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- A computer system includes both hardware and software.
- Hardware consist of the physical components.
- Software refers to computer programs.
- Hardware and software influence each other.
- Binary code is difficult to work with: there is a need for translating symbolic programs into binary programs, e.g. (Intel x86):

 $10110000 \ 01100001 => mov \ a1, \ 0x61$ 

- A written program can be machine dependent (assembly language programs) or machine independent (e.g. Clanguage programs).
- A program is a list of instructions for performing a data processing task.
- There is various programming languages a user can use to write programs for a computer. However, <u>computer can</u> <u>execute only programs that are represented internally in a</u> <u>valid binary form</u>.
- Programs written in any programming language must be translated to the binary representation prior execution.

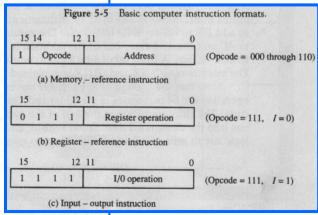
#### Program categories:

- 1. <u>Binary code</u>: exact representation of instructions in binary form.
- Octal or hexadecimal code: translation of binary code into equivalent octal or hexadecimal representation.
- 3. <u>Symbolic code</u>: symbolic representation is used for the parts of the instruction code. Each symbolic instruction is translated into one binary coded instruction by a program called an assembler.
- 4. <u>High-level programming language</u>: developed to reflect the procedures for solving problems rather than be concerned with the computer hardware behavior. The program for translating a high-level language program to binary is called a <u>compiler</u>.
- Machine language refers to categories 1 and 2.

	TABLE 6-1 Computer Instructions (Mano 1			
Symbol	Hexadecimal code	Description		
AND	0 or 8	AND M to AC		
ADD	1 or 9	Add $M$ to $AC$ , carry to $E$		
LDA	2 or A	Load AC from M		
STA	3 or B	Store AC in M		
BUN	4 or C	Branch unconditionally to m		
BSA	5 or D	Save return address in m and brance	ch to m + 1	
ISZ	6 or E	Increment M and skip if zero		
CLA	7800	Clear AC		
CLE	7400	Clear E		
CMA	7200	Complement AC		
CME	7100	Complement E		
CIR	7080	Circulate right E and AC		
CIL	7040	Circulate left E and AC		
INC	7020	Increment AC,		
SPA	7010	Skip if AC is positive		
SNA	7008	Skip if AC is negative	Figure	
SZA	7004	Skip if AC is zero	15 14 12	
SZE	7002	Skip if E is zero	I Opcode	
HLT	7001	Halt computer	(a) Memory -	
INP	F800	Input information and clear flag	15 12	
OUT	F400	Output information and clear flag	0 1 1 1	
SKI	F200	Skip if input flag is on	(b) Register -	
SKO	F100	Skip if output flag is on	15 12 1	
ION	F080	Turn interrupt on	1 1 1 1	
IOF	F040	Turn interrupt off	(c) Input –	

M refers to a memory word found at the effective address

*m* denotes the effective address



#### Relation between binary and assembly languages:

tedious for a programmer

..a bit easier

TABLE 6-2 Binary Program to Add Two Numbers TABLE 6-3 Hexadecimal Program to Add Two Numbers

Location	Instruction code	Location	Instruction
0	0010 0000 0000 0100	000	2004
1	0001 0000 0000 0101	001	1005
10	0011 0000 0000 0110	002	3006
11	0111 0000 0000 0001	003	7001
100	0000 0000 0101 0011	004	0053
101	1111 1111 1110 1001	005	FFE9
110	0000 0000 0000 0000	006	0000

TABLE 6-4 Program with Symbolic Operation Codes

Location	Instruction	Comments	
000	LDA 004	Load first operand into AC	
001	ADD 005	Add second operand to AC	much better
002	STA 006	Store sum in location 006	
003	HLT	Halt computer	
004	0053	First operand	
005	FFE9	Second operand (negative)	
006	0000	Store sum here	

- Using symbolic address and decimal operands
  - numerical locations of memory operands are usually not exactly known while writing a program.
  - Decimal numbers are more familiar to humans

