RET	Return	RET or RET Operand	Return to the main program by restoring IP (and CS for far-proc). If Operand is present, it is added to the contents of SP.	None

(a)

Operand
None Disp16

(b)

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- Example of a Subroutine Call

```

TITLE EXAMPLE 6.11
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0000      STACK_SEG      SEGMENT      STACK 'STACK'
0000      DB              64 DUP(?)
0040      STACK_SEG      ENDS

CODE_SEG      SEGMENT      'CODE'
EX611 PROC FAR
ASSUME CS:CODE_SEG, SS:STACK_SEG

;To return to DEBUG program put return address on the stack

0000 1E          PUSH DS
0001 B8 0000     MOV AX, 0
0004 50          PUSH AX

;Following code implements Example 6.11

0005 E8 0009 R   CALL SUM
0008 CB          RET

SUM PROC NEAR
0009 8B D0       MOV DX, AX
000B 03 D3       ADD DX, BX ; (DX) = (AX) + (BX)
000D C3         RET
000E          ENDP

EX611 ENDP
CODE_SEG ENDS
END EX611

```

Segments and groups:

Name	Size	align	combine	class
CODE_SEG	000E	PARA	NONE	'CODE'
STACK_SEG	0040	PARA	STACK	STACK

Symbols:

Name	Type	Value	Attr
EX611	F PROC	0000	CODE_SEG Length =000E
SUM	N PROC	0009	CODE_SEG Length =0005

Warning Severe
Errors Errors
0 0

```

C:\DOS>DEBUG A:EX611.EXE
-U 0 D
0D03:0000 1E          PUSH DS
0D03:0001 B80000     MOV AX,0000
0D03:0004 50          PUSH AX
0D03:0005 E80100     CALL 0009
0D03:0008 CB          RETF
0D03:0009 8BD0       MOV DX,AX
0D03:000B 03D3       ADD DX,BX
0D03:000D C3         RET
-G 5

AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=000E DX=0000 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0F41 ES=0F41 SS=0F52 CS=0D03 IP=0005 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0005 E80100     CALL 0009
-R AX
AX 0000
:2
-R BX
BX 0000
:4
-T

AX=0002 BX=0004 CX=000E DX=0000 SP=003A BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0F41 ES=0F41 SS=0F52 CS=0D03 IP=0009 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0009 8BD0       MOV DX,AX
-D SS:3A 3B
0F52:0030          08 00
-T

AX=0002 BX=0004 CX=000E DX=0002 SP=003A BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0F41 ES=0F41 SS=0F52 CS=0D03 IP=000B NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:000B 03D3       ADD DX,BX
-T

AX=0002 BX=0004 CX=000E DX=0006 SP=003A BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0F41 ES=0F41 SS=0F52 CS=0D03 IP=000D NV UP EI PL NZ NA PE NC
0D03:000D C3         RET
-T

AX=0002 BX=0004 CX=000E DX=0006 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0F41 ES=0F41 SS=0F52 CS=0D03 IP=0008 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PE NC
0D03:0008 CB          RETF
-G

Program terminated normally
-Q

C:\DOS>

```

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- **Structure of a Subroutine**

To save registers and parameters on the stack

{ PUSH XX
PUSH YY
PUSH ZZ

Main body of the subroutine

{ .
.
.
.
.

To restore registers and parameters from the stack

{ POP ZZ
POP YY
POP XX

Return to main program

{ RET

- Elements of a subroutine
 - Save of information to stack—PUSH
 - Main body of subroutine—Multiple instructions
 - Restore of information from stack—POP
 - Return to main program—RET
- Save of information
 - Must save content of registers/memory locations to be used or other program parameters (FLAGS)
 - PUSH, PUSHF
- Main body
 - Retrieve input parameters passed from main program via stack—stack pointer indirect address
 - Performs the algorithm/function/operation required of the subroutine
 - Prepare output parameters/results for return to main body via stack—stack pointer indirect addressing
- Restore information
 - Register/memory location contents saved on stack at entry of subroutine must be restored before return to main program—POP, POPF

