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The DSP56300 and DSP56600 are the new high-performance 24-bit and 16-bit cores in Motorola's family of Digital Signal Processors. They are based on the same pipeline structure. This structure is capable of executing an instruction on every clock cycle. At the same time these cores maintain a Harvard architecture and programming model similar to the older 24-bit DSP56000 core.

Code written for the DSP56300 or the DSP56600 may be based on previously developed code written for the DSP56000, or it may be new code that was developed initially for these new DSP cores. The intent of this document is to describe the new and the DSP56000-based features of the DSP56300 and DSP56600 cores in order to help the DSP software engineer to fully utilize the processor resources and generate an optimized application.

The document is a supplement to the detailed DSP56300 and DSP56600 Family Manuals.

1.1 DSP56300 CORE FAMILY

The DSP56300 core consists of the Expansion Port and DRAM Controller, Data ALU, Address Generation Unit, Instruction Cache Controller, Program Control Unit, DMA Controller, PLL Clock Oscillator, On-Chip Emulation (OnCE[™]) module, JTAG Test Access Port (TAP), and the Peripheral and Memory Expansion Busses. The main features of this high performance CPU include:

- Object code compatibility with the DSP56000 core
- Harvard Architecture with 24-bit instruction width and 24-bit data width
- Fully pipelined 24 × 24-bit parallel Multiplier-Accumulator (MAC)
- 56-bit parallel barrel shifter
- 16-bit Arithmetic mode of operation
- Highly parallel instruction set

This application note describes how to optimize an application for the DSP56300 and DSP56600 new DSP cores

DSP56600 Core Family

- Position Independent Code (PIC) instruction-set support
- Unique DSP addressing modes
- On-chip memory-expandable hardware stack
- Nested hardware DO loops
- Fast auto-return interrupts
- On-chip instruction cache
- On-chip concurrent six-channel DMA controller
- On-chip Phase Lock Loop (PLL)
- On-Chip Emulation (OnCE) module
- Program address tracing support
- JTAG port compatible with the *IEEE 1149.1 Standard*

The first members of DSP chips that use the DSP56300 core are the DSP56301, DSP56302, DSP56303, and DSP56305. The main differences between these derivatives are the size of the on-chip memory and the types of on-chip peripherals and hardware accelerators.

1.2 DSP56600 CORE FAMILY

The DSP56600 core consists of the External Memory Interface port, Data ALU, Address Generation Unit, Program Control Unit, PLL Clock Oscillator, On-Chip Emulation module, and the Peripheral and Memory Expansion Busses. The main differences between the DSP56300 and the DSP56600 cores are:

- The DSP56600 uses a 16-bit data bus, while the DSP56300 uses a 24-bit data bus.
- The Multiplier-Accumulator in the DSP56600 is 16×16 bit while the DSP56300 is 24×24 bit.
- The DSP56600's barrel shifter is 40 bits wide, while the DSP56300's barrel shifter is 56 bits wide.
- The DSP56600 does not include an instruction cache controller.
- The DSP56600 does not include a six-channel DMA controller.

The first members of DSP chips that use the DSP56600 core are the DSP56602 and the DSP56603. The main differences between these derivatives are the size of the on-chip memory and the types of on-chip peripherals.

1.3 ENHANCEMENTS OVER THE DSP56000

The DSP56300 and the DSP56600 include many architectural enhancements over the older generation 24-bit DSP family, the DSP56000. The following tables shortly describe these enhancements.

1.3.1 Instruction Set Enhancements

Many instructions were added in order to support the target applications of the new DSP cores:

| Opcodes | Opcodes | Exist in DSP56300? | Exist in DSP56600? |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| MAX | Transfer by Signed Value | √ | |
| MAXM | Transfer by Magnitude | √ | |
| INSERT | INSERT Bit Field | √ | |
| EXTRACT | Extract Bit Field | √ | |
| EXTRACTU | Extract Unsigned Bit Field | √ | |
| MERGE | Merge Two Half Words | √ | |
| CLB | Count Leading Bits | √ | |
| NORMF | Fast Accumulator Normalize | √ | |
| CMPU | Compare Unsigned | √ | |
| Multibit Shifts | Arithmetic and Logical Shifts | \checkmark | |

Table 1-1New Instructions in DSP56300 and DSP56600

Enhancements over the DSP56000

| Opcodes | Opcodes | Exist in DSP56300? | Exist in DSP56600? |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| MAC (uu) | Unsigned MAC | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| DMAC | Double-Precision MAC | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| PLOCK | Lock Cache Sector | \checkmark | |
| PUNLOCK | Unlock Cache Sector | √ | |
| PFLUSH | Flush Cache Sectors | √ | |
| PFLUSHUN | Flush Unlocked Cache Sectors | \checkmark | |
| PFREE | free all locked sectors | √ | |
| LRA | Load Relative Address | √ | \checkmark |
| BSR / BScc | Branch Subroutine always/conditionally | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| BRA / Bcc | Branch Target always/conditionally | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| BSset / BSclr | Branch Subroutine on Bit Set/Clear | \checkmark | |
| BRset / BRclr | Branch Target on Bit Set/Clear | \checkmark | |
| DO Forever | DO-Loop Forever | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| DOR Forever | DO-Loop Forever Relative | \checkmark | |
| BRKcc | Break Loop Conditionally | √ | V |
| TRAPcc | TRAP Conditionally | √ | \checkmark |
| IFcc | Execute Instruction Conditionally | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| VSL | Viterbi Shift Left | \checkmark | \checkmark |

Table 1-1New Instructions in DSP56300 and DSP56600

Enhancements over the DSP56000

1.3.2 Architectural Enhancements

The programmer's model of the new DSP cores were also enhanced by the following:

- An instruction cache controller was added to the DSP56300. A Burst mode can be used to lower the off-chip traffic if external DRAMs are used.
- A six-channel DMA controller was added to the DSP56300.
- A true barrel shifter (56-bit in DSP56300 and 40-bit in DSP56600) was added to support multibit operations.
- The address and offset registers of the DSP56300 (R0–R7, N0–N7) were extended to 24-bit wide to support larger memory sizes.
- The DSP56300 has a 16-bit Arithmetic operating mode such that 16-bit exact algorithms can be implemented without any overhead.
- The DSP56300 and the DSP56600 have an on-chip Hardware Stack Extension mechanism that makes the Stack depth practically unlimited.
- Rounding and Saturation modes were added to the Arithmetic Unit of the DSP56300 and DSP56600.
- New addressing modes were added to the DSP56300 and DSP56600:
 - Short/Long address displacement
 - PC-Relative for Position Independent Code
 - Short/Long Immediate operands to Arithmetic and Logical operations

Application Note Structure

1.4 APPLICATION NOTE STRUCTURE

This document has three main component parts:

- DSP56300 and DSP56600 features description and use
- Optimizing the code for best performance
- Appendices

1.4.1 DSP56300 and DSP56600 Features Description and Use

The first five sections in this application note describe all the architectural and instruction set enhancements in the new DSP cores and how they can be used to optimize applications.

- Section 1—Introduction
 - DSP56300 core family
 - DSP56600 core family
 - Enhancements over the DSP56000
- Section 2—Data Operations
 - How to organize data in memory to use parallel moves
 - How to use the barrel shifter in various applications
 - The benefit and use of the 16-bit Arithmetic support
 - Some examples that show the benefit of few of the new arithmetic and logical instructions
- Section 3—Program Control
 - How to use the on-chip hardware stack
 - Benefit and usage of the Stack Extension
 - Usage of the conditional arithmetic and logical instructions
 - How to use the PC relative instructions for code relocation and saving of program words
 - Using fast interrupts

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- Section 4—Using the DMA
 - How to reduce core MIPS by using the DMA
 - How to service peripherals using the DMA
 - How to use slow, inexpensive memory chips without loosing performance
 - How to handle complex data structures by using the DMA
- Section 5—Instruction Cache and Other Memory Features
 - Basic instruction cache tutorial
 - Data organization for efficient sector allocation
 - Sector locking for critical loops
 - Flushing the cache after task switching.
 - Burst mode for DRAMs
 - Memory banks between program and data
 - Using the bootstrap ROM

1.4.2 Optimizing the Code for Best Performance

The next two sections include general explanation of the various pipeline stall conditions and how they can be avoided in order to get faster execution times. In addition, some observations on the instruction set are included along with recommended usage for optimization purposes.

- Section 6—Pipeline Interlocks
 - Description of the various types of interlocks
 - Ways to avoid each type of interlock
 - Program flow and control
 - Understanding timing of conditional change of flow
 - How to reorder code at the end of DO loops
 - When to use the repeat instruction
- Section 7—Compact Opcode Use

Application Note Structure

- Cycle count of an instruction
- Addressing modes
- Word count of an instruction
- Peripheral addressing

1.4.3 Appendixes

There are three appendices providing supplementary information about application design guidelines:

- Appendix A—Saving Power
- Appendix B—Debug and Test Support
- Appendix C—Using the Profiler

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2.1 USING THE DUAL DATA PATHS

The DSP56300/DSP56600 core can execute a new instruction every clock cycle. This performance can be used efficiently only if data can be fed to the core and its results moved out of it at a sufficient rate. The DSP56300/DSP56600 core's highly parallel architecture was designed to allow performing the following operations in parallel:

- Data ALU instruction execution
- Up to two parallel moves of data operands or results to/from the Data ALU
- Up to two address calculations for the next instruction
- Fetch of next instruction

The two data paths (the X bus and Y bus) connect two data memory sections (the X memory and the Y memory) with the Data ALU. This parallelism allows the DSP56300/DSP56600 core to execute more effectively, for example, executing a FIR tap in one clock cycle:

| Opcode + operands | | Data for next iteration via the X data bus + increment pointer | Data for next iteration via the Y data bus + increment pointer |
|-------------------|---------|---|---|
| mac | x0,y0,a | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 |

Data that is moved in parallel *into* a register is ready for use in the next instruction, and does not interfere with the current value of the operands in execution. In the above example, the values of X0 and Y0 are updated only after the "MAC" instruction uses its operands. Similarly, data moved *from* a register will hold the data before it was updated as a result of execution. For example:

mac x0,y0,a a,x:(r0)+

The value of the accumulator A that is moved to the memory is the value before its update by the "MAC" instruction.

This section discusses important features and new additions to the DSP56000 core Data Arithmetic Unit

There are two ways to generate the operand addresses for parallel moves:

- **XY addressing**—Two address registers are used independently, one generating an operand address for the X memory and the other for the Y memory. The FIR example above is of this kind. The address registers must be of different "banks", meaning that if an address register R0–3 is used for one data field, an address register R4–7 should be used for the other data field. No absolute addresses are allowed in this mode.
- **Long addressing**—One address register or absolute address is used to generate the address for both the X memory and the Y memory. For example:

The syntax L:(R0)+,X is equivalent to moving X:(R0) to X0 and Y:(R0) to X1, then incrementing R0. The name "long addressing" refers to the fact that such addressing enables to access two data registers as if they were one 48-bit long register.