TABLE 6-5 Assembly Language Program to Add Two Numbers ORG 0 /Origin of program is location 0 pseudoinstruction LDA A /Load operand from location A /Add operand from location B ADD B Store sum in location C. STA C HLT /Halt computer label **DEC 83** /Decimal operand DEC -23 /Decimal operand DEC 0 /Sum stored in location C **END** /End of symbolic program with C-language int a = 83: must be translated int b = -23: to binary signed-2's complement int c: representation c = a + b;

# Assembly Language

- Almost every commercial computer has its own particular assembly language.
- All formal rules of the language must be conformed in order to translate the program correctly.
- Rules of the assembly language of the Basic Computer
  - The label field may be empty or it may specify a symbolic address
  - The instruction field specifies a machine instruction of pseudo instruction.
  - 3. The comment field may be empty or it may include a comment, which must be preceded by a slash *i.e.* '/'.

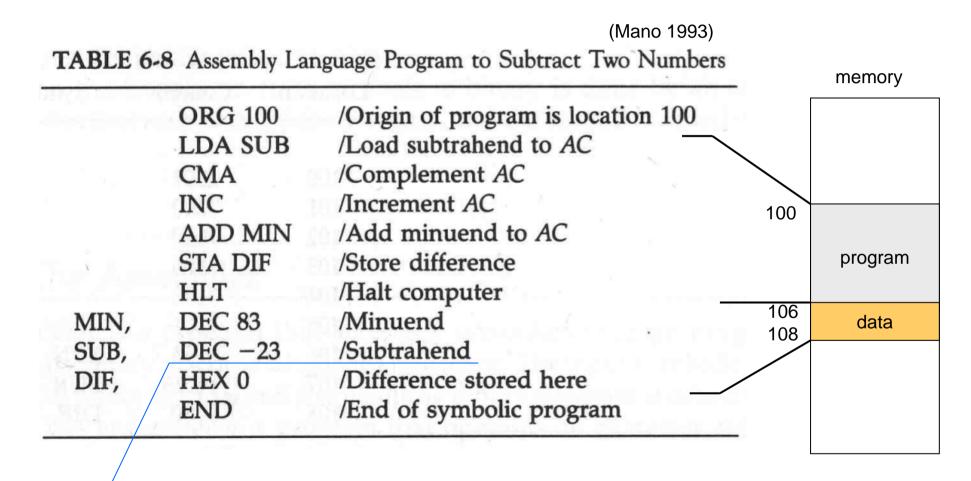
- A symbolic address is restricted to three symbols the first one is always a letter. The address is terminated by a comma.
- The instruction field may specify:
  - 1. A memory-reference instruction (MRI)
  - 2. A register-reference instruction (non-MRI)
  - 3. A pseudoinstruction with or without an operand
  - A memory-reference instruction occupies two or three symbols separated by spaces. The first must be a three-letter symbols defining MRI operation code from Table 6-1. The second is a symbolic address, and the third is the optional I indicating indirect address.
  - non-MRI has not an address part.

CLA	non-MRI
ADD OPR	direct address MRI
ADD PTR I	indirect address MRI

- A defined symbolic address must occur again in a label field.
- A pseudoinstruction is an instruction for the assembler and it gives information for the translation phase:

Symbol	Information for the Assembler
ORG N	Hexadecimal number N is the memory location for the instruction or operand listed in the following line
END	Denotes the end of symbolic program
DEC N	Signed decimal number N to be converted to binary
HEX N	Hexadecimal number N to be converted to binary

#### An example assembly language program:



converted into a binary number of signed 2's complement form (by the <u>assembler</u>)

- Translation to binary is done by an assembler.
- An assembler is a computer program for translating assembly language
   — essentially, a mnemonic representation of machine language into object code.
- A cross assembler (cross compiler) produces code for one processor, but runs on another
  - used e.g. in an embedded system software development in PC
  - the final program is uploaded into a target device
- As well as translating assembly instruction mnemonics into opcodes assemblers provide the ability to use symbolic names for memory locations (saving tedious calculations and manually updating addresses when a program is slightly modified), and macro facilities for performing textual substitution — typically used to encode common short sequences of instructions to run inline instead of in a subroutine.