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- Push and Pop Instruction

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation	Flags Affected
PUSH	Push word onto stack	PUSH S	$((SP)) \leftarrow (S)$ $(SP) \leftarrow (SP)-2$	None
POP	Pop word off stack	POP D	$(D) \leftarrow ((SP))$ $(SP) \leftarrow (SP)+2$	None

(a)

Operand (S or D)
Register Seg-reg (CS illegal) Memory

(b)

- **Push instruction**
 - **General format:**
PUSH S
 - Saves a value on the stack—content of:
 - Register/segment register
 - Memory
 - **Example:**
PUSH AX
 $(AH) \rightarrow ((SP)-1)$
 $(AL) \rightarrow ((SP)-2)$
 $(SP)-2 \rightarrow (SP) = \text{New top of stack}$
- **Pop instruction**
 - **General format:**
POP D
 - Restores a value on the stack—content to: register, segment register, memory
 - **Example:**
POP AX
 $((SP)) \rightarrow AL$
 $((SP)+1) \rightarrow AH$
 $((SP)+2) \rightarrow SP = \text{Old top of stack}$

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- Subroutine Call Involving PUSH and POP

```

TITLE EXAMPLE 6.13
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0000 0040[
0000 ??
]
0040 STACK_SEG SEGMENT STACK 'STACK'
DB 64 DUP(?)
0040 STACK_SEG ENDS

0000 DATA_SEG SEGMENT
0000 TOTAL DW 1234H
0002 DATA_SEG ENDS

0000 CODE_SEG SEGMENT 'CODE'
0000 EX613 PROC FAR
ASSUME CS:CODE_SEG, SS:STACK_SEG, DS:DATA_SEG
;To return to DEBUG program put return address on the stack
0000 1E PUSH DS
0001 B8 0000 MOV AX, 0
0004 50 PUSH AX
;Setup the data segment
0005 B8 ---- R MOV AX, DATA_SEG
0008 8E D8 MOV DS, AX
;Following code implements Example 6.13
000A B3 12 MOV BL,12H ;BL contents = the number
000C E8 0010 R CALL SQUARE ;to be squared
000F CB RET ;Call the procedure to
0010 EX613 ENDP ;square BL contents
;Return to DEBUG program

;Subroutine: SQUARE
;Description: (BX) = square of (BL)
0010 SQUARE PROC NEAR
0010 50 PUSH AX ;Save the register to
;used
0011 8A C3 MOV AL, BL ;Place the number in
0013 F6 EB IMUL BL ;Multiply with itself
0015 8B D8 MOV BX, AX ;Save the result
0017 58 POP AX ;Restore the register
0018 C3 RET
0019 SQUARE ENDP

0019 CODE_SEG ENDS

END EX613

Segments and Groups:
Name Length Align Combine Class
CODE_SEG . . . . . 0019 PARA NONE 'CODE'
DATA_SEG . . . . . 0002 PARA NONE
STACK_SEG . . . . . 0040 PARA STACK 'STACK'

Symbols:
Name Type Value Attr
EX613 . . . . . F PROC 0000 CODE_SEG Length = 0010
SQUARE . . . . . N PROC 0010 CODE_SEG Length = 0009
TOTAL . . . . . L WORD 0000 DATA_SEG
@CPU . . . . . TEXT 0101h
@FILENAME . . . . . TEXT EX613
@VERSION . . . . . TEXT 613

53 Source Lines
53 Total Lines
13 Symbols

48016 + 440523 Bytes symbol space free

0 Warning Errors
0 Severe Errors