Not all the DSP56300/DSP56600 instructions support parallel moves. In general, the instructions that do are a subset of the arithmetic instructions. The full list of these instructions appears in **Table 2-1**.

| Instruction | Mnemonic | Relevant Opcode variants |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Absolute Value | ABS | |
| Add Long with Carry | ADC | |
| Add | ADD | Non-immediate |
| Shift Left and Add Accumulators | ADDL | |
| Shift Right and Add Accumulators | ADDR | |
| Logical AND | AND | Non-immediate |
| Arithmetic Shift Accumulator Left | ASL | Single bit, non-immediate |

Table 2-1Parallel Move Instructions

| Instruction | Mnemonic | Relevant Opcode variants |
|--|----------|------------------------------|
| Arithmetic Shift Accumulator Right | ASR | Single bit, non-immediate |
| Clear Accumulator | CLR | |
| Compare | СМР | Non-immediate |
| Compare Magnitude | СМРМ | |
| Logical Exclusive OR | EOR | Non-immediate |
| Logical Shift Left | LSR | |
| Logical Shift Right | LSR | |
| Multiply and Accumulate | MAC | Signed operands |
| Signed Multiply and Accumulate and Round | MACR | |
| Transfer by Signed Value | MAX | |
| Transfer by Magnitude | MAXM | |
| Signed Multiply | MPY | |
| Signed Multiply and Round | MPYR | |
| Negate Accumulator | NEG | |
| Logical Complement | NOT | |
| Logical Inclusive OR | OR | Non-immediate |
| Round Accumulator | RND | |
| Rotate Left | ROL | |
| Rotate Right | ROR | |
| Subtract Long with Carry | SBC | |
| Subtract | SUB | Non-immediate |
| Shift Right and Subtract Accumulators | SUBR | |
| Shift Left and Subtract Accumulators | SUBL | |

 Table 2-1
 Parallel Move Instructions (Continued)

| Instruction | Mnemonic | Relevant Opcode variants |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Transfer Data ALU Register | TFR | |
| Test Accumulators | TST | |

 Table 2-1
 Parallel Move Instructions (Continued)

Parallel moves are also restricted in their use of registers as source and destination to a part of the Data ALU registers. The register options available for XY Addressing are listed in **Table 2-2**. Any register in the X field column can appear with any register in the Y column, with the obvious exception of updating the same accumulator from both the X and Y fields.

| X Field | Y Field | Comments |
|---------|---------|---|
| X0 | Y0 | |
| X1 | Y1 | |
| А | А | As source: undergoes shifting and limiting |
| В | В | As destination: A2/B2 sign extended, A0/B0 zero filled |

The register options available for long addressing are listed in **Table 2-3**.

Note: Some syntax combinations of the accumulators differ only in shifting/limiting (if the register is the source) or implicit register updates (if they are destination). For example, compare "A10" with "A". In the "AB" and "BA" combinations, each accumulator has same behavior as a regular move, such as:

move a, x:(r0)+.

| Assembler Syntax | X Field | Y Field | Shifting/ Limiting if source | Sign extension if destination | Zero fill if destination |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| A10 | A1 | A0 | no | no | no |
| B10 | B1 | B0 | no | no | no |
| X | X1 | X0 | no | no | no |
| Y | Y1 | Y0 | no | no | no |
| А | A1 | A0 | yes | A2 | no |
| В | B1 | B0 | yes | B2 | no |
| AB | A1 | B1 | yes | A2,B2 | A0,B0 |
| BA | B1 | A1 | yes | A2,B2 | A0,B0 |

 Table 2-3
 Registers used in Long Addressing

Keeping those restrictions in mind, writing a critical data processing loop efficiently should be done after careful planning of register use and the data allocations in the memory space according to the parallelism possible in the calculation at hand. For example, in the FIR tap calculation given above, the coefficients occupy the X memory with pointer R0, and the data buffer occupies the Y memory with pointer R4 (or vice versa). In other cases, the division may not be so straight forward. For example, in many algorithms involving complex numbers, the efficient solution uses one memory space for the real part of the numbers, while the other memory space is used for the imaginary part. In those examples, there is a logical separating criterion between the data placed in the X and Y memories. In many applications, however, variables may be split up between the X and Y memories based on no other criterion than the ability to transfer them in parallel to the core at the time they are called for by the algorithm.

16-bit Arithmetic Mode (DSP56300 Only)

2.2 16-BIT ARITHMETIC MODE (DSP56300 ONLY)

The 16-bit Arithmetic mode causes the Data ALU to use only 16 bits of the 24-bit data in transfers and calculations, allowing use of the DSP56300 as a 16-bit data processor. The 16-bit data is right aligned in the memory, but left aligned in data registers (in order to comply with the fractional numerical representation convention). The hardware makes the proper alignments and shifts in data transfers and operations, so the user does not have any overhead when using this mode. This includes the accumulators, which in the 16-bit mode are 40-bits wide (in accumulator A, for example, A0 and A1 are 16 bits each, and the extension A2 remains 8 bits wide). All data operations are properly defined to give correct 16-bit arithmetic results. For more information on the 16-bit Arithmetic mode, see Section 3.4 in the DSP56300 Family Manual for a general description, and **Appendix A** in the same manual (Instruction set) for a detailed description on the functionality of each instruction affected by this mode.

Using the 16-bit Arithmetic mode may give many advantages from a general system point of view:

- Ability to implement a 16-bit exact algorithms. The DSP56300 also supports saturation arithmetic and flexible rounding modes required by some standards.
- 16-bit exact algorithms exact algorithms could be integrated easily into a software system that also includes 24-bit exact routines. Changing of the arithmetic mode can be done "on the fly".

The 16-bit Arithmetic mode is activated by setting the SA bit in the Status Register (SR).

Note: This is not the same as the 16-bit Compatibility mode (activated by setting the SC bit in the Status Register). The 16-bit Compatibility mode affects address registers and address calculations and enables object code compatibility with the DSP56000 family (which uses 16-bit wide addresses).

2.3 THE MAX INSTRUCTION

MAX is a new instruction in the DSP56300 and DSP56600 instruction set that can used to enhance performance in critical data operation loops. For example,

max a,b

compares the two accumulators, and places the bigger value in the destination accumulator (accumulator B). The MAXM instruction does the same thing, only it transfers the bigger absolute value to the destination .

Like other data operations, this instruction is effectively executed in one clock cycle. Previously such functionality was achieved in two cycles, for example:

> cmp a,b tlt a,b

Note: This example differs from the MAX functionality only in the status update.

The MAXM instruction can be used to find the largest number in an array of values, in N + 10 clock cycles:

| | | | <u>cycles</u> |
|------|--------|------------|---------------|
| move | #DATA_ | POINTER,r0 | 1 |
| clr | b | x:(r0)+,a | 1+3 interlock |
| rep | #n | | 5 |
| maxm | a,b | x:(r0)+,a | N |

The initialization of R0 takes 4 cycles due to an address register interlock. The three cycle stall could be used for other useful instructions (see **Section 6.2.1** on page 6-7).

Note: The MAX and MAXM instructions can only be used with fixed operands (A as first source, B as destination). There is no opcode for MAX B,A.

2.4 USING THE BARREL SHIFTER

The DSP56300/DSP56600 includes a true barrel shifter that can be used for multi-bit data shifts. The instructions that use the barrel shifter are listed in **Table 2-4**.

| Mnemonic | Function | Opera | nds |
|----------|---------------------------|--|--|
| ASL | Arithmetic Shift Left | C,S,D C: number of shift bits | 6-bit immediate, or X0,X1,Y0,Y1,A1,B1 |
| ASR | Arithmetic Shift Right | S: source of shift D: destination | A,B A,B |
| LSL | Logical Shift Left | C,D S: number of shift bits | 5 -bit immediate, or |
| LSR | Logical Shift Right | D: source & destination | X0,X1,Y0,Y1,A1,B1 A,B |
| NORMF | Fast Normalizat ion | C,D C: control of shift D: destination | X0,X1,Y0,Y1,A1,B1 A,B |

 Table 2-4
 Data Operations Using Multi-shift

The logical shifts operate on the most significant register (A1/B1) of the accumulator destination (the accumulator extension and LS register are not affected). The arithmetic shifts operate on the full length of the source and destination accumulators, sign extending when applicable. In addition to the multi-bit shifts, there are also four respective single bit shift instructions that allow parallel moves (the multi-bit shifts do not allow them).

The NORMF instruction deserves special attention, as it can effectively replace several instructions in many common algorithms. The NORMF instruction arithmetically shifts the data from the destination accumulator (D) in the direction and amount specified by the first operand (C). If C > 0, then D is arithmetically shifted to the left by C bits. If C < 0, then D is arithmetically shifted to the right by C bits. The operand C should normally be prepared by the CLB instruction (Count Leading Bits). The instruction pair:

| clb | a,b |
|-------|------|
| normf | bl,a |

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will normalize A, so that in the DSP56300 it's leading one or zero will be shifted to Bit 46 in the accumulator. If |A| > 1 (meaning that it spilled to the extension A2), then CLB returns a positive number (between 1 and 8). If |A| < 1, CLB returns a zero or a negative number (between -47 and 0). The two cases in **Figure 2-1** exemplify the normalization operation for the DSP56300. The NORMF at the 56600 core operates similarly, with adjustments to the different accumulator length.



Figure 2-1 The Fast Normalization Operation for the DSP56300:

The NORMF instruction can be used to keep data dynamically bounded (maximizing calculation accuracy), implement floating point routines, normalizing data blocks, and more. For example, consider the following routine for efficiently normalizing a data block. The first pass finds the normalization factor (using MAXM and CLB) and the second pass performed the normalization itself.

```
;NORMALIZING A DATA BLOCK
;X:base - base address of un-normalized data.
;Y:base - base address of normalized data.
;N: data block size
                                         ;cycle count
             move
                    #base,r0
                                         ; 1
                    #base,r1
                                         ; 1
             move
             clr b
                    x:(r0)+,a
                                         ; 1 + 2 pointer interlock
                    #N
                                         ; 5
             rep
             maxm
                    a,b
                           x:(r0)+,a
                                         ; 1 x N
                                         ; 1
             move
                    r1,r0
             clb
                                         ; 1
                    b,a
```

Blt manipulation instructions

```
#base-1,r4
                           ; 1
     move
                            ; 1
     move al,x1
     move x:(r0)+,a
                            ; 1
           #N/2,_ENDLOOP
     do
                           ; 5
     move x:(r0)+,bb,y:(r4)+; 1 \ge N/2
     normf x1,a ; 1 \ge N/2
     normf x1,b ; 1 x N/2
     move x:(r0)+, a a, y:(r4)+; 1 x N/2
_ENDLOOP
     move b,y:(r4)+ ; 1
                      ;Total: 3N + 22
```

2.5 BIT MANIPULATION INSTRUCTIONS

The data ALU has a special Bit Field Unit (BFU) that supports powerful bit-manipulation instructions that enable an application to insert/ extract a bit field of varying width and position to/from an accumulator. These instructions are summarized in **Table 2-5**.

| Mnemonic | Function | Opera | nds |
|----------|---|--|---|
| EXTRACT | Extract a bit field | C,S,D C: Source field position | 6-bit immediate, or: |
| EXTRACTU | Extract an unsigned bit field | & width S: Data source D: Data Destination | X0,X1,Y0,Y1,A1,B1 A,B A,B |
| INSERT | Insert a bit field | C,S,D C: Destination field position & width S: Data source D: Data Destination | 6-bit immediate, or: X0,X1,Y0,Y1,A1,B1 X0,X1,Y0,Y1,A1,B1 A,B |
| MERGE | Merge field & width data to one register | S,D S: Width Data Source. D: Position data source & merging destination | X0,X1,Y0,Y1,A1,B1 A,B |

Table 2-5Bit manipulation instructions

The EXTRACT(U) and INSERT instruction use a control operand (C) that specifies the bit field to be extracted or inserted. The bit field

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is specified by its width (in bits) and its starting position (in bits, relative to the LSB of the accumulator). The width and position values could be prepared using the MERGE instruction, which merges data from two data registers in the appropriate positions for future use as a control operand for EXTRACT and INSERT.

