Little man computer (assembly language)

11.5.1.3 analyze a simple program written in the language of assembly

Assessment criteria:

- -uses basic instructions of LMC(little man computer)
- -knows what is mnemonic
- -knows what is operand and opcode
- -understand importance of memory in Von Neumann architecture.



Little man computer - simulator of assembly language.





LMC Instruction Set

#	Instruction	Mnemonic	MachineCode	Explanation
1	Load	LDA	5xx	Load the contents of the given mailbox onto the accumulator.
2	Store	STA	Зхх	Store the contents of the accumulator (calculator) to the mailbox of the given address.
3	Add	ADD	1xx	Add the contents of the given mailbox onto the accumulator (calculator).
4	Subtract	SUB	2xx	Subtract the contents of the given mailbox from the accumulator (calculator).
5	Input	INP	901	Copy the value from the "in box" onto the accumulator (calculator).
6	Output	OUT	902	Copy the value from the accumulator (calculator) to the "out box".
7	End	HLT	000	Causes the Little Man Computer to stop executing your program.
8	Branch if zero	BRZ	7xx	If the contents of the accumulator (calculator) are 000, the PC (program counter) will be set to the given address.
9	Branch if zero or positive	BRP	8xx	If the contents of the accumulator (calculator) are 000 or positive (i.e. the negative flag is not set), the PC (program counter) will be set to the given address.
10	Branch always	BRA	бхх	Set the contents of the accumulator (calculator) to the given address.
11	Data storage	DAT		When compiled, a program converts each instruction into a three-digit code. These codes are placed in sequential mailboxes. Instead of a program component, this instruction will reserve the next mailbox for data storage.

Basic instructions of LMC

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A+B

INP STA 99 **STA - opcode 99 - operand** INP **opcode+operand=mnemonic** ADD 99 OUT HLT // Output the sum of two numbers

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For example we have mnemonic add 45 and add#45.

What is difference between 45 and #45?



Activity 1

- 1. A+B+C
- 2. A+C-B(A inputted first, B inputted second, C inputted third)
- 3. A-B+C

Descriptors:

- correctly uses instructions of LMC
- correctly output result

BRA, BRZ, BRP, DAT

BRA-Branch - use the address given as the address of the next instruction. BRP-Branch to the address given if the Accumulator is zero or positive. BRZ-Branch to the address given if the Accumulator is zero. DAT-Used to indicate a location that contains data.

Define maximum of two numbers



Example of using instruction "DAT"

INP	00	INP	
STA FIRST	01	STA	09
	02	INP	
	03	ADD	09
INP	04	OUT	
SUB FIRST	05	INP	
OUT	06	SUB	09
	07	OUT	
/ Input three numbers	08	HLT	
/ Output the sum of the first two	09	DAT	00
/ and the third minus the first			

Example of using instruction "DAT"

INP

SUB ONE // Subtract the value stored at address ONE from the accumulator **OUT**

ONE DAT 1 // Store the value 1 in this memory address, and label it ONE (variable declaration)

Activity 2

- define maximum of three numbers
- a*b

Descriptors:

- correctly uses LMC instructions
- correctly output result

1 The code below is part of a program written in assembly language.

	mov	dx,1AH
	mov	ax,[loticks]
	sub	dx,ax
	mov	[hiticks],dx
	mov	ax,[hiticks]
	jmp	end
hiticks	dw	OH
loticks	dw	10H
end		



After this code has run, what values will be stored at memory locations hiticks, and loticks? Give your answers as **decimal** numbers.







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