```

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- Subroutine Call involving PUSH and POP (continued)

```
C:\DOS>DEBUG A:EX613.EXE
-U 0 18
ODEC:0000 1E          PUSH  DS
ODEC:0001 B80000     MOV   AX,0000
ODEC:0004 50          PUSH  AX
ODEC:0005 B8EB0D     MOV   AX,ODEB
ODEC:0008 8ED8       MOV   DS,AX
ODEC:000A B312       MOV   BL,12
ODEC:000C E80100     CALL  0010
ODEC:000F CB         RETF
ODEC:0010 50          PUSH  AX
ODEC:0011 8AC3       MOV   AL,BL
ODEC:0013 F6EB       IMUL  BL
ODEC:0015 8BD8       MOV   BX,AX
ODEC:0017 58         POP   AX
ODEC:0018 C3         RET
-G C

AX=0DEB BX=0012 CX=0069 DX=0000 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DEB ES=0DD7 SS=0DE7 CS=0DEC IP=000C NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
ODEC:000C E80100     CALL  0010
-T

AX=0DEB BX=0012 CX=0069 DX=0000 SP=003A BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DEB ES=0DD7 SS=0DE7 CS=0DEC IP=0010 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
ODEC:0010 50          PUSH  AX
-D SS:3A 3B
ODE7:0030
OF 00
-T

AX=0DEB BX=0012 CX=0069 DX=0000 SP=0038 BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DEB ES=0DD7 SS=0DE7 CS=0DEC IP=0011 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
ODEC:0011 8AC3       MOV   AL,BL
-D SS:38 39
ODE7:0030
EB 0D
-G 17

AX=0144 BX=0144 CX=0069 DX=0000 SP=0038 BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DEB ES=0DD7 SS=0DE7 CS=0DEC IP=0017 OV UP EI PL NZ NA PE CY
ODEC:0017 58         POP   AX
-T

AX=0DEB BX=0144 CX=0069 DX=0000 SP=003A BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DEB ES=0DD7 SS=0DE7 CS=0DEC IP=0018 OV UP EI PL NZ NA PE CY
ODEC:0018 C3         RET
-T

AX=0DEB BX=0144 CX=0069 DX=0000 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DEB ES=0DD7 SS=0DE7 CS=0DEC IP=000F OV UP EI PL NZ NA PE CY
ODEC:000F CB         RETF
-G

Program terminated normally
-Q

C:\DOS>
```

6.4 Subroutines and Subroutine-Handling Instructions- **Push Flags Instruction**

Mnemonic	Meaning	Operation	Flags Affected
PUSHF	Push flags onto stack	$((SP)) \leftarrow (Flags)$ $(SP) \leftarrow (SP)-2$	None
POPF	Pop flags from stack	$(Flags) \leftarrow ((SP))$ $(SP) \leftarrow (SP)+2$	OF, DF, IF, TF, SF, ZF, AF, PF, CF

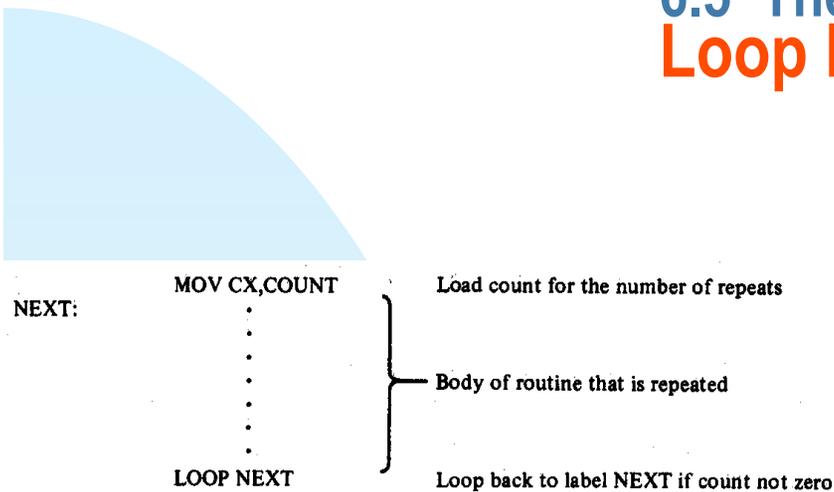
- Push flags instruction
 - General formats:
PUSHF
 - Saves flags onto the stack
 - Operation
 $(FLAGS) \rightarrow ((SP))$
 $(SP)-2 \rightarrow (SP) = \text{New top of stack}$
- Pop flags instruction
 - General formats:
POPF
 - Restores flags from the stack
 $((SP)) \rightarrow FLAGS$
 $(SP)+2 \rightarrow (SP) = \text{Old top of stack}$