The EXTRACT instruction extracts the specified field, right-aligns it, and sign-extends it in the destination accumulator. The EXTRACTU instruction does the same, but does not sign-extend the result. The INSERT instruction takes a right-aligned field of the specified width from the source register and places it in the specified position in the destination accumulator.

Detailed examples of the use of these instructions for parsing and creating a data stream, and parsing Hoffman code data stream can be found in **Appendix C** of the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals*.

2.6 DOUBLE PRECISION ARITHMETIC

The DSP56300/DSP56600 has instructions to help the programmer implement arithmetic operations if the operands are longer than standard accumulator size. Using these instructions can help achieve enhanced precision with minimum software overhead. The examples below relate to the DSP56300 core register size (24 bits for data registers, 56 bits for an accumulator), but can be adapted for the DSP56600 core by changing the register size accordingly.

The normal ADD and SUB instructions can add a 48-bit operand (X1:X0, for example) to an accumulator, and, of course, can add a 56-bit accumulator to another. Furthermore, the user may use ADC (Add long with Carry) or SBC (Subtract long with Carry), which adds (subtracts) a 48-bit operand to (from) an accumulator with a carry (borrow) bit from a previous calculation.

The normal MPY (multiply) or MAC (multiply-accumulate) instructions multiply two 24-bit operands to give a 48-bit result. Implementing 32×32 -bit or 48×48 -bit multiplication requires four 24×24 multiplications, and some shifting and addition operations. The DSP56300 and DSP56600 specialized instructions can help reducing these extra operations to a minimum. Consider for example 48×48 multiplication, where only the forty-eight Most Significant Bits are needed, and the forty-eight Least Significant Bits discarded. **Figure 2-2** on page 2-12 illustrates the required operations.

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The (U) means an unsigned operand, and the (S) a signed operand. The following four instructions perform the operation in full:

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The features that help in this case are:

- The ability to specify combinations of signed and unsigned operands
- The 24-bit right arithmetic shifting inherent in the DMAC instruction

Using these instruction combinations, and others, enables the programmer to build other multi-register arithmetic operations. The user is referred to **Appendix A** of the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals* for the full documentation of the various instruction options.

2.7 USING LESS STRAIGHT-FORWARD INSTRUCTIONS

The rich instruction set includes many instructions that are in fact combinations of smaller atomic operations. Among these instructions are ADDL, ADDR, MAX, EXTRACT, INSERT, MACR, and MPYR.

A good example of using some of these less straight-forward instructions is the SQROOT routine. The following is a straight forward implementation of that routine:

```
sqroot
;determine 2nd term and add contribution
       asr a

        sub
        #$4000,a
        ;a = L_Templ

        move
        a1,x0
        ;x0 = swTemp

       sub #$8000,a
                           ;a = L_Templ
;determine 3rd term and add contribution
       mpy -x0, x0, b ; b = swTemp ^ 2
       move bl,x1 ;x1 = swTemp2
       asr b
                     ;a = L_Temp0
       add
              b.a
;determine 4th term and add contribution
              -x0,x1,b ;b = swTemp x swTemp2
       mpy
       move b1,y0
                            ;y0 = swTemp3
              b
       asr
       add
                           ;a = L_Templ
              b.a
;determine partial 5th term
       mpyr x0,y0,b
       move b,y1 ;y1=swTemp4
```

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```
;determine partial 6th term
             -x1,y0,b
      mpy
      rnd
           b
      move
            b,x1
;determine 5th term and add its contribution
             -\#$5000,y1,b; b = 0 - (swTemp4 x)
      mpy
                           ;TERMS_MULTIPLIER)
      add
             b,a
;determine 6th term and add its contribution
            #$7000,x1,a ;swSqrtOut is contained in a
      macr
      rts
```

In this example, the ADDR and MPYR instructions replace a few instructions in the original code causing some reduction in total cycle count:

```
sgroot
;determine 2nd term and add contribution
      asr a #<$40,y1
      sub y1,a #<$80,x1;a = L_Temp1</pre>
      sub x1,a a1,x0 ;a = L_Temp1,x0 = swTemp
;determine 3rd term and add contribution
      mpy -x0, x0, b ; b = swTemp ^ 2
      addr a,b b1,x1 ;x1 = swTemp2, b = L_Temp0
;determine 4th term and add contribution
             -x0,x1,a\#<\$70,y1;a = swTemp x swTemp2
      mpy
      addr b,a
                 a1,y0 ;y0 = swTemp3, a = L_Temp1
;determine partial 5th term
      mpyr x0,y0,b#<$50,x0</pre>
;determine partial 6th term
      mpyr -x1,y0,bb,x1 ;y1=swTemp4
;determine 5th term and add its contribution
      mac -x0, x1, ab, x1; b = -(swTemp4 x)
                           ;TERMS_MULTIPLIER)
;determine 6th term and add its contribution
      macr x1,y1,a ;swSqrtOut is contained in a
      rts
```

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3.1 HARDWARE LOOPS

Hardware looping is one of the strongest features of the DSP56300/DSP56600 core families. Loop counter management and end-of-loop testing is done by hardware in parallel to instruction execution, thus saving execution time of otherwise needed control software. This enables the user to muster more performance in critical loops, and also makes program writing more close to high-level languages. Consider the following C code example:

This section discusses important program control features and new additions.

A straight forward assembly implementation of the main loop of the code may look like this:

```
move #MEMORY_AREA,r0
clr a #100,b
move x:(r0)+,x0
_LOOP_TOP
add x0,a x:(r0)+,x0
sub #1,b
tst b
jne _LOOP_TOP
```

Using hardware looping, this code looks like:

| | move clr | <pre>#MEMORY_AREA,r0 a x:(r0)+,x0</pre> | |
|-------|-------------|---|------------------------|
| | do add | | LOOP_END x:(r0)+,x0 |
| JOOP_ | END | | |

 $_L$

There is more to hardware loops than easy programming. The loop control hardware is optimized for maximum pipeline efficiency. There is no stall between loop iterations; all comparisons and loop counter arithmetic are done in parallel to instruction execution. It is important to know that after the loop is initialized (execution of the DO instruction), the instructions in the loop are fetched and executed in sequence. From the pipeline's point of view, there is no difference between the code in the last example and the "ADD" instruction written 100 times in sequence.

Hardware Loops

A common programming technique is known as "loop unrolling", in which a high-level loop is replaced by the inner loop code, repeated N times, thus saving the time needed to decrement the counter, test for the end of the loop, and jumping back to the top. From the above explanation, it follows that this technique is less efficient in the DSP56300/DSP56600 family—the hardware executes loops normally at the same speed as unrolled code (except for the initializing DO instruction itself, which takes 5 cycles). Loops should be unrolled only when the 5-cycle initialization is meaningful in comparison to the total loop length, especially if this loop is nested in another loop and the 5-cycle delay is multiplied. See the example in **Section 7.1.1** on page 7-1.

High-level "*for*" loops are normally implemented in assembly with the DO instruction. The instructions DO FOREVER and BRKcc (break on condition) may be used to implement high-level "*while*" or "*repeat*" loops efficiently. The following example is a wave generator that sends data to a peripheral (Host Interface HI08 in this example) until a hardware interrupt (IRQA) sets a flag, signalling the end of the loop. The core drives the HI08 transmitter by polling the HTDE (Host Transmitter Data Empty) bit in the HI08 status register. The C high-level code may look like:

```
while (!flag){
```

```
al = next_wave_value();
wait_until_transmitter_empty();
send_data(al);
```

```
}
```

and in Assembler:

p:I_IRQA ;IRQA_ interrupt vector orq #0,x:<FLAG ;occupies 2 words bset org p:MAIN_PROGRAM . . . #0,x0 move x0,x:FLAG ;clear FLAG register move bclr #0,sr ;clear carry bit do forever,_END_LOOP ;break loop if carry bit set brkcs NEXT_WAVE_VALUE; new value returned in al isr _WAIT #0,x:M_SSR,_WAIT;wait until transmitter empty jclr btst #0,x:FLAG ;set carry by flag value movep a1,x:M_HTX ;transmit data to host. END LOOP

Note: The BRKcc instruction has the same functionality as the C language "break", (i.e., terminating the loop and resuming execution after the end of the loop). A similar instruction is the ENDDO instruction, which exits the loop after finishing the current loop iteration. ENDDO is not a conditional instruction, therefore normal use generally includes testing a condition and skipping the ENDDO instruction accordingly.

The following example counts the number of bits in A1, terminating if the register turns 0 before the full 24 iterations.

