Functions (8A)

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Supporting Procedures

1. put parameters in a place where the procedure can access them
2. transfer control to the procedure
3. acquire the storage resources needed fr the procedure
4. perform the desired task
5. put the result value in a place where the calling program can access it
6. return control to the points of origin, since a procedure can be called
   from several points in a program

Registers

R0, R1, R2, R3 : four argument registers to pass parameters

LR : one link register containing the return address register
to the point of origin

Registers

BL ProcedureAddress

MOV PC, LR

A procedure that does not call another procedures

```
int leaf_example (int g, int h, int I, int j)
{
      int f;
      f = (g + h) - (i+j);
      return f;
}
```

```
SUB     SP, SP, #12      ; adjust stack to make room for 3 items
STR     R6, [SP, #8]     ; save register R6 for a later use
STR     R6, [SP, #4]     ; save register R5 for a later use
STR     R6, [SP, #0]     ; save register R4 for a later use
```

A procedure that does not call another procedures

```
int leaf_example (int g, int h, int I, int j)
{
      int f;
      f = (g + h) - (i+j);
      return f;
}
```

```
ADD     R5, R0, R1        ; R5 = g + h
ADD     R6, R2, R3        ; R6 = I + j
SUB     R4, R5, R6        ; R4 = R5 - R6

MOV     R0, R4            ; returns f (R0 = R4)
```

A procedure that does not call another procedures

```
int leaf_example (int g, int h, int I, int j)
{
      int f;
      f = (g + h) - (i+j);
      return f;
}
```

```
LDR     R4, [SP, #0]      ; restore R4 for the caller
LDR     R5, [SP, #4]      ; restore R5 for the caller
LDR     R6, [SP, #8]      ; restore R6 for the caller
ADD     SP, SP, #12       ; adjust stack t delete 3 items

MOV     PC, LR            ; jump back to calling procedure
```

Instructions for procedures

BL ProcedureAddress

jumps to an address and simultaneously saves
the address of the following instruction in register LR

MOV PC, LR

Instructions for procedures

B{cond}	**label**	; branch to label
BX{cond}	**Rm**	; branch indirect to location specified by **Rm**
BL{cond}	**label**	; branch to *subroutine* at label
BLX{cond}	**Rm**	; branch to *subroutine* indirect specified by **Rm**

Instructions for procedures

```
uint32_t Num;

void Change(void) {
      Num = Num + 25;
}

void main(void) {
      Num = 0;
      while (1) {
            Change();
      }
}
```

Instructions for procedures

```
Change  LDR     R1, =Num        ; 5) R1 = &Num
        LDR     R0, [R1]        ; 6) R0 = Num
        ADD     R0, R0, #25     ; 7) R0 = Num + 25
        STR     R0, [R1]        ; 8) Num = Num + 25
        BX      LR              ; 9) return

Main    LDR     R1, =Num        ; 1) R1 = &Num
        MOV     R0, #0          ; 2) R0 = 0
        STR     R0, [R1]        ; 3) Num = 0
Loop    BL      Change          ; 4) call to Change
        B       Loop            ; 10) repeat
```

Instructions for procedures

```
uint32_t Num;

void Change(void) {
      if (Num <25600) {
            Num = Num + 25;
      }
}

void main(void) {
      Num = 0;
      while (1) {
            Change();
      }
}
```

Instructions for procedures

```
Change  LDR     R1, =Num        ; R1 = &Num
        LDR     R0, [R1]        ; R0 = Num
        CMP     R0, #25600      ;
        BHS     skip
        ADD     R0, R0, #25     ; R0 = Num + 25
        STR     R0, [R1]        ; Num = Num + 25
Skip    BX      LR              ; return

Main    LDR     R1, =Num        ; R1 = &Num
        MOV     R0, #0          ; R0 = 0
        STR     R0, [R1]        ; Num = 0
Loop    BL      Change          ; call to Change
        B       Loop            ; repeat
```

Instructions for procedures

```
uint32_t Num;

void Change(void) {
      if (Num <100) {
            Num = Num + 1;
      } else {
            Num = -100;
      }
}

void main(void) {
      Num = 0;
      while (1) {
            Change();
      }
}
```

Instructions for procedures

```
Change  LDR     R1, =Num        ; R1 = &Num
        LDR     R0, [R1]        ; R0 = Num
        CMP     R0, #100        ;
        BGE     else
        ADD     R0, R0, #1      ; R0 = Num + 1
        B       skip
Else    MOV     R0, #-100       ; R0 = -100
skip    STR     R0, [R1]        ; Num = Num + 1 or -100
        BX      LR              ; return

Main    LDR     R1, =Num        ; R1 = &Num
        MOV     R0, #0          ; R0 = 0
        STR     R0, [R1]        ; Num = 0
Loop    BL      Change          ; call to Change
        B       Loop            ; repeat
```

Pointer access to an array

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