6.5 The Loop and Loop-Handling Instructions- Loop Instructions

- Loop—segment of program that is repeatedly executed
 - Can be implemented with compare, conditional jump, and decrement instructions
- Loop instructions
 - Special instructions that efficiently perform basic loop operations
 - Replace the multiple instructions with a single instruction
 - **LOOP**—loop while not zero
 - $CX \neq 0$ — repeat while count not zero
 - **LOOPE/LOOPZ**— loop while equal
 - $CX \neq 0$ — repeat while count not zero, and
 - $ZF = 1$ —result of prior instruction was equal
 - **LOOPNE/LOOPNZ**—loop while not equal
 - $CX \neq 0$ — repeat while count not zero, and
 - $ZF = 0$ —result from prior instruction was not equal

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation
LOOP	Loop	LOOP Short-label	$(CX) \leftarrow (CX) - 1$ Jump is initiated to location defined by short-label if $(CX) \neq 0$; otherwise, execute next sequential instruction
LOOPE/LOOPZ	Loop while equal/ loop while zero	LOOPE/LOOPZ Short-label	$(CX) \leftarrow (CX) - 1$ Jump to location defined by short-label if $(CX) \neq 0$ and $(ZF) = 1$; otherwise, execute next sequential instruction
LOOPNE/ LOOPNZ	Loop while not equal/ loop while not zero	LOOPNE/LOOPNZ Short-label	$(CX) \leftarrow (CX) - 1$ Jump to location defined by short-label if $(CX) \neq 0$ and $(ZF) = 0$; otherwise, execute next sequential instruction

6.5 The Loop and Loop-Handling Instructions- Loop Program Structure and Operation



(a)

```

      MOV     AX,DATASEGADDR
      MOV     DS,AX
      MOV     SI,BLK1ADDR
      MOV     DI,BLK2ADDR
      MOV     CX,N
NXTPT: MOV     AH,[SI]
      MOV     [DI],AH
      INC     SI
      INC     DI
      LOOP    NXTPT
      HLT
  
```

(b)

- Structure of a loop
 - Initialization of the count in CX
 - Body—instruction sequence that is to be repeated; short label identifying beginning
 - Loop instruction— determines if loop is complete or if the body is to repeat

• Example

1. Initialize data segment, source and destination block pointers, and loop count
2. Body of program is executed—source element read, written to destination, and then both pointers incremented by 1
3. Loop test
 - a. Contents of CX decremented by 1
 - b. Contents of CX check for zero
 - c. If $CX = 0$, loop is complete and next sequential instruction (HLT) is executed
 - d. If $CX \neq 0$, loop of code is repeated by returning control to the instruction corresponding to the Short-Label (NXTPT:) operand

6.5 The Loop and Loop-Handling Instructions- Loop Example—Loop Count Operation

```

TITLE   EXAMPLE 6.14
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0000    STACK_SEG      SEGMENT      STACK 'STACK'
0000    40 [          DB             64 DUP(?)
    ]

0040    STACK_SEG      ENDS

0000    CODE_SEG       SEGMENT      'CODE'
0000    EX614  PROC    FAR
        ASSUME CS:CODE_SEG, SS:STACK_SEG

;To return to DEBUG program put return address on the stack

0000    1E             PUSH    DS
0001    B8 0000       MOV     AX, 0
0004    50             PUSH   AX

;Following code implements Example 6.14

0005    B9 0005       MOV     CX, 5H
0008    BA 0000       MOV     DX, 0H
000B    90             AGAIN:  NOP
000C    42             INC     DX
000D    E2 FC         LOOP    AGAIN

000F    CB             RET
0010    EX614  ENDP
0010    CODE_SEG      ENDS

END      EX614

;Return to DEBUG program

AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0005 DX=0000 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD7 ES=0DD7 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=000B NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:000B 90             NOP
-G D

AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0005 DX=0001 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD7 ES=0DD7 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=000D NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:000D E2FC         LOOP    000B
-T

AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0004 DX=0001 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD7 ES=0DD7 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=000B NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:000B 90             NOP
-G F

AX=0000 BX=0000 CX=0000 DX=0005 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0DD7 ES=0DD7 SS=0DE8 CS=0D03 IP=000F NV UP EI PL NZ NA PE NC
0D03:000F CB             RETF
-G

Program terminated normally
-Q

C:\DOS>