```
clr
              b
                     #0,x0
       do
              #24,_END_LOOP
       tst
              а
              CONT
       jne
       enddo
_CONT
       lsr
              а
       addc
              x0,b
END LOOP
```

Bit 0 of the result (B1) could be used as the parity of the original operand (A1).

Note: Both ENDDO and BRKcc have sequence restrictions, as shown in the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals*, Appendix B.

3.2 THE HARDWARE STACK

The DSP56300/DSP56600 hardware stack enables the user to nest DO loops and subroutines (called by software or interrupts) with no software overhead. With the Stack Extension enabled, the hardware stack can accommodate an unlimited nesting level of DO loops, JSRs, or a combination of them. The only overhead of a very deep nesting level is some additional cycles required to copy data to or from the stack extension memory. Examples of stack extension use are given in **Section 3.3** on page 3-7.

The hardware stack mechanism works in parallel to opcode execution, thus saving execution time, as well as software overhead compared to conventional software stacks. These advantages make the DSP56300/DSP56600 especially suitable for multi-tasking, and running real-time operating systems and program code generated from high-level languages.

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The current stack location is pointed by the SP register. A single stack location can store two words, referred to as occupying the "high" and "low" halves of the stack location. The current stack locations pointed by SP (top of stack) are named SSH and SSL, respectively. A single "*push*" or "*pop*" activity can access the SSH and SSL concurrently. Stack activities are triggered implicitly at execution of specialized instruction or fulfillment of certain conditions. These activities are summarized in **Table 3-1**.

Note: The table only summarizes the effect of those instructions on the stack. Some instructions update other registers as well. For complete information on an instruction, refer to **Appendix A** in the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals*.

| Activity | Triggered by Instruction or Condition | Implicit Stack Actions Taken |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| jump to subroutine | JSR, BSR JScc, BScc (condition true) JSCLR, BSCLR (condition true) JSSET, BSSET (condition true) | SP: = SP + 1; SSH: = PC; SSL: = SR. |
| return from subroutine | RTS | PC: = SSH SP: = SP - 1 |
| return from long interrupt | RTI | PC: = SSH; SR: = SSL $SP: = SP - 1$ |
| move to SSH | MOVEC <source/> ,SSH | SP: = SP + 1 SSH: = <source/> |
| move from SSH | MOVEC SSH, <destination></destination> | <destination>: = SSH SP: = SP - 1</destination> |
| enter DO loop | DO DOR DO FOREVER DOR FOREVER | SP: = SP + 1 SSH: = LA, SSL: = LC SP: = SP + 1 SSH: = PC, SSL: = SR |
| exit DO loop at last address | (LF bit set and FV bit clear and fetched address = LA and LC = 0). ENDDO | SR: = SSL SP: = SP - 1 LA: = SSH, LC: = SSL SP: = SP - 1 |

Table 3-1 Implicit Stack Activity

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| Activity | Triggered by Instruction or Condition | Implicit Stack Actions Taken |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| exit DO loop immediately | BRKcc (condition true) | PC: = LA + 1; SR: = SSL SP: = SP - 1 LA: = SSH, LC: = SSL SP: = SP - 1 |

| Table 3-1 | Implicit Stack Activity | (Continued) |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|

The next example shows loop and subroutine nesting. **Figure 3-1** shows the state of the stack at the time the fast interrupt is executing (label I_IRQA, that enters execution when PC = \$000529). The first DO instruction pushes the existing data on LA and LC (0 and \$FFFFFF, respectively, in this example).



Figure 3-1 State of the Stack When IRQA Is Serviced

Note: A fast interrupt does not effect the stack. Only long interrupts (that have a subroutine call) push data into the stack. Had IRQA been a long interrupt, another push would have been done, the saved values being SSH:\$529 (PC) and SSL: \$C18300 (SR). The different values of the LF and FV bits in SR are saved as the nesting proceeds (no loop, finite loop, infinite loop).

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```
;example of loop and subroutine nesting.
       ; interrupt definitions: fast interrupt from IRQA_
       orq
              p:I_IRQA
             #5,x:(r0)
       bset
       nop
       . . .
       ;program area
       ;after jsr execution, sp == 1,
       ; execution continues at _SUB1
              _SUB1
       jsr
       . . .
       . . .
       . . .
_SUB1
       do
              #6,_LOOP1 ;after instruction, sp == 3
       . . .
       do
              forever,_LOOP2;after instruction, sp == 5
              #0,x:(r0)
       btst
                             ; if condition true, resume at
       brkcs
                             ;_LOOP2, and sp == 3.
              a0,x:(r1)+
                            ;<---- irqA occurs here.
       move
       move a1,x:(r1)+
       move a2,x:(r1)+
LOOP2
                             ;after loop is braked, sp == 3
       nop
       . . .
       nop
_LOOP1
                             ;after normal loop
       nop
                             ;termination, sp == 1
       rts
                             ;after execution, SP == 0,
                             ;execution returns to main
```

Direct user access with the MOVEC instruction is possible to SSL,SSH. Note that MOVEC to/from SSH implicitly increments or decrements SP, while the same instruction on SSL has no effect on SP. A manual "pop" operation will usually have the format:

```
movec ssl,<destination 1>
movec ssh,<destination 2>;implicit sp decrement
```

Explicit access to the stack registers is not recommended for the general user. Such accesses have severe restrictions on them (see **Appendix B** in the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals*). A user who wishes to manually access the stack must take into account pipeline effects that are usually transparent, and that long interrupts may enter.

Using the Stack Extension

3.3 USING THE STACK EXTENSION

The hardware stack could be extended to the data memory (X or Y), and it's depth could be set by the user according to need. After initialization, the stack extension works automatically without any user overhead, giving the same functionality as the hardware stack. The registers participating in stack extension operation are listed in **Table 3-2**.

| Register | Name | Function |
|----------|----------------------------|---|
| OMR | operating mode register | stack extension initialization (bits:SEN,XYS) stack extension status (bits: WRP,EOV,EUN) |
| SZ | stack extension size | maximum stack depth, in word pairs. |
| SP | stack pointer | current total stack depth, in word pairs |
| SC | stack counter | current hardware stack depth. |
| EP | stack extension pointer | pointer to the last address written in the memory extension. |

Table 3-2 Registers Involved in Stack Extension Operation

Stack extension initialization bits in the OMR include the XYS (X Y Select) bit, by which the user selects the data space (X or Y) in which the stack extension will reside, and the SEN (Stack Extension Enable) bit, by which the user activates the stack extension after all the relevant registers are initialized.

The SP register counts the number of entries in the stack. If the stack extension is disabled, the values of SP are bounded to 0–15, and selection of other values cause a stack error exception. When the stack extension is enabled, SP may hold values from 0 up to the value stored in SZ. A *push* increments SP by 1, a *pop* decrements it by 1.

SZ stores the maximum stack depth. During stack extension operation, if SP becomes greater than SZ, a stack overflow exception occurs. SZ has no default value, and therefore, must be initialized by the user before enabling the stack extension. Set the SZ value according the amount of memory available to the user, using the
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following formula, which takes into account that each increment in SZ corresponds to two memory locations:

SZ = available memory extension size/2 + 14

For example, if the memory extension space available is 1024 words, SZ should be set to 1024/2 + 14 = 526. SZ should be set to an even number since stack extension transfers are done in pairs.

SC is a 5-bit register that stores the number of entries in the hardware stack. SC is related to the stack only when the stack extension is enabled. A *push* increments SC by 1, until the value 14 is reached. If SC equals 14 and a *push* occurs, the *push* is executed, and the least recently used stack entry (2 words) is copied to the extension, leaving SC with the same value of 14 (hardware stack-full state). A *pop* decrements SC by 1, until the value 2 is reached. If SC equals 2 and SP > SC, when a stack *pop* occurs, the *pop* is executed, and the top entry of the extension (2 words) is copied from the memory to the stack, replacing the entry just read, thus leaving SC with the same value of 2 (hardware stack-empty state).

Note: In principle there is no forced connection between the values of SP and SC.

EP holds the pointer to the data memory location where the extension is stored. The address space (X or Y) is selected by setting the XYS bit in the OMR. EP has no default value and should be initialized by the user. Each *push* that activates the extension causes two memory writes, after which EP is incremented by 2, since one stack entry is composed of 2 words. Similarly, each *pop* that activates the extension causes 2 memory reads, after which EP is decremented by 2. There is no restriction on the value of EP (internal or external memory space), however in the DSP56300 family, the user should be aware that setting EP to point to external memory will generate external accesses with possible wait states, depending on the external memory type. The DSP56600 family does not support external data accesses.

When the stack extension is disabled, the stack status information resides in Bits 4 and 5 of SP (named SE and UF, respectively). Normally, the stack error routine should consult these bits. When using the stack extension, however, all stack status information resides in the OMR. The SP bits do not reflect stack status information as they are now part of the stack pointer value. The stack status bits are also functionality different, as summarized in

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Table 3-3. The use of SP bits for stack status when the stack extension is disabled, instead of OMR for both cases, is for code compatibility with the 56K family. The user's stack error interrupt routine should test the SEN bit (Stack Extension Enable) in OMR to know what register to consult for stack status information.

| Stack Extension | Status Info. | Bit Name | Function | Comments |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| disabled SEN = 0 | SP | SE | Stack Error flag | |
| SEIN = 0 | | UF | Stack Underflow flag | |
| enabled | OMR | WRP | Extended Stack Wrap flag | All these bits are sticky |
| SEN = 1 | | EOV | Extended Stack Overflow | |
| | | EUN | Extended Stack Underflow | |

 Table 3-3
 Stack Status Information

Following is a full example of stack extension initialization.The memory area allocated is in addresses Y:1024–1536 (512 locations). This space can accommodate 256 stack locations in the stack extension + fourteen locations in the hardware stack.

;recommended only before interrupts are enabled ; care should be taken in cases where the code is used after ;a stack error event so that part of the initialization routine ; will clear sticky bits and resume the engine state to the ;reset initial state EXTEN_START equ 1024 ;start address of stack ;extension in data area MEM_SIZE equ 512 ;stack ext. size in data area ;maximum stack size (hardware +;extension), ; in units of two 24-bit words. STACK_LIMIT equ MEM SIZE/2+14 move #EXTEN_START,ep;set ext. pointer in data memory move #STACK_LIMIT,sz;set stack limit bset #M_XYS,omr ;select y space bset #M_SEN,omr ;enable stack extension

Note: The stack extension was designed to operate transparently, with no user software overhead. The mechanism ensures that within stack size limit, data that is pushed into the stack will be popped from the top of the stack in the same order. The actual split of stack data between the hardware stack and the stack extension is not readily apparent. The user therefore is advised to access stacked data directly by software *only through the top of the stack*.

Task Switching with the Stack Extension

3.4 TASK SWITCHING WITH THE STACK EXTENSION

A multi-tasking operating system using the stack extension should ensure stack coherence when switching from one task to the other. Here is a possible task switching scenario:

- 1. During the execution of the task "T1", a "time-out" interrupt occurs indicating the need to replace the active task with task "T2". The PC and SR of T1 task are pushed onto the stack by the JSR instruction of the interrupt vector area.
- 2. The JSR gives control to the Operating System that must now execute the task switching. First, all the registers are saved in the register area of task T1:

| movec | r7,x:OS_temp | ;save r7 in order to ;use is later |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| move | <pre>#T1_task_reg_area,r7</pre> | 1 |
| move | x0,x:(r7)+ | ;Save registers |
| • • • • | | |
| move | r6,x:(r7)+ | ;Save registers |
| move | x:OS_temp,r0 | ;Pull r7 |
| move | r0,x:(r7)+ | ;Save r7 |
| move | n0,x:(r7)+ | ;Save n0 |
| move | n1,x:(r7)+ | ;Save nl |
| • • • • | | |
| move | lc,x:(r7)+ | |
| move | la,x:(r7)+ | |

3. At this point, all the registers were saved as a mirror of the T1 task, but the stack has some data in it that belongs to the T1 task, as well. This data should also be copied to some memory area reserved for that information by the operating system.

```
;Stack saving:
      move sc,x:(r7)+
                          ;Save SC
;The next 14 pushes ensure that all the current entries in the
; hardware stack will be automatically saved in the
istack extension memory:
            #14
      rep
      move
             #dummy,ssh
;After these moves are executed, all the hardware stack is stored
; in the memory extension stack area, and the pointers EP and SP
; are updated, so they should be saved:
      move sp,x:(r7)+ ;Save SP
      move ep,x:(r7)+
                           ;Save EP.
```

4. After all task T1 programming model have been saved, the Operating System chooses the task T2 as the next task to run.