Hexadecimal code			Projects w	
Location	Content	Symbo	olic program	
6,6 191	T 11 Table	1	ORG 100	
100	2107		LDA SUB	
101	7200		CMA	
102	7020		INC	
103	1106		ADD MIN	
104	3108		STA DIF	
105	7001		HLT	
106	0053	MIN,	DEC 83	
107	FFE9	SUB,	DEC -23	
108	0000	DIF,	HEX 0	address symbol table
ano 1993)		A	ddress symbol	Hexadecimal address
		110-0	MIN	106
			SUB	107
			DIF	108

- Representation of Symbolic Program in Memory
  - user types the symbolic program on a terminal.
  - A loader program is used to input the characters of the symbolic program into memory.
  - □ Since user inputs symbols, program's representation in memory uses alphanumeric characters (8-bit ASCII; see Table 6-10).
  - A line of code is stored in consecutive memory locations with two 8bit characters in each location (we have 16-bit wide memory).
  - End of line is recognized by the CR code.

TABLE 6-10	Hexadecimal	Character	Code	(Mano	1993)

Character	Code	Character	Code	Character	Code	
Α	41	Q	51	6	36	
В	42	R	52	7	37	
C	43	S	53	8	38	
D	44	T	54	9	39	
E	45	U	55	space	20	
F	46	V	56	(	28	
G	47	W	57	)	29	
H	48	X	58	*	2A	
I	49	Y	59	+	2B	
J	4A	Z	5A	and the same	2C	
K	4B	0	30		2D	
L	4C	1	31	ه ليافلند سي	2E	
M	4D	2	32	1	2F	
N	4E	3	33	=	3D	
0	4F	4	34	CR	0D	(carriage
P	50	5	35			return)

#### E.g. a line of code:

PL3, LDA SUB I is stored in seven consecutive memory locations (see Table 6-11):

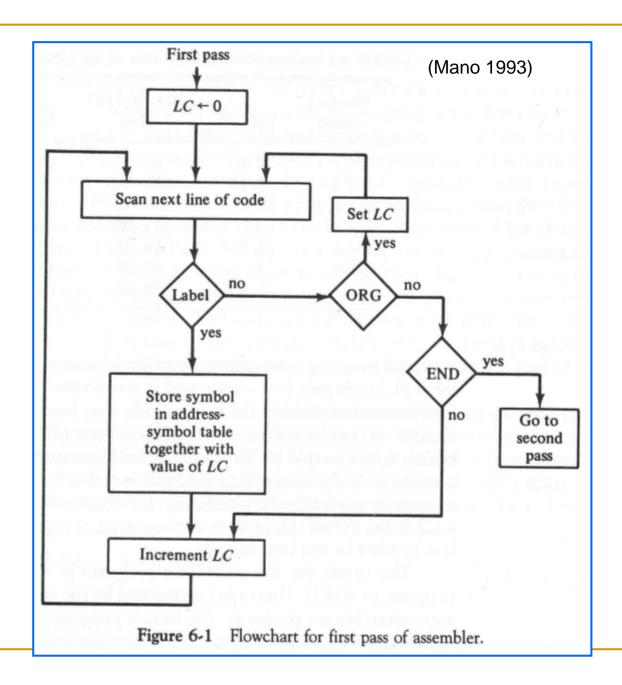
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TABLE 6-11 Computer Representation of the Line of Code: PL3, LDA SUB I

Memory word	Symbol	Hexadecimal code	Binary representation
1	PL	50 4C	0101 0000 0100 1100
2	3 ,	33 2C	0011 0011 0010 1100
3	LD	4C 44	0100 1100 0100 0100
4	A	41 20	0100 0001 0010 0000
5	SU	53 55	0101 0011 0101 0101
6	В	42 20	0100 0010 0010 0000
7	I CR	49 OD	0100 1001 0000 1101

- Each symbol (see Table 6-11) is terminated by the code for space (0x20) except last, which is terminated by the code of carriage return (0x0D).
- If a line of code has a comment, the assembler recognizes it from code 0x2F (slash): assembler ignores all characters in the comment field and keeps checking for a CR code.
- The input for the assembler program is the user's symbolic language program in ASCII.
- The binary program is the output generated by the assembler.