```

Segments and groups:

Name	Size	align	combine	class
CODE_SEG	0010	PARA	NONE	'CODE'
STACK_SEG	0040	PARA	STACK	'STACK'

Symbols:

Name	Type	Value	Attr
AGAIN	L NEAR	000B	CODE_SEG
EX614	F PROC	0000	CODE_SEG Length =0010

Warning Severe
Errors Errors
0 0

6.5 The Loop and Loop-Handling Instructions- Loop Example—Block Search Operation

```

TITLE EXAMPLE 6.16
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0000          STACK_SEG      SEGMENT      STACK 'STACK'
0000 40 [      DB              64 DUP(?)
    ]
0040          STACK_SEG      ENDS
0000          CODE_SEG       SEGMENT      'CODE'
0000 EX616  PROC  FAR
          ASSUME CS:CODE_SEG, SS:STACK_SEG
;To return to DEBUG program put return address on the stack
0000 1E          PUSH  DS
0001 B8 0000     MOV   AX, 0
0004 50          PUSH  AX
;Following code implements Example 6.16
0005 B2 05          MOV   DL, 5H
0007 B8 0A00     MOV   AX, 0A00H
000A 8E D8      MOV   DS, AX
000C BE 0000     MOV   SI, 0H
000F B9 000F     MOV   CX, 0FH
0012 46          AGAIN: INC  SI
0013 38 14      CMP   [SI], DL
0015 E0 FB      LOOPNE AGAIN
0017 CB          RET
0018          EX616  ENDP
0018          CODE_SEG      ENDS
END          EX616
;Return to DEBUG program

```

Segments and groups:

Name	Size	align	combine	class
CODE_SEG	0018	PARA	NONE	'CODE'
STACK_SEG	0040	PARA	STACK	'STACK'

Symbols:

Name	Type	Value	Attr
AGAIN.	L NEAR	0012	CODE_SEG
EX616.	F PROC	0000	CODE_SEG

Length =0018

Warning Severe
Errors Errors
0 0

```

C:\DOS>DEBUG A:EX616.EXE
-U 0 17
0D03:0000 1E          PUSH  DS
0D03:0001 B80000     MOV   AX,0000
0D03:0004 50          PUSH  AX
0D03:0005 B205     MOV   DL,05
0D03:0007 B8000A     MOV   AX,0A00
0D03:000A 8ED8      MOV   DS,AX
0D03:000C BE0000     MOV   SI,0000
0D03:000F B90F00     MOV   CX,000F
0D03:0012 46          INC   SI
0D03:0013 3814      CMP   [SI],DL
0D03:0015 E0FB      LOOPNZ 0012
0D03:0017 CB          RETF
-G 12
AX=0A00 BX=0000 CX=000F DX=0005 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0000 DI=0000
DS=0A00 ES=0DD7 SS=0DE9 CS=0D03 IP=0012 NV UP EI PL NZ NA PO NC
0D03:0012 46          INC   SI
-E A00:0 4,6,3,9,5,6,D,F,9
-D A00:0 F
0A00:0000 04 06 03 09 05 06 0D 0F-09 75 09 80 7C 02 54 75 .....u..|.Tu
-G 17
AX=0A00 BX=0000 CX=000B DX=0005 SP=003C BP=0000 SI=0004 DI=0000
DS=0A00 ES=0DD7 SS=0DE9 CS=0D03 IP=0017 NV UP EI PL ZR NA PE NC
0D03:0017 CB          RETF
-G
Program terminated normally
-Q
C:\DOS>