5. In order to activate the new task T2, the Operating System dispatcher should first restore the task T2 programming model:

```
#T2_task_reg_area,r7 ;Load pointer.
move
move
      x:(r7)+,x0
                          ;Restore registers...
. . . .
      r7,n0 ;save pointer
x:(r7)+,r7 ;Restore r7 w/ T2 data
move
move
move x:(r7)+,x:OS_r7_temp; Keep r7.
                 ;restore pointer
move n0.r7
move x:(r7)+,n0
                         ;Restore n0
move x:(r7)+,n1
                         ;Restore nl
. . . .
      x:(r7)+,lc
move
move
      x:(r7)+,la
```

6. The second thing the Operating System dispatcher should do is to restore the stack status:

```
move x:(r7)+,sc
move sc,x:OS_SC_temp
move x:-(r0),sp ;Restore SP.
move x:-(r0),ep ;Restore EP.
move #2,sc ;reset Stack Counter.
rep #14
move ssh,x:OS_dummy
move x:OS_sc_temp,sc ;Restore sc.
move x:OS_r7_temp,r7 ;Restore r7.
```

7. The last thing the Operating System dispatcher should do is to execute an RTI instruction, which will give control back to the new task T2:

```
;Activate T2:
```

rti

3.5 CONDITIONAL DALU INSTRUCTIONS

The DSP56300/600 instruction set has a group of arithmetic instructions that could be executed conditionally, depending on the value of bits in the CCR (Condition Code Register). For example, the instruction:

add x0,a IFne

adds register X0 to the accumulator A only if the Zero bit in the CCR is not set. Otherwise, the instruction is executed as a NOP. The instruction in the above example does not update the CCR, thus keeping the status unaltered for subsequent use. The user may

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specify that the instruction will update the CCR (according to the result and only if it is executed), by writing ".U" at the end of the condition attribute. For example:

add x0,a IFne.U

The full set of condition mnemonics may be used, thus helping program clarity and flexibility. The condition table could be found on **Appendix A** of the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals*. The full list of the arithmetic instructions that conditional execution attributes could be added to them is given in **Table 2-1** on page 2-2. In general, these are all Data ALU operations that allow parallel moves. The condition attributes use the same opcode fields that are used to specify the parallel moves, so conditional execution and parallel moves exclude each other. The options the user has to modify these instructions are summarized in **Table 3-4**.

| Attribute | Syntax | Example |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| none | | add a,b |
| conditional execution without status update | IFcc | add a,b IFge |
| conditional execution with status update | IFcc.U | add a,b IFlt.U |
| parallel move | x: <ea> or y:<ea> or both or l:<ea></ea></ea></ea> | add a,b x:(r0)+,a y:(r4)-,b |

Table 3-4 Options for Parallel Moves and Conditional Execution

Another data-changing instruction that could be executed conditionally is Tcc (transfer on condition). This instruction could also be used to transfer AGU registers conditionally. On the other hand, it does not have a parallel move option—see **Appendix A** in the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals*.

Conditional arithmetic instructions enable the user to replace short jumps with fewer instructions, thus making the code more clear and compact. For example, consider the following high-level code line:

if (A==Y0) then B=B+X0 else B=B+X1

Without conditional arithmetic instructions, the code may look like this:

```
cmp y0,a
beq _TRUE
```

add b,x1 bra _CONT _TRUE add b,x0 _CONT

Using conditional instructions, the code can be written more compactly, as listed below:

cmp Y0,a add b,x0 IFeq add b,x1 IFne

The only difference between the two codes is that the Status Register in the later option is not updated according to the calculation result. Conditional execution with CCR update may in some cases solve the problem, as in the following example:

| btst | #0,a0 | | ;CCR is updated according to the |
|------|-------|--------|----------------------------------|
| asr | a | IFcs.U | ;value of A if the instruction |
| | | | ;was executed. |

Another example of using the CCR update is setting a complex condition by accumulating simple comparison results. For example, consider the high-level code line and its translation in assembly listed below:

| <i>if</i> (X0 | < A && | X1 < A) then $\{$ | A=A+y0; b=b+y0} |
|---------------|--------|-------------------|--|
| cmp | X0,a | x:(r0),x1 | ;test for X0 <a. field<="" parallel="" td=""></a.> |
| | | | ;used to set X1 for next cmp |
| cmp | X1,a | IFgt.U | ;test for X1 <a if="" last<="" only="" td="" the=""> |
| | | | ; condition was true. |
| add | y0,a | IFgt | ;A=A+y0,B=B+y0 only if both |
| | | | ; conditions were true. |
| add | y0,b | IFgt | |

3.6 PC RELATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Many of the DSP56300 control instructions require a program location as one of their arguments. The most obvious example is a jump instruction, which needs the jump address. A strong feature of the DSP56300 instruction set is the ability to reference program locations relative to the Program Counter. Almost all instructions that need program location arguments can be given both PC relative and an absolute address. In the *DSP56300 Family Manual*, using traditional mnemonic convention, jumps using PC relative addressing are referred to as "branches", while those using absolute addressing are referred to as "jumps".

In absolute addressing, the argument is the numerical value of the address. In PC relative addressing, the argument is the displacement of the address relative to the PC. For both absolute and PC addressing, the address argument could be specified in one of four ways:

- 1. explicit, as part of the 1-word opcode (restricted to short arguments),
- 2. explicit, as a second program word,
- 3. stored in a register , or,
- 4. indirect, stored in the memory and accessed by one of the addressing modes <ea>.

A full list of instructions requiring a program location argument and the possible addressing modes for each is summarized in **Table 3-5**. The shaded sections in the table indicate instructions that use PC relative arguments.

- **Note:** The instructions LRA (load PC relative address) and LUA (load effective address) can be used to calculate and load PC relative address or an effective address, respectively. LRA is a very efficient and common way for a program to monitor directly the PC value during runtime.
- **Note:** The DSP56600 does not include the complete set of PC-Relative instructions like the DSP56300. There is also a way to disable all the PC-Relative instructions on the DSP56600 by setting a special mode bit, the PCD (PC relative logic Disable) which is Bit 5 in the Operating Mode Register (OMR). For details please see the *DSP56600 Family Manual*.

| | | | The Address Argument | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------|---|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Function Address Argume | | Mnemonic | Encoded in the opcode (total 1 w) | 2nd word | Register | Data Memory <ea></ea> |
| unconditional | destination | JMP | addr < 4096 | + | _ | + |
| unconditional jump | | BRA | -257 < disp < 256 | + | + | - |
| jump on CCR | 1 | Jcc | address < 4096 | + | _ | + |
| condition | destination | Bcc | -257 < disp < 256 | + | + | _ |

Table 3-5 Instructions with Program Memory Arguments

| | | | The Address Argument | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|---|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Function | Address Argument | Mnemonic | Encoded in the opcode (total 1 w) | 2nd word | Register | Data Memory <ea></ea> |
| jump to | destination | JSR | address < 4096 | + | _ | + |
| subroutine | destination | BSR | -257 < disp < 256 | + | + | _ |
| jump to subroutine on | J | JScc | address < 4096 | + | - | + |
| CCR condition | destination | BScc | -257 < disp < 256 | + | + | - |
| jump if bit | destination | JCLR,JSET | - | + | _ | _ |
| clear/set | destination | BCLR, BSET | - | + | - | _ |
| jump to | destination | JSCLR, JSSET | - | + | _ | - |
| subroutine if bit clear/set | | BSCLR, BSSET | - | + | - | - |
| | last address | DO | _ | + | _ | _ |
| DO loop | | DOR | _ | + | - | _ |
| lock/unlock | address in sector | PLOCK, PUNLOCK | - | + | - | + |
| cache sector | | PLOCKR, PUNLOCKR | - | + | - | - |
| calculate and load absolute address | effective address | LUA | _ | + | _ | + |
| calculate and load PC relative address | absolute address ¹ or disp. register | LRA | - | + | + | - |
| move from/to program memory. | program memory source/ dest. | MOVEM | addr < 64 | + | - | + |

Table 3-5 Instructions with Program Memory Arguments

| | Adduses | | The Address Argument | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------|---|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Function | Address Argument | Mnemonic | Encoded in the opcode (total 1 w) | 2nd word | Register | Data Memory <ea></ea> |
| Note: 1. The LRA opcode can only add a displacement to the PC. The Assembler translates the absolute address to displacement from the Location Counter, so the two modes (absolute address/ displacement register) are the same from the machine's point of view. | | | | | | |

Table 3-5 Instructions with Program Memory Arguments

There are two main advantages for using PC relative addressing over absolute addressing:

- 1. **Code Relocation**—Code written with PC relative code could be relocated, reused or imported to different program addresses without the need to update the program labels.
- 2. **Code Compactness**—Most address references are generally to locations not many memory words away in the program. Therefore, the PC displacement will usually be a small number, that may fit in the address field of a 1-word opcode. Absolute addressing generally will not fit, and requires a second word to specify it.

Compare the following 2 examples:

```
;first example: using absolute addressing
              cmp
                    x0,a
              jne
                     CONT
                     b
              inc
CONT
              rts
;second example: using PC relative addressing
              cmp
                   x0,a
              bne
                     < CONT1
              inc
                     b
CONT1
              rts
```

After assembly, the labels _CONT and _CONT1 have definite values. In the first example, if _CONT > 4095, then the Assembler must use the 2-word opcode, placing the value of _CONT as the second word. _CONT1, however, has the value of 2, therefore fitting into the 1-word opcode version of the instruction Bcc (Branch on Condition). Furthermore, the value of _CONT1 remains the same regardless of the location of the code in the program space. The Short Addressing mode force operator ("<" in the Bne argument) instructs the assembler to try and compact the argument into a 1-word opcode. Without it, the assembler may use the 2-word version.

Note: If a 2-word opcode is used, the value of _CONT1 is 3 (and not 2). This is because the extra word pushes the RTS instruction address one position forward.

3.7 USING FAST INTERRUPTS

Once the PIC (Program Interrupt Controller) decides to pass an interrupt request and interrupt the core, two instruction words are fetched from the interrupt vector space and enter the pipeline for execution. As explained in **Section 7** of the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals*, interrupt execution is of two types:

- **Fast interrupts**—None of the two interrupt words is a "change of flow" instruction (JSR, JSCLR, etc.). The program controller automatically continues to fetch instructions from the address at which it was interrupted and execution resumes with no software overhead. There is no pipeline flush or stall— the pipeline behaves as if the two interrupt words were originally part of the program sequence.
- Long interrupts—If one of the instructions is of a change-of-flow type, execution cost is much higher. Normally, the minimum activity includes a jump to a subroutine, which is relatively a long instruction since it pushes data to the stack. Normally at the subroutine end there is a corresponding "RTI" instruction that pops data from the stack and reconstructs the PC and the SR.

The pipeline is optimized for very high performance (minimum stall) for fast interrupts, so the user is advised to try using them whenever possible. Some specialized instructions were added to the instruction set in order to help the user perform many operations using fast interrupts. Also for this reason, many instructions have 1-opcode versions, generally at the expense of argument.

A frequently encountered interrupt activity is driving data to and from a peripheral device triggered by an interrupt at the peripheral's request. For example, a serial peripheral interrupts the core when data is received, and expects it to be moved (generally to a memory location), or the interrupt occurs when the serial device is

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ready to transmit another word and expects the core to move data (generally from the memory) to the transmit register. Both these actions include moving data from one memory-mapped register to another, which in many processors can be done in 2 instructions only through an intermediate core register that must be kept ready continuously in anticipation of that event.

For this reason the MOVEP instruction (move to/from peripheral) is included in the instruction set. In the MOVP instruction, the peripheral address is encoded as part of the first word of the opcode. The memory address can be specified using an address register (with instruction length of 1 word), or an absolute address (occupying the second word). This memory-to-memory transfer is done without using an intermediate register of the programmer's model.