- A two-pass assembler scans the entire symbolic program twice
  - <u>First pass</u>: address table is generated for all address symbols with their binary equivalent value (see Fig. 6-1).
  - Second pass: binary translation with the help of address table generated during the first pass.
  - To keep track of the location of instructions, the assembler uses a memory word (variable) called location counter (LC): LC stores the value of the memory location assigned to the instruction or operand currently being processed.
  - The ORG pseudoinstruction initializes the LC to the value of the first location. If ORG is missing LC is initially set to 0.
  - The LC is incremented (by 1) after processing each line of code.

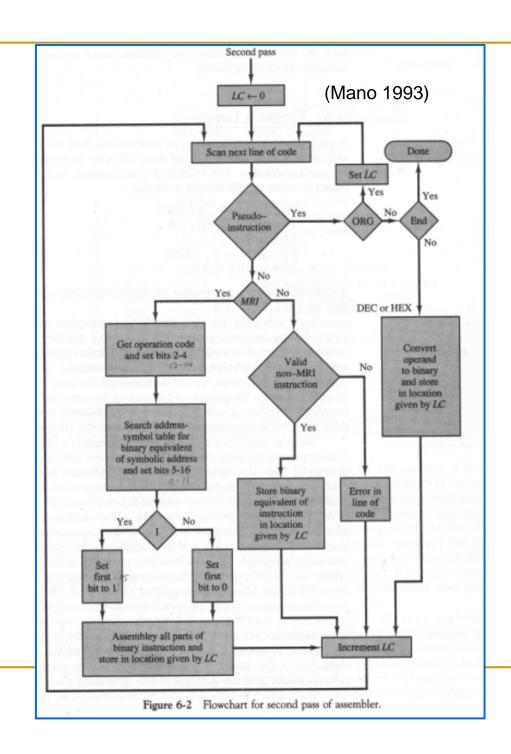


 Address symbol table occupies three words for each label symbol encountered and constitutes the output data that the assembler generates during the first pass.

Memory word	Symbol or (LC)*	Hexad		Binar	у гер	resent	ation
1	мі	4D	49	0100	1101	0100	1001
2	Ν,	4E	2C	0100	1110	0010	1100
3	(LC)	01	06	0000	0001	0000	0110
4	SÜ	53	55	0101	0011	0101	0101
5	В,	42	2C	0100	0010	0010	1100
6	(LC)	01	07	0000	0001	0000	0111
7	DΙ	44	49	0100	0100	0100	1001
8	F ,	46	2C	0100	0110	0010	1100
9	(LC)	01	08	0000	0001	0000	1000

#### Second pass:

- Machine instructions are translated by means of table-lookup procedures: search of table entries to determine whether a specific item matches one of the items stored in the table.
- The assembler uses four tables. Any symbol encountered must be available as an entry in one of the tables:
  - Pseudoinstruction table
  - 2. MRI table: 7 symbols of memory-reference instructions and their 3-bit operation codes.
  - 3. Non-MRI table: 18 register-reference and io-instructions and their 16-bit binary codes.
  - 4. Address symbol table (generated during 1st pass)
- The assembler searches the four tables to determine the binary value of the symbol that is currently processed.



#### Error diagnostics:

- invalid machine code not found in the MRI or non-MRI tables.
- Symbolic address not found from the address table.
- cannot be translated because the binary value is not known: error message for the user.

