

16. Examples

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYUNSU CHANGED HER OFFICE HOURS -
TODAY (10/24) - 7:30-9:30 pm, PCL 2.430B

REVIEW SESSION
SUNDAY (10/28) 2:00-5:00 PM - HERE
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Subroutines

A **subroutine** is a program fragment that:

- lives in user space
- performs a well-defined task
- is invoked (called) by another user program
- returns control to the calling program when finished

Like a service routine, but not part of the OS

- not concerned with protecting hardware resources
- no special privilege required

Reasons for subroutines:

- reuse useful (and debugged!) code without having to keep typing it in
- divide task among multiple programmers
- use vendor-supplied *library* of useful routines

Passing Information to/from Subroutines

Arguments

- A value **passed in** to a subroutine is called an argument.
- This is a value needed by the subroutine to do its job.
- Examples:
 - In 2sComp routine, R0 is the number to be negated
 - In OUT service routine, R0 is the character to be printed.
 - In PUTS routine, R0 is address of string to be printed.

Return Values

- A value **passed out** of a subroutine is called a return value.
- This is the value that you called the subroutine to compute.
- Examples:
 - In 2sComp routine, negated value is returned in R0.
 - In GETC service routine, character read from the keyboard is returned in R0.

Using Subroutines

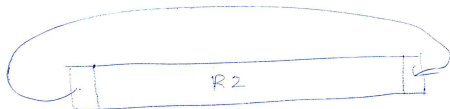
In order to use a subroutine, a programmer must know:

- **its address** (or at least a label that will be bound to its address)
- **its function** (what does it do?)
 - NOTE: The programmer does not need to know how the subroutine works, but what changes are visible in the machine's state after the routine has run.
- **its arguments** (where to pass data in, if any)
- **its return values** (where to get computed data, if any)

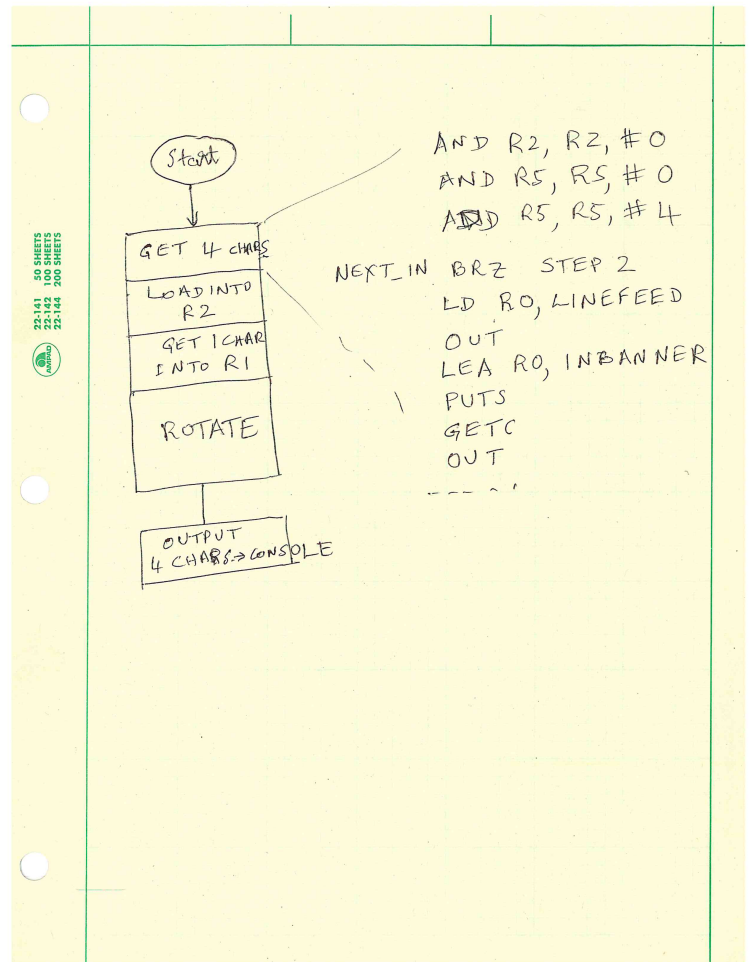
Example

• Rotate 4 Hex Digits LEFT

- Input digits from keyboard into a register (R2) - ASCII → BINARY
- Input number of places to rotate from keyboard (R1)
- Perform Rotation
- Display digits after rotation on console → BINARY → ASCII



R1: # OF ROTATES
(1-BIT)



4-DIGITS
LOAD INTO R2
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LD R3, NEGZERO
ADD R3, R3, R0
BRn BAD ; NOT A VALID CHAR.
LD R3, NEGNINE
ADD R3, R3, R0
BRp ATOF
; WE KNOW WE HAVE A DECIMAL DIGIT
ADD R2, R2, R2 ; SHIFT R2
ADD R2, R2, R2 ; 4 PLACES LEFT
ADD R2, R2, R2
ADD R2, R2, R2
;
AND R0, R0, XF ; KEEP LAST
ADD R2, R2, R0 ; 4 BITS
;
ADD R5, R5, #-1
BR NEXT_IN
; TEST FOR A-F
ATOF
  
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ATOF LD R3, NEG_A
ADD R3, R3, R0
BRn BAD
LD R3, NEG_F
ADD R3, R3, R0
BRp BAD
; WE HAVE A HEX DIGIT IN R3
ADD R2, R2, R2 ; SHIFT LEFT
ADD R2, R2, R2
ADD R2, R2, R2
ADD R2, R2, R2
;
LD R3, NEG_55 ; -#55
ADD R0, R0, R3
ADD R2, R2, R0
;
ADD R5, R5, #-1
BR NEXT_IN
BAD - - - ; PRINT "BAD CHAR"
  
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