In the following example, the DSP passes all data received from ESSI0 to the Host Interface (HI08), thus serving as a relay. This example assumes both the host and the DSP work much faster than the ESSI.

| org movep | p:I_SIORD x:< <m_rx0,x:m_htx< th=""><th>;essi0 receive data interrupt ;from ESSI receive register ;to host interface transmit</th></m_rx0,x:m_htx<> | ;essi0 receive data interrupt ;from ESSI receive register ;to host interface transmit |
|--------------|---|--|
| org movep | p:I_SIOTD x:M_HRX,x:< <m_txo< td=""><td><pre>;register.occupies 2 words ;essi0 transmit data interrupt ;from host interface receive ;register to ESSI transmit ;register. occupies 2 words</pre></td></m_txo<> | <pre>;register.occupies 2 words ;essi0 transmit data interrupt ;from host interface receive ;register to ESSI transmit ;register. occupies 2 words</pre> |

In a second example provided below, the MOVEP instruction is used with a pointer. It is a 1-word instruction, and that leaves room for another instruction in the fast interrupt. Two address registers are used to point to the receive data buffer (R4) and the transmit data buffer area (R5). M4 and M5 should be set to a Regular Modulo mode so the pointer values remain bounded. In the DSP56300 core, bits 16-22 of the modifier register Mx are not used in address generation in regular modulo modes (see Section 4 of the DSP56300 Family Manual). In this example, the second interrupt instruction is used to set Bit 22 in the modifier register as a flag (for the DSP56600, the flag should be placed elsewhere). This way the main program may leave the buffers unattended for relatively a long time, and then later or periodically, the program can study the flag for a quick test to see if data was transmitted or received. After a flag bit change is detected, the DSP can compute the exact number of words received or transmitted from the values of the pointers.

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| org | p:I_SIORD | ;essi0 receive data interrupt |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| movep | x:< <m_rx0,x:(r4)+< td=""><td>;r4 - receive data buffer</td></m_rx0,x:(r4)+<> | ;r4 - receive data buffer |
| | | ;pointer |
| bset | #22,m4 | ;flag for data process routine, |
| | | ;using a don't care bit in the |
| | | ;modifier register |
| org | p:I_SIOTD | ;essi0 transmit data interrupt |
| movep | x:(r5)+,x:< <m_tx0< td=""><td>;r5 - transmit data buffer</td></m_tx0<> | ;r5 - transmit data buffer |
| | | ;pointer |
| bset | #22,m5 | ;flag for data process routine |
| | | ;using a don't care bit in the |
| | | ;modifying register |
| | | |

. . . .

<somewhere in the program>

| org | p: INITIALIZE |
|------|--|
| move | <pre>#RECIEVE_DATA_BUF,r4</pre> |
| move | <pre>#(RECIEVE_DATA_BUF_SIZE-1),m4</pre> |
| bclr | #22,m4 |
| move | <pre>#TRANSMIT_DATA_BUF,r5</pre> |
| move | #(TRANSMT_DATA_BUF_SIZE-1),m5 |
| bclr | #22,m5 |
| | |

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4.1 INTRODUCTION

The DSP56300 DMA is a powerful functional block for moving data. It has special registers and data paths that enable it to perform various transfer tasks without stalling the core. It's main features are:

- Parallel operation with the core
- Complex address calculation modes
- Transfer triggered by peripheral events, external interrupts or software
- Transfer end may trigger other transfers or interrupt the core
- Transfer modes support flexible triggering for "words", "lines" and "blocks"

This section provides some application examples for using the DMA functions. It assumes basic familiarity with the DMA. For detailed information about the DMA see **Section 8** of the *DSP56300 Family Manual*.

Note: Although may of the DMA registers can be used as general purpose registers if not otherwise used, do not use the control registers for general purpose data, otherwise an accidental activation of a transfer may result.

4.2 CONSERVING CORE MIPS BY WORKING IN PARALLEL

The DMA has data and address busses that are separate from the core and independent address generation capability. This enables it to work completely in parallel with the core, as long as the DMA unit and the core do not contend for the same resource.

This section describes the main DMA features and how they can be used to enhance performance.

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The core may contend with the DMA in one of two cases only:

- 1. Accessing the same internal memory block (contiguous 256 RAM words or 3 K ROM words), in which case the DMA stalls—otherwise simultaneous core and DMA access to the internal memory is possible without any delays
- 2. Accessing an external address through Port A, in which case either the core or the DMA stalls, depending upon the programmed priority

These restrictions are not severe and allow high utility of the parallel potential.

The following example demonstrates a double-buffering scheme. The DMA loads one buffer from the external memory while the core processes the data block loaded previously into a second buffer. When the core finishes, the DMA fills the second area while the core processes the data block that the DMA has just loaded. The DMA reads the data from an external memory using DMA channel 0. The block size is BLOCK_SIZE data words. The core uses R0 as the pointer to the data area under work, and R1 to point to memory locations where the top addresses of the two memory areas are stored. Modulo 1 Addressing mode is used with R1 to quickly load R0 with the block address and switch between the two memory areas. In this application, it is up to the user to stop processing the data in mid-block if the data transferred is not an exact multiple of the block size.

```
;======== general definitions and initialization.
       ; initial address of the first data area
       BASE_AREA1 equ 512
       BASE_AREA2equ1024; initial addr. of 2nd data areaBLOCK_SIZEequ512; size of each data area
       AREA_POINTER equ 16
                                    ;two consecutive addresses where the
                             ;values BASE_AREA1,2 will be stored for
                             ;use every area switch.
                              ;the base address of the external
                              ;memory from which the DMA will load
       EXTERNAL_BASE equ
                             32768
                             ;total size of the memory to be loaded
                           51200
       TOTAL_DATA_SIZEequ
                                    ;
;check if TOTAL_DATA_SIZE is divided exactly by BLOCK_SIZE
              ((TOTAL_DATA_SIZE%BLOCK_SIZE)==0)
       IF
       NUMBER_OF_TRANSequTOTAL_DATA_SIZE/BLOCK_SIZE
       ELSE
       NUMBER_OF_TRANSequ(TOTAL_DATA_SIZE/BLOCK_SIZE)+1
       ENDIF
                    #AREA POINTERS,r1
              move
```

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move #0,m1 ;modulo 1. each increment, R1 will flip ;between two consecutive addresses. move #BASE_AREA1,x:(r1)+ #BASE_AREA2,x:(r1)+;R1 will now point to move ;the address storing BASE_AREA1. ;until changed, x:(r1) stores the ;base address of the current core ;processing area; ;x:(r+1) stores the base address of the ;DMA area. ;first address of external data for DMA ;transfers #EXTERNAL BASE, x:M DSR0; movep ;destination address for first ;DMA block transfer #BASE_AREA2,x:M_DDR0 movep ;DMA data transfer block size. movep #BLOCK_SIZE-1,x:M_DCO0 ; DMA control word:% 1 0 011 11 0 00000 0 101 101 00 01 DE 1 software trigger DTE 0 DMA interrupts disabled DTM 011 block transfer, DE trigger DPR 11 highest channel priority DCON 0 continuous mode disabled DMA request source - don't care DRS 00000 (arbitrary value) D3D 0 3 dimensional mode disabled DAM[5:3]101 destination address post-increment DAM[2:0]101 source address post-increment DS[3:2]00 transfer destination: x memory. DS[1:0]01 transfer source: y memory. movep #\$9e02d1,x:M_DCR0;initialize DMA control reg. ;and initiate first transfer MAIN_PROGRAM jmp . . . ;======= main program area MAIN_PROGRAM #(NUMBER_OF_TRANS-1),_END_LOOP do _SWITCH_DATA isr jsr _PROCESS_DATA nop END_LOOP move x:-(r1),r0 ;switch base ptr for core data jsr _PROCESS_DATA ; last iteration, out of loop . . . ;======= subroutine area _SWITCH_DATA WAIT jclr #M_DTD0,x:M_DSTR,_WAIT;verify that the DMA finished, ;otherwise wait until it does. ;load new value for DMA movep x:(r1)+,x:M_DDR0 ;destination (previous core ;processing area). ;after R1 increment, x:(r1) ;points to the prev. DMA area. x:(r1),r0 move ;load new core area pointer #23,x:M_DCR0 bset ;trigger DMA tran. to new buffer rts

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Another possible application of this kind is in a multi-tasking operating system: the DMA can be periodically activated by the timer, and load the program of the next process, while the core executes another code segment.

4.3 USING SLOW, LOW-COST MEMORIES

In many systems, data that is stored in external memory is not frequently used, and can be loaded at a relatively slow rate. In principle, this permit the use of slow, low-cost memories. Interfacing such memories, however, can sometime require glue hardware and management software, thus cutting possible savings and performance gain. The DSP56300 was designed specifically with features to support the use of low-cost memories, thus reducing the overall system cost and software development time.

The External Memory Interface (DSP56300 only) supports glueless connection to various types of external memory devices (DRAMs, SRAMs and SSRAMs), and has the following supporting features:

- Programmable number of wait states
- Specialized address attributes pins, which can be used as programmable chip-selects, masking address ranges and memory spaces (x, y or p); each may support a different memory type
- On-chip DRAM controller with programmable in-page and out-of-page wait states and refresh control

More detailed information on these and other features could be found in **Section 2** of the *DSP56300 Family Manual*.

The parallel operation of the DMA, as in the example above, is especially suited to load data slowly from an external memory device. The resulting wait states do not effect program execution at the core, as long as the core does not also attempt to use the external port. For applications in which such contentions may occur, the user can assign priorities between the core and each DMA channel, and change them dynamically. For details, see **Section 8** of the *DSP56300 Family Manual*.

The DMA and BIU have a specialized Packing mode to support external 8-bit memory devices. In this mode, each external DMA access is translated to three hardware accesses to consecutive

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memory locations. In a read access, the 3 bytes are concatenated to one 24-bit word that is written to the destination by the DMA. In a write access, the 24-bit word is unpacked to 3 single-byte write accesses. After initialization, all this activity is done automatically without software overhead.

In the following example, the DMA is programmed to read data from an 8-bit wide external memory and store it as 24-bit words in the internal memory, using the Packing mode. After reading a predefined number of 24-bits words, the core is interrupted. The external 8-bit data module is mapped to 65 K addresses in the Y data space in addresses: \$80XXXX and the data is transferred to internal Y memory space.

;=========== general definitions MSP_8_BITequ \$80 ;MSP of address of ;the 8-bit memory (8 bits) INT_ADDRequ \$200 ; internal address of transfer ;destination NUM_24_Wequ \$512 ;number of 24-bit words to read. ;=========== initialize BIU AAR_WORDequ (MSP_8_BIT<<16)+\$8a1 ;AAR0 value (only relevant non-zero values ;listed)
;BAC MSP_8_BIT 8 bits for address compare bits
;BNC 1000 number of address bits to compare (8)
;BPAC 1 packing red. packing mode enabled Y data space enabled ;BYEN 1 ;BAT 01 external access type - Synchronous RAM movep #AAR_WORD,x:M_AAR0 movep #5,x:M_BCR ;program aar0 accesses ;for 5 wait states. ;========== initialize DMA movep #(MSP_8_BIT<<16),x:M_DSR0;first address of</pre> ;8-bit data as ;source address movep #INT_ADDR,x:M_DDR0 ;base address of ;memory data buffer ; is tran. destination. movep #((NUM_24_W-1)<<12),x:M_DCO0;number of transfers</pre> ;before core is ;interrupted ;(2D counter) ;offset of 3 added movep #3,x:M_DOR0 ;after every 24-bit ;word access. ;DMA control word: % 0 1 011 00 0 00000 0 101 000 01 01
 Imammel not armed (yet)

 I DRS 00000 DMA request source - don't care (SW trig) ;D3D 0 3 dimensional mode disabled

| ;DAM[5:3]101 ;DAM[2:0]000 ;DS[3:2]01 ;DS[1:0]01 | source addres | ddress post-increment s: 2D with offset register 0 ination: y memory. ce: y memory. |
|--|--|--|
| movep | #\$580285,x:M_DCR0;loa | ad control register. |
| ;========== | main program | |
| bset | #23,x:M_DCR0 | ;trigger transfer |
| | interrupt definition p:I_DMA0 <use_compact_data< td=""><td></td></use_compact_data<> | |

4.4 SERVICING A PERIPHERAL

DMA transfers can be triggered by peripherals and can transfer data to and from them, thus giving the user a powerful alternative for driving peripherals. Examples for interrupt-driven core handling were given earlier in **Section 3**. Using the DMA to handle peripheral requests has the following advantages:

- 1. Saves core MIPS because the DMA is triggered independently and transfers the data in parallel to the core
- 2. Frees core address registers that previously had to be reserved as pointers to the data buffers to keep them available for processing a fast interrupt
- 3. Decreases the latency between peripheral triggering and actual handling by using the DMA (under the same circumstances, i.e., no other triggers/interrupts with higher priorities)

In the following example, the DMA receives data from the ESSI and passes it to a memory buffer. Only after the buffer is filled the DMA interrupts the core. Each ESSI request triggers a transfer of one word. After N words are transferred, the DMA is disarmed and interrupts the core. The core re-arms the DMA at the end of the interrupt routine.