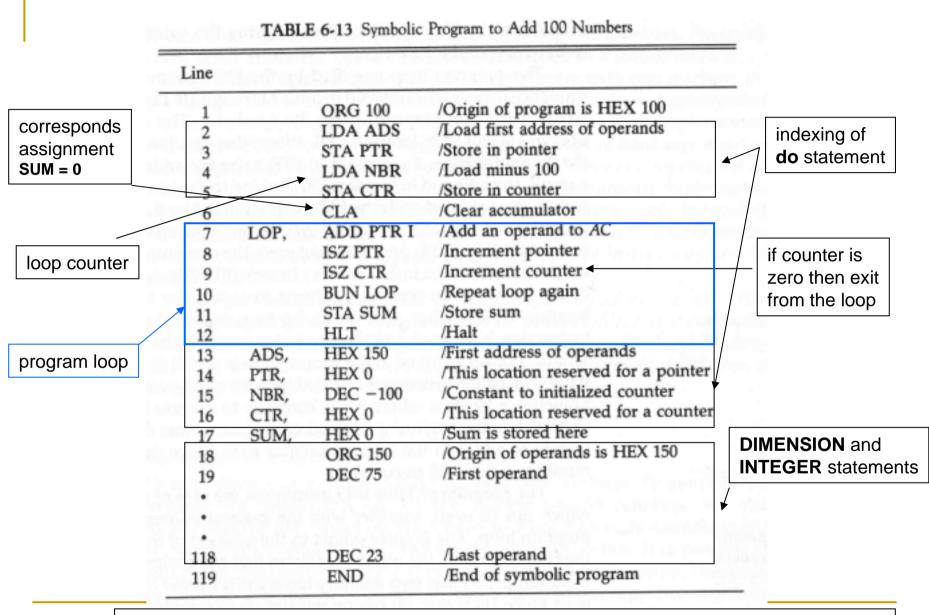
## Program Loops

 Program loop is a sequence of instructions that are executed many times (within the loop) with a different set of data.

```
int a[100];
.
.
int sum = 0;
int i;
for (i=0;i<100;i++)
    sum = sum + a[i];</pre>
```

```
DIMENSION A(100)
INTEGER SUM, A
SUM = 0
DO 3 J = 1, 100
3 SUM = SUM + A(J)
```

- A program that translates a program written in a high level programming language to a machine language program is called a <u>compiler</u>.
- A compiler is a more complicated program than an assembler.
- Demonstration of basic functions of a compiler: translating the previous c-program (loop) to an assembly language program.



NOTE: indirect addressing provides the <u>pointer</u> mechanism. Registers used to store pointers and counters are called <u>index registers</u> (memory words are used in this example).

# Programming Arithmetic and Logic Operations

- Fig. 6-3 shows a flowchart of a multiplication program of the basic computer
  - multiplication of two 8-bit unsigned numbers (integers).
  - 16-bit product.
  - Program loop is traversed eight times, once for each significant bit.
  - X holds the multiplicand, Y holds the multiplier, and P holds the product.
  - Example shows how an arithmetic operation can be implemented by a program.

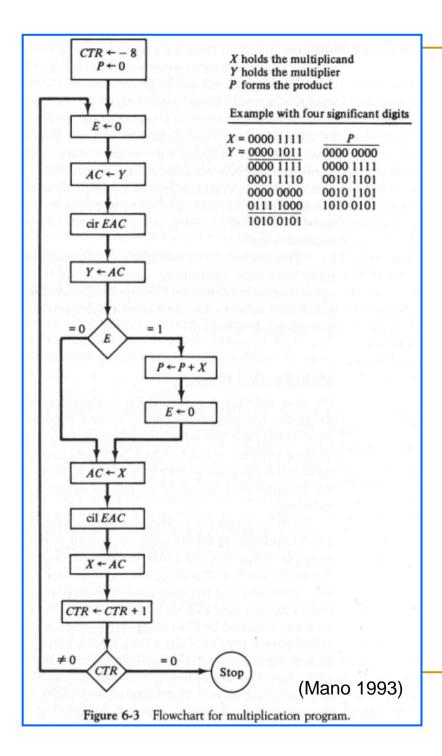


TABLE 6-14 Program to Multiply Two Positive Numbers **ORG** 100 CLE /Clear E LOP, LDA Y /Load multiplier CIR /Transfer multiplier bit to E STA Y /Store shifted multiplier SZE /Check if bit is zero /Bit is one; go to ONE **BUN ONE BUN ZRO** /Bit is zero; go to ZRO LDA X /Load multiplicand ONE, /Add to partial product ADD P STA P /Store partial product /Clear E CLE LDA X /Load multiplicand ZRO, CIL /Shift left STA X /Store shifted multiplicand ISZ CTR /Increment counter **BUN LOP** /Counter not zero; repeat loop /Counter is zero; halt HLT DEC -8 /This location serves as a counter CTR, /Multiplicand stored here Χ, HEX 000F /Multiplier stored here Y, **HEX 000B** /Product formed here HEX 0 P, **END** 