```

6.6 Strings and String-Handling Instructions- String Instructions

- String—series of bytes or words of data that reside at consecutive memory addresses
- String instructions
 - Special instructions that efficiently perform basic string operations
 - Replaces multiple instructions with a single instruction
 - Examples
 - Move string
 - Compare string
 - Scan string
 - Load string
 - Store string
 - Repeated string

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation	Flags Affected
MOVS	Move string	MOVSB/MOVSW	$((ES)0 + (DI)) \leftarrow ((DS)0 + (SI))$ $(SI) \leftarrow (SI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2$ $(DI) \leftarrow (DI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2$	None
CMPS	Compare string	CMPSB/CMPSW	Set flags as per $((DS)0 + (SI)) - ((ES)0 + (DI))$ $(SI) \leftarrow (SI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2$ $(DI) \leftarrow (DI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2$	CF, PF, AF, ZF, SF, OF
SCAS	Scan string	SCASB/SCASW	Set flags as per $(AL \text{ or } AX) - ((ES)0 + (DI))$ $(DI) \leftarrow (DI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2$	CF, PF, AF, ZF, SF, OF
LODS	Load string	LODSB/LODSW	$(AL \text{ or } AX) \leftarrow ((DS)0 + (SI))$ $(SI) \leftarrow (SI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2$	None
STOS	Store string	STOSB/STOSW	$((ES)0 + (DI)) \leftarrow (AL \text{ or } AX) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2$ $(DI) \leftarrow (DI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2$	None

Typical string operations

- Move a string of data elements from one part of memory to another—block move
- Scan through a string of data elements in memory looking for a specific value
- Compare the elements of two strings of data elements in memory to determine if they are the same or different
- Initialize a group of consecutive storage locations in memory

6.6 Strings and String-Handling Instructions- Autoindexing

Mnemonic	Meaning	Format	Operation	Affected flags
CLD	Clear DF	CLD	(DF) ← 0	DF
STD	Set DF	STD	(DF) ← 1	DF

- Autoindexing—name given to the process of automatically incrementing or decrementing the source and destination addresses by the string instructions
 - Direction (DF) control flag of the status register determines mode of operation
 - DF= 0 → autoincrement
 - DF = 1 → autodecrement
 - Increment or decrement is by 1 or 2 depending on size data specified in the instruction
 - Direction flag instructions permit the DF bit to be cleared or set as part of a string routine
 - CLD—clear direction flag
0 → (DF) = autoincrement
 - STD—set direction flag
1 → (DF) = autodecrement

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6.6 Strings and String-Handling Instructions- Move String Instruction

- Move string instruction
 - Used to move an element of data between a source and destination location in memory:
 - General format:
 - MOVSB—move string byte
 - MOVSW—move string word
 - Operation: Copies the content of the source to the destination; autoincrements/decrements both the source and destination addresses
 - $((DS)0+(SI)) \rightarrow ((ES)0+(DI))$
 - $(SI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2 \rightarrow (SI)$
 - $(DI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2 \rightarrow (DI)$
- Direction flag determines increment/decrement
 - DF = 0 \rightarrow autoincrement
 - DF = 1 \rightarrow autodecrement
- Application example—block move
 1. Initialize DS & ES to same value
 2. Load SI and DI with block starting addresses
 3. Load CX with the count of elements in the string
 4. Set DF for autoincrement
 5. Loop on string move to copy N elements
- MOVSB and LOOP replaces multiple move and increment/decrement instructions

```
MOV     AX,DATASEGADDR
MOV     DS,AX
MOV     ES,AX
MOV     SI,BLK1ADDR
MOV     DI,BLK2ADDR
MOV     CX,N
CLD
NXTPT: MOVSB
        LOOP  NXTPT
        HLT
```