;========== initialize DMA movep #M_RX0,x:M_DSR0;address of ESSI receive ;register is transfer source ;address. movep #DATA_BUF,x:M_DDR0;base address of memory data ;buffer is transfer dest. movep #BUF_SIZE-1,x:M_DCO0;load number of transfers ;before core is interrupted. ;DMA control word:% 0 1 101 11 0 01010 0 101 100 00 00 DE 0 channel not armed (yet) ; 1 DIE DMA interrupts enabled ; DTM 101 ; word transfer triggered by request source DE is not disarmed at end of word trans. ; DPR 11 ; highest channel priority continuous mode disabled DMA request source - ESSIO receive data DCON 0 ; DRS 01010 ; 3 dimensional mode disabled ; D3D 0 destination address is update source address no update transfer destination: x memory. DAM[5:3]101 destination address post-increment ; ; DAM[2:0]100 DS[3:2]00 ; ; DS[1:0]00 movep #\$6e52c0,x:M_DCR0;load control register. ;========= initialize ESSI0 movep #\$3f,x:M_PCRC ;enable all ESSI0 pins movep #\$180000,x:M_CRA0;24 bits per word, maximal ;frequency movep #\$011130,x:M_CRB0;transmitter enabled, one bit ;sync (sc2 output) syn mode, ;internal clocks. ;========= initialize the core bset #13,x:M_IPRP ; give DMA channel 0 interrupt ;priority 1. #\$3,mr ;enable interrupts ori . . . ;========= interrupt vector area org p:I_DMA0 <_ESSI0_RX jsr . . . ;========= subroutine area _ESSI0_RX jsr <_PROCESS_DATA movep #DATA_BUF,x:M_DDR0;reset destination register at ; beginning of memory buffer. bset #23,x:M_DCR0 ;re-arm channel 0 rts

Note: Before servicing the data processing interrupt after the buffer was filled, the core does not allocate any resource (registers or processing time) to service the data acquisition that is going on in the background.

The DMA flexible addressing modes can also be used to support special data structures and I/O mapped addresses. Consider the SCI, which can only transmit and receive serial data that is 8-bit long. When transmitting a 24-bit word, it should write to three transmit registers, each of which loads and transmits one byte (STXL,STXM,STXH).

The core operations needed to initiate one 24-bit transfer are:

movep x:(r0),x:M_STXL;transmit low byte. r0 points ;to the data source <wait until end of transfer> movep x:(r0),x:M_STXM;transmit middle byte. <wait until end of transfer> movep x:(r0),x:M_STXH;transmit high byte.

Similarly, when receiving 24-bit data, the SCI should be read from three receive registers (SRXL,SRXM,SRXH). The byte that is read is positioned in the 24-bit data bus accordingly, the other two bytes read as zeros. Therefore, the three words that were read must be OR-ed to give the 24-bit data.

The basic DMA addressing scheme needed for transmitting one 24-bit word from the DSP56300 is a block of three transfers used to write the three bytes of the original word. The source address is not incremented, and the destination (SCI side) is defined as a 3-word circular buffer, mapped on STXL,STXM,STXH.

There are a few options to define the next hierarchy—feeding consecutive 24-bit words for transfer:

• A core interrupt that is triggered by the end of the 3-word transfer—The interrupt writes the next data to the fixed DMA source location. The core may define a circular data buffer using AGU Modulo modes. The DMA can use the mode that does not clear the DE bit at the end (Mode 100), thus enabling the core to use a fast interrupt for that task (no need to re-trigger the DMA channel). This is on condition that interrupt service could be guaranteed in the time the SCI is transferring the last byte. The "cost" of this option is one DMA channel, one offset register, two AGU registers (Rx,

Mx), and the MIPS required to process a fast interrupt for every 24-bit word transfer.

- Using the DMA 3-D Addressing mode to increment the source address after the basic 3-word transfer—The core is interrupted only after N words are transmitted to fill the buffer again. The "cost" is one DMA channel and four offset registers.
- A second DMA transfer defined in another channel triggered by the end of the basic 3-word transfer—The second transfer copies data from a buffer to a fixed address used by the first channel. This option basically splits the previous option between two DMA channels, thus enabling the use of simpler addressing modes and freeing common offset registers. The "cost" is two DMA channels and one offset register.

The choice of a solution depends on the availability of the relevant resources in the specific application. This example implements the second option (using one DMA channel), for feeding the SCI transmitter. Words for transmission are arranged in a data buffer. As shown in **Figure 4-1** on page 4-10, each word in the buffer should be written 3 times to the SCI transmit registers so that all 3 bytes are transmitted. After all the buffer is transmitted, the core is interrupted. This addressing is defined in the 3-D Addressing mode. The first dimension counter is null (DCOL value 0), so that an offset 0 (from DOR0) is added after each transfer. The second dimension is used to increment the address by 1 after 3 transfers (DOR1). The third dimension is used to count the words in the buffer.

Note: An offset register is needed for zero offset since the no-update mode is only for linear counting. Transfer destination (SCI side) is addressed as a circular 3-word buffer—after three words, the address is decreased by 3. Usually a two-dimensional addressing mode is enough for such addressing, but this example should also be implemented using 3-D addressing. The reason is the need to align the offsets needed for the destination with the counter value as was defined for the source.



Figure 4-1 DMA Addressing Modes for SCI Transmitters

The following assembler code is needed for this configuration.

| ;====== | | ==== init | zialize | DMA chann | nel O | |
|------------|-------|-----------|------------------------------|------------|---|--|
| TX_BUF | equ | \$200 | ;base ad ;transm: | | buffer with data to | |
| BUF_SIZ | Eequ | 16 | 6 ;number of words in TX_BUF | | | |
| COUNTO equ | | ((BUF_S | IZE-1)<< | 12)+(2<<6 | 5)+0 | |
| | | | ;BUFF_S: ;(3-1=2 | IZE-1 in 1 | value for 3D mode: DCOH (bits 23:12), (bits 11:6), 5:0). | |
| | movep | #M_STXL | ,x:M_DDR | 0;destina | tion base address: | |
| | | | | ;SCI Tran | nsmit Low register. | |
| | movep | #TX_BUF | ,x:M_DSR | 0;source | base address: | |
| | | | | ;address | of memory transmit | |
| | | | | ;data are | ea. | |
| | movep | #COUNT0 | ,x:M_DCC | 0;load nu | umber of transfers | |
| | | | | before co | ore is interrupted. | |
| | movep | #0,x:M_I | DORO | ;offset r | register 0, | |
| | | | | ;added ev | very word | |
| | | | | ;(DCOL) t | o source address. | |
| | movep | #1,x:M_I | DOR1 | ;offset r | register 1, | |
| | | | | ;added ev | very 3 words | |
| | | | | ;(DCOM) t | o source address. | |