- Double-precision addition: addition of two 32-bit unsigned integers.
- Added numbers place in two consecutive memory locations, AL and AH, and BL and BH.
- Sum is stored in CL and CH:

	LDA AL	/Load A low
	ADD BL	/Add B low, carry in E
	STA CL	/Store in C low
	CLA	/Clear AC
	CIL	/Circulate to bring carry into AC(16)
	ADD AH	/Add A high and carry
	ADD BH	/Add B high
	STA CH	/Store in C high
	HLT	30
AL,	_	/Location of operands
AH,		file in algorithms play to a
BL,	aul <del>i -</del> Turck ii	
BH,	mi <del>n.</del> Indus	
CL,	_	
CH,		

- Any logic operation can be implemented by a program using AND and complement operations.
- E.g. x + y = (x'y')' by DeMorgan's theorem.
- OR operation of two logic operands A and B:

```
LDA A Load first operand A CMA Complement to get \overline{A} STATMP Store in a temporary location LDA B Load second operand B CMA Complement to get \overline{B} AND TMP AND with \overline{A} to get \overline{A} \wedge \overline{B} CMA Complement again to get \overline{A} \vee B
```

Other logical operations can be implemented in a similar fashion.

- The basic computer has two shift instructions: CIL, CIR. Logical and arithmetic shifts can be programmed.
- Logical shift-right (zeros added to the leftmost position):

CLE CIR

Logical shift-left (zeros added to the rightmost position):



Arithmetic right-shift (sign bit remains):

```
CLE /Clear E to D

SPA /Skip if AC is positive; E remains D

CME /AC is negative; set E to 1

CIR /Circulate E and AC
```

 Arithmetic left-shift (zeros added to the rightmost position) – E must be checked for an overflow, e.g.:

```
CLE
                        /clear E
          CIL
                        /circulate left E and AC
          SZE
                        /skip if E is zero (= AC was positive)
                        /branch for checking the negative case
          BUN NEG
          SPA
                        /skip if AC is positive
          BSA OVF
                        /branch to overflow handling
          BUN RET I
                        /return main program
          SNA
                        /skip if AC is negative
NEG.
          BSA OVF
          BUN RETI
```

#### Subroutines

- A set of common instructions that can be used (called) in a program many times is called a subroutine.
- A branch can be made to the subroutine from any part of the main program.
- The return address must be stored (somewhere) in order to successfully return from the subroutine.
- In the basic computer the link between main program and subroutine is the BSA instruction.
- E.g. a subroutine (Table 6-17) for shifting the content of AC four times to the left.

Location			(Mano 1993)
		ORG 100	/Main program
100		LDA X	/Load X
101		BSA SH4	/Branch to subroutine
102		STA X	/Store shifted number
103		LDA Y	/Load Y
104		BSA SH4	/Branch to subroutine again
105		STA Y	/Store shifted number
106		HLT	
107	Χ,	HEX 1234	plant like broken to the second
108	Υ,	HEX 4321	The state of the s
	The ship		/Subroutine to shift left 4 times
109	SH4,	HEX 0	/Store return address here
10A		CIL	/Circulate left once
10B		CIL	And the state of t
10C		CIL	
10D		CIL	/Circulate left fourth time
10E		AND MSK	/Set AC(0-3) to zero
10F		BUN SH4 I	/Return to main program
110	MSK,	HEX FFF0	/Mask operand
		END BU	N $D_4T_4$ : $PC \leftarrow AR$ , $SC \leftarrow 0$
		BSA	
		353	$D_5T_5$ : $PC \leftarrow AR$ , $SC \leftarrow 0$

- From the example (Table 6-17) we see that the first memory location of each subroutine serves as a link between the main program and the subroutine.
- The procedure for branching to a subroutine and returning to the main program is referred as a <u>subroutine linkage</u>.
- The BSA instructions performs a <u>subroutine call</u>.
- The last instruction of the subroutine (indirect BUN) performs a <u>subroutine return</u>.
- In many computers, <u>index registers</u> are employed to implement the subroutine linkage: registers are used to store and retrieve the return address.