6.6 Strings and String-Handling Instructions- Compare/Scan String Instructions

```

MOV     AX,0
MOV     DS,AX
MOV     ES,AX
MOV     AL,05
MOV     DI,0A000H
MOV     CX,0FH
CLD
AGAIN:  SCASB
        LOOPNE AGAIN
NEXT:

```

- Compare string instruction
 - Used to compare the destination element of data in memory to the source element in memory and reflect the result of the comparison in the flags
 - General format:
 - CMPSB,SW—compare string byte, word
 - Operation: Compares the content of the destination to the source; updates the flags; autoincrements/decrements both the source and destination addresses
 - $((DS)0+(SI)) - ((ES)0+(DI))$
 - update status flags
 - $(SI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2 \rightarrow (SI)$
 - $(DI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2 \rightarrow (DI)$
- Scan string instruction—SCAS
 - Same operation as CMPS except destination is compared to a value in the accumulator (A) register
 - $(AL,AX) - ((ES)0+(DI))$
- Application example—block scan
 1. Initialize DS & ES to same value
 2. Load AL with search value; DI with block starting address; and CX with the count of elements in the string; clear DF
 3. Loop on scan string until the first element equal to 05H is found

6.6 Strings and String-Handling Instructions- Load/Store String Instructions

```
MOV     AX,0
MOV     DS,AX
MOV     ES,AX
MOV     AL,05
MOV     DI,0A000H
MOV     CX,0FH
AGAIN:  CLD
        STOSB
        LOOP AGAIN
```

- Load string instruction
 - Used to load a source element of data from memory into the accumulator register.
 - General format:
LODSB,SW—load string byte, word
 - Operation: Loads the content of the source element in the accumulator; autoincrements/decrements the source addresses
 $((DS)0+(SI)) \rightarrow (AL \text{ or } AX)$
update status flags
 $(SI) \pm 1 \text{ or } 2 \rightarrow (SI)$
- Store string instruction—STOS
 - Same operation as LODS except value in accumulator is stored in destination is memory
 $(AL,AX) \rightarrow ((ES)0+(DI))$
- Application example—initializing a block of memory
 1. Initialize DS & ES to same value
 2. Load AL with initialization value; DI with block starting address, CX with the count of elements in the string; and clear DF
 3. Loop on store string until all element of the string are initialized to 05H

6.6 Strings and String-Handling Instructions- Repeat String Instructions

Prefix	Used with:	Meaning
REP	MOVS STOS	Repeat while not end of string CX \neq 0
REPE/REPZ	CMPS SCAS	Repeat while not end of string and strings are equal CX \neq 0 and ZF = 1
REPNE/REPNZ	CMPS SCAS	Repeat while not end of string and strings are not equal CX \neq 0 and ZF = 0

- Repeat string—in most applications the basic string operations are repeated
 - Requires addition of loop or compare & conditional jump instructions
 - Repeat prefix provided to make coding of repeated sting more efficient
- Repeat prefixes
 - REP**
 - CX \neq 0 — repeat while not end of string
 - Used with: MOVS and STOS
 - REPE/REPZ**
 - CX \neq 0—repeat while not end of string, and
ZF = 1—strings are equal
 - Used with: CMPS and SCAS
 - REPNE/REPNZ**—Used with: CMPS and SCAS
 - CX \neq 0—repeat while not end of string, and
ZF = 0—strings are not equal
 - Used with: CMPS and SCAS

6.6 Strings and String-Handling Instructions- Repeat String Examples and Application

```
MOV     AX,0
MOV     DS,AX
MOV     ES,AX
MOV     AL,05
MOV     DI,0A000H
MOV     CX,0FH
CLD
REPSTOSB
```

- General format:
REPXXXX
Where: XXXX = one of string instructions
- Examples:
REPMOVB
REPESCAS
REPNECAS
- Application example—initializing a block of memory
 1. Initialize DS & ES to same value
 2. Load AL with initialization value; DI with block starting address, and CX with the count of elements in the string
 3. Clear the direction flag for autoincrement mode
 4. Repeat store string until all elements of the string are initialized to 05H