- Data can be transferred to a subroutine by using registers (e.g. AC in previous example) or through the memory.
- Data can be placed in memory locations following the call (return from subroutine must be correspondingly modified). Data can also be placed in a block of storage (structure): the first address of the block in then placed in the memory location following the subroutine call.
- E.g. of parameter linkage (Table 6-17): OR operation.
- The subroutine must increment the return address for each operand.
- E.g. of subroutine to move <u>a block of data</u> is presented in Table 6-18.

Location			(Mano 1993)
1 11 14		ORG 200	, hadge from the facility of the street of t
200		LDA X	/Load first operand into AC
201		BSA OR	/Branch to subroutine OR
202		HEX 3AF6	/Second operand stored here
203		STA Y	/Subroutine returns here
204		HLT	
205	X	HEX 7B95	/First operand stored here
206	Υ,	HEX 0	/Result stored here
207	OR,	HEX 0	/Subroutine OR
208		CMA	/Complement first operand
209		STA TMP	/Store in temporary location
20A		LDA OR I	/Load second operand
20B		CMA	/Complement second operand
20C		AND TMP	/AND complemented first operand
20D		CMA	/Complement again to get OR
20E		ISZ OR	/Increment return address
20F		BUN OR I	/Return to main program
210	TMP,	HEX 0	/Temporary storage
		END	
	-	BUN	$D_4T_4$ : $PC \leftarrow AR$ , $SC \leftarrow 0$
		BSA	$D_5T_4$ : $M[AR] \leftarrow PC$ , $AR \leftarrow AR +$
		service to	$D_5T_5$ : $PC \leftarrow AR$ , $SC \leftarrow 0$

	the project		/Main program
		BSA MVE	/Branch to subroutine
eturn address		HEX 100	/First address of source data
nust be incremented		HEX 200	/First address of destination data
hree times		DEC -16	Number of items to move
		HLT	/subroutine returns here
	MVE,	HEX 0	/Subroutine MVE
		LDA MVE I	/Bring address of source (= 100)
		STA PT1	/Store in first pointer
		ISZ MVE	/Increment return address
		LDA MVE I	/Bring address of destination (=200
		STA PT2	/Store in second pointer
		ISZ MVE	/Increment return address
		LDA MVE I	/Bring number of items
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	STA CTR	/Store in counter
		ISZ MVE	/Increment return address
	LOP,	LDA PT1 I	/Load source item
		STA PT2 I	/Store in destination
		ISZ PT1	/Increment source pointer
		ISZ PT2	/Increment destination pointer
		ISZ CTR	/Increment counter
		<b>BUN LOP</b>	/Repeat 16 times
		BUN MVE I	/Return to main program
	PT1,		
	PT2,		and the second s
	CTR,		(Mano 1993)

## Input-Output Programming

- Input-output programs are needed for writing symbols to computer's memory and printing symbols from the memory.
- Input-output program are employed for writing programs for the computer, for example.
- Table 6-19 lists programs for the Basic Computer to input and output one character: non-interrupt based programs.

#### TABLE 6-19 Programs to Input and Output One Character

(a) Input a character: (Mano 1993) CIF, SKI /Check input flag /Flag=0, branch to check again **BUN CIF** INP /Flag=1, input character OUT Print character STA CHR Store character HLT CHR, /Store character here (b) Output one character: LDA CHR /Load character into AC COF, **SKO** /Check output flag **BUN COF** /Flag=0, branch to check again /Flag=1, output character OUT HLT HEX 0057 CHR, /Character is "W"

The second example (Table 6-20) receives two 8-bit characters and places the result to 16-bit accumulator:

TABLE 6-20 Subroutine to Input and Pack Two Characters

	/Subroutine e	entry	
INP OUT	/Input first ch	naracter	
BSA SH4			shifts AC 8-bits to the left using the
SKI	/Silit left fou	ir more times	SH4 subroutine (see earlier example).
INP	/Input second	character	─ fills bits 0-7 of
BUN IN2 I	/Return	(Mano 1993)	AC (bits 8-15 remain intact)
	OUT BSA SH4 BSA SH4 SKI BUN SCD INP OUT	SKI BUN FST INP /Input first ch OUT BSA SH4 /Shift left fou SKI BUN SCD INP /Input second OUT	BUN FST INP /Input first character OUT BSA SH4 /Shift left four times BSA SH4 /Shift left four more times SKI BUN SCD INP /Input second character OUT BUN IN2 I /Return

The third example (Table 6-21) lists a program for storing characters from the input device (e.g. keyboard) to computer's memory: program can be used as a <u>loader</u> <u>program</u> when a symbolic program is inputted to computer's memory prior the usage of an assembler.

TABLE 6-21 Program to Store Input Characters in a Buffer

	LDA ADS	/Load first address of buffer
	STA PTR	/Initialize pointer
LOP,	BSA IN2	/Go to subroutine IN2 (Table 6-20)
TOTAL	STA PTR I	/Store double character word in buffer
	ISZ PTR	/Increment pointer
	BUN LOP	/Branch to input more characters
	HLT	bounts or project three mo-
ADS,	HEX 500	/First address of buffer
PTR,	HEX 0	/Location for pointer (Mano 1993

The fourth example (Table 6-22) describes a program that compares two memory words: the program can be utilized, for example, when implementing assembler program's second-pass table lookup procedures.

TABLE 6-22 Program to Compare Two Words LDA WD1 /Load first word CMA /Form 2's complement INC /Add second word ADD WD2 /Skip if AC is zero SZA /Branch to "unequal" routine BUN UEQ /Branch to "equal" routine BUN EQL WD1. WD2, (Mano 1993)

- The interrupt facility is useful in a multiprogram environment when two or more programs reside in memory at the same time: computer can perform useful computations while waiting a request (interrupt) from an external device.
- The program that is currently being executed is referred to as the running program.
- The function of the interrupt facility is to take care of the data transfer of a program while another program is being executed (which must include ION if interrupt(s) is used).

- The interrupt service routine must include instructions to perform following tasks:
  - 1. Save contents of processor registers: the service routine must not disturb the running (interrupted) program.
  - Check which interrupt flag is set: this identifies the interrupt that occurred.
  - 3. Service the device whose interrupt flag was set: the sequence by which the flags are checked dictates the priority assigned to each device.
  - 4. Restore the contents of processor registers.
  - 5. Turn the interrupt facility on to enable further interrupts.
  - 6. Return to the running program.
- E.g. in Table 6-23.

ocation			110 127 10 Pagh 1/20
0 Z	RO,		/Return address stored here
1		BUN SRV	/Branch to service routine
100		CLA	/Portion of running program
101		ION	/Turn on interrupt facility
102		LDA X	
103		ADD Y	/Interrupt occurs here (=> PC
104		STA Z	/Program returns here after interrupt
• /		•	ENDERSON AND THE PROPERTY OF T
			/Interrupt service routine
200 S	RV,	STA SAC	/Store content of AC
		CIR	/Move E into AC(1)
		STA SE	/Store content of E
		SKI	/Check input flag
		BUN NXT	/Flag is off, check next flag
		INP	/Flag is on, input character
		OUT	/Print character (clears FGO)
		STA PT1 I	/Store it in input buffer
		ISZ PT1	/Increment input pointer
1	VXT,	SKO	/Check output flag
		BUN EXT	/Flag is off, exit
		LDA PT2 I	/Load character from output buffer
		OUT	/Output character
		ISZ PT2	/Increment output pointer
I	EXT,	LDA SE	/Restore value of AC(1)
		CIL	/Shift it to E
		LDA SAC	/Restore content of AC
		ION	/Turn interrupt on
		BUN ZRO I	/Return to running program
	SAC,	_	/AC is stored here
	SE,		/E is stored here
The I	PT1,		/Pointer of input buffer
1	PT2,	_	/Pointer of output buffer