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movep #0,x:M_DOR2
                          ;offset register 2,
                           ;added every word
                           ;(DCOL) to destination address.
      movep #-2,x:M_DOR3
                           ;offset register 3,
                            ;added every 3 words
                            ;(DCOM) to destination address
;DMA ch.0 control word:% 0 1 001 10 0 01111 1 111 0 00 01 00
;DE 0 channel not armed (yet)
     1
;DIE
             DMA interrupts enabled
;DTM 001 word transfer triggered by request source,
            DE disarmed at end of count.
;
;DPR 10 chann. priority (lower than channel 1 - receive)
; DCON 0
            continuous mode disabled
;DRS 01111 DMA request source - SCI transmit
;D3D
      1
             3 dimensional mode enabled
;DAM[5:3]111 dest. addressing - 3D, with offsets DOR2:DOR3
             source address 3D (DOR0:DOR1).
;DAM[2]0
;DAM[1:0]00 3D counter mode: DCOH 12 bits, DCOM 6 bits,
            DCOL 6 bits.
;
;DS[3:2]01 transfer destination: y memory.
;DS[1:0]00 transfer source: x memory.
      movep #$4c7f84,x:M_DCR0;load control register,
                           ;not triggered.
;========= initialize SCI
      movep #$8200,x:M_SCR ;8 bits sync. mode, transmit
                            ;enable, clock invert.
      movep #$1,x:M_SCCR
                           ;max freq/2, int. clock for TRx.
      movep #$7,x:M_PCRE ;enable SCI pins
;========= initialize the core
      bset #13,x:M_IPRC ;DMA channel 0 interrupt
                          ;priority 1.
       andi
             #$fc,mr
                           ;enable interrupts
             #23,x:M_DCR0 ;activate Tx DMA transfer.
      bset
       . . .
;========= interrupt vectors and routines
      org p:I_DMA0
       jsr
             <_FILL_TX_BUF
       . . .
```

4.5 DATA TRANSFER OPTIMIZATION HINTS

Some points should be bared in mind when optimizing the code for performance:

- While transferring words between two data memory locations takes approximately the same number of cycles if done either by software or by DMA, the DMA has an advantage when transferring to or from program memory. This is due to the 6 cycles required for every software access (MOVEM instruction) to program memory.
- The DSP56300 memory RAM is organized in 256-word blocks (addresses in a block share the sixteen Most Significant Bits of the address). A ROM block is 3 K words long. If both the core and the DMA access addresses in the same block, the DMA access stalls until the core stops its access to that block. To avoid such stalls, the core and the DMA should be made to work on separate memory blocks. However, in case requirements for overall efficiency outweigh possible stalls, the programmer should still be aware of the possible DMA stall, and perhaps write the loops so that the core will not access the same memory block in every clock. The following loop generates an access to the source memory block every clock, and will stall a parallel DMA transfer to that block for as long as the loop lasts:

• The following more considerate loop lasts longer, but enables the DMA to access the memory block, too:

| DO | #N,_IM_OK_DMA_(| ЭК |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| move | x:(r0)+,x0 | ;r0 points to memory block |
| | | ;also used by the DMA |
| move | x0,y:(r4)+ | ;r4 points to other |
| | | ;internal memory |
| _OK_DMA_OK | | |

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The DSP56300 supports running programs from the external memory, but each fetch of a program word inserts wait states (depending on the memory type, with a minimum of one wait state per fetch). The performance of such a program may be severely impaired, but the user is able to reduce his system cost by using slower and cheaper memory devices, such as slow EPROMs and Dynamic RAMs. The common way to maintain program speed with these wait states is program overlays, which are handled by software. The instruction cache allows an external code to execute automatically at the highest speed of on-chip execution without the need for program overlays, yet use slow memory devices. Detailed information about the instruction cache can be found in **Section 5** of the *DSP56300 Family Manual*.

This section discusses the instruction cache and some other memory features.

5.1 THE INSTRUCTION CACHE

The instruction cache includes a controller (part of the DSP56300 core) and a cacheable memory array (part of the on-chip Program RAM) that may be used to store the cached instructions. When the cache controller is disabled (the Cache Enable bit in the SR is cleared), the cacheable memory behaves like regular Program RAM, and is accessible to the user as part of the internal program memory space. When the cache controller is enabled (the Cache Enable bit in the SR is set), the cacheable memory is used by the cache controller to store the cached instructions, and is not accessible to the user. The address space onto which it was previously mapped is now considered external. When the cache is enabled, the cache controller checks each external program address before it is fetched. If it was not fetched before, it is a cache "miss". The address is fetched from the external memory, and stored in the cache memory in parallel to it's execution. If that address was fetched before, it is a cache "hit", meaning that a copy of the instruction was previously stored in the cache. The cache controller blocks the external access and the instruction is fetched from the cache. From the pipeline's point of view, an external fetch with a cache "hit" is equivalent to an internal fetch-no wait states are inserted.

Activating the cache requires only setting the CE bit in the SR. The following instruction activates the cache:

bset #19,SR

Because of pipelining, allow four instructions to execute before assuming the cache is active. Disabling the cache is done by clearing that bit.

Note: For obvious reasons, the user should not enable the cache while running from the cacheable memory area itself.

To demonstrate the benefit of cache use, consider the example in **Table 5-1**, taken from a benchmark for FIR lattice filter (the *DSP56300 Family Manual*, **Appendix C**).

 Table 5-1
 Example for Cycle Count with Cache Enabled Versus Disabled

| | Program Code | | | | Hit Cycles | External Miss Cycles |
|------|---------------|------------|------------|--------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | movep x:IN,b | | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | move | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | move | b,a | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | do | #N,_END | | 2 | 5 | 11 |
| | macr x0,y0,b | | b,yl | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | tfr x0,a | x:(r0)+ | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | macr y1,y0,a | x:(r0),x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| _end | | | | | | |
| | movep b,x:OUT | | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | move | a,x:(r0)+ | y:(r4)-,y0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | | | | Total: | 3N+10 | 12N+31 |

In the example, each external fetch inserts 3 wait states. Therefore, the execute time needed for each instruction in the loop is 4 cycles: 1 cycle for execution, and 3 wait states for the instruction that is being fetched in parallel. In other words, due to the pipelining, the wait states of an instruction stalls the execution of the instruction

preceding it. The DO instruction, being a 2-word instruction, suffers the wait states of two fetches

Instructions in a loop are re-fetched on each iteration, with the wait states inserted each time. The column in **Table 5-1** labeled "hit cycles" is the number of cycles needed for the execution of the instructions if they were run from internal memory or were cache hits. The column "external miss cycles" is the number of cycles needed if they were run from a 3-wait state memory with cache disabled, or fetched with a "miss".

If the same code is run with the cache enabled, the first loop iteration will take the same number of cycles as with the cache disabled, since the instructions are "misses" and should be fetched from the external memory. From the second iteration onwards, the instructions are "hits" and, therefore, execution time will be one cycle per instruction. At the end of the loop there will be cache misses once more. If this code section will be executed again (e.g., if it was a part of a subroutine), then it will be all "hits" and run according to the 3N + 10 formula—as if it were in the internal memory.

There is no penalty for a cache miss, above the needed wait states associated with the external access itself. All cache operations are done in parallel to program execution, without any performance cost.

5.1.1 Cache Sectors

A chip in the DSP56300 family may be factory-configured to support a 1 K or 2 K cache, or none. See the user's manual for the specific configuration of the chip you are using. In this section, when data that depends on the size of the cache is given, the 1 K cache data is written first followed by the data for 2 K cache written in parentheses.

The 1 K (2 K) cache is logically divided into eight sectors, each 128 (256) words long. Accordingly, the cache views an instruction address as comprised of two parts: bits 23:8 (23:9), labeled the "tag field", and bits 7:0 (8:0) labeled the "vbit field". During cache operation, a sector is allocated to store program words with the same tag field in their address. This tag field is stored in a tag register associated with each sector. It follows, therefore, that the cache cannot store 1024 (2048) instructions originating from

independent addresses. The instruction addresses must have one of the allocated tag fields, and only eight different tag fields can be allocated at any given time.

An application that depends on the cache for efficient execution should be designed taking into account the sector allocation. If possible, important code segments that are planned to be cached should be written to fit the smallest possible number of 128 (256) word units, so that they occupy the minimum number of cache sectors. Also, care should be taken to place segments that are planned to be cached in addresses that are inside a sector and not cross sector borders needlessly.

For example, a routine that is 100 words long should start at an address whose seven (eight) LSBs are between 0 and \$1b (\$9b), otherwise it will "spill over" and use two cache sectors instead of the one into which it could fit. Small code segments could be packed together to fit into a smaller number of sectors, keeping fragments of unused sector space at a minimum.

5.1.2 Control of Sector Allocation

Allocation of sectors is done automatically—they are allocated as instructions are fetched. If an instruction does not have a sector with a fitting tag, it is a "sector miss". If a sector is available, it's tag register is written with the tag field of the instruction's address, and the instruction from that address is written to the cache. There is no wait penalty for a sector miss.

When all eight sectors are used, and a sector miss occurs, the cache controller chooses a sector that will be written over. The controller keeps track of the sector use, and uses the Least-Recently-Used (LRU) sector for replacement.

The data that was in that sector is lost for hit detection even if that sector will be allocated again later with the same tag. A newly allocated sector should be filled with data fetched from the external memory, with the resulting wait states.

The user has at his disposal a set of specialized cache control instructions, for better management of sector allocation. The following operations can be performed:

1. Lock a sector (PLOCK,PLOCKR)—A sector that is locked will not be a part of the LRU arbitration for sectors to be replaced

and written over. Locking a sector is useful for time-critical code sections, that should execute at maximum speed whenever called. Locking them will prevent the need to re-allocate a sector and re-load it by slow fetches.

- 2. Unlock a sector (PUNLOCK,PUNLOCKR)—Make the sector available again for the LRU replacement algorithm. The unlocked sector is considered "most-recently-used", that is, last in line for replacement.
- 3. Unlock all locked sectors (PFREE)
- 4. Flush the whole cache (PFLUSH), bringing all the sector tags and LRU stack to their default values.
- 5. Flush only the unlocked sectors (PFLUSHUN).

The argument for the PLOCK and PUNLOCK instructions is an address. The cache controller matches the tag field to the tag registers, thus identifying the sector. This means that the 8 cache sectors cannot be allocated by the user directly by using a sector number or another designator. A sector can be accessed by searching a match to its tag register. Selecting a sector for allocation from one of the available (unlocked) sectors is always done by the controller hardware using the LRU algorithm.

The PLOCK and PUNLOCK are given the address argument by using one of the regular addressing modes (Absolute Address, or Memory Indirect Using an Address Register). The PLOCKR and PUNLOCKR use a PC relative displacement to calculate the address argument.

Locking sectors enables the user to select actively what code segments will be in the cache at any given moment. Unlocking sectors enables changing the sector allocation map dynamically, according to changing program needs. Software control over sector allocation should normally be done by locking. It is possible to allocate an available sector to a tag without locking it (using the PUNLOCK/R commands on an unallocated address), but it has no benefit over a regular sector miss during execution.

The multiple unlocking/flushing commands are useful for fast task switching, in multi-tasking systems. For example, the routines from the operating system's kernel could be in locked cache sectors, while the unlocked sectors are for the use of the current task. The PLFUSHUN instruction could be used at the beginning of a context-switch.

Notes:

- 1. Disabling the cache controller and enabling it again implicitly flushes the cache. Data stored in the cache prior to its activation cannot be accessed as "hits". A program section cannot be copied into the cacheable array for use as cached instructions.
- 2. The user should refrain from using old data from the cacheable array after the cache is disabled.

5.1.3 Cache Burst Mode

A cache miss usually results in a single external memory read. The fetched word is passed to execution and also written into the cache. When the Burst mode is enabled (BE bit in the OMR is set), a cache miss may initiate up to four consecutive external memory reads. The instructions that are fetched are stored into the cache in their appropriate locations. Only the instruction that caused the miss is executed. The program continues to execute and normally fetches the next instruction. This instruction may now be in the cache (as a result of the previous burst), and therefore it will be a cache hit.

The instructions that were fetched during the burst cause the regular wait states as defined for that type of access. The Burst mode is intended for working with DRAM external memory, where an out-of-page access causes more wait states than an in-page access. In an application that uses the same DRAM for both data and program memory, the program's serial flow of fetches will be interleaved with data accesses. Usually the program fetch after a data access will be out-of-page, even if it is in the same page as the previous instruction. When using the Burst mode, instructions fetched during a burst will all be in the same page, and so the total program stall will be lower.

The number of program words that are brought in a burst depends only on the value of the last two bits of the address that caused the cache miss. If the value of those bits is "00", then four consecutive words will be fetched, with the last bits of the addresses being "11", "10", "01" and "00" (the instruction that caused the miss). For a miss on an address with "01" LS bits, three words will be fetched ("11", "10", "01"). For "10" only two words will be fetched ("11" and "10"), and for an address with "11" LS bits, only the word that caused the miss will be fetched. This mechanism is basically not

controlled by the user. In a program segment that advances consecutively (no change of flow), the fetches will be done in groups of four, initiated by instructions with addresses ending with "00".

The following example is of a program that uses the same DRAM for the program and the data. The DRAM has 2 wait states for in-page access and 8 wait states for out-of-page access. The data pointers R0,R4,R1 all point to addresses in the same DRAM page, but a different page than the one where the program instructions are stored.

The code is a benchmark of [1x3][3x3] matrix multiplication, from the *DSP56300 Family Manual*, **Appendix C**. Below are the general initialization instructions:

| move | #MAT_A,r0 | ;[1x3] matrix |
|------|-----------|----------------------|
| move | #MAT_B,r4 | ;[3x3] matrix |
| move | #MAT_X,rl | ;[1x3] output matrix |
| move | #2,m0 | ;Modulo 3 |
| move | #8,m4 | ;Modulo 9 |
| move | m0,m1 | ;Modulo 3 |

Table 5-2 shows the example program and the relevant cycle count. In the external access columns, "po" and "pi" designate out-of-page or in-page program fetches, while "do" and "di" designate out-of-page or in-page data accesses, respectively.

| No | | In | atmation | | Burst Mode Disabled | | Burst Mode Enabled | |
|-----|-------------|---------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----|
| INO | Instruction | | | External Accesses | Сус | External Accesses | Сус | |
| i0 | nop | | | | 1ро | 9 | 1po,3pi | 15 |
| i1 | move | | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1pi | 3 | - | |
| i2 | mpy | x0,y0,a | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1pi | 3 | - | |
| i3 | mac | x0,y0,a | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1pi | 3 | 1do,1di | 12 |
| i4 | macr | x0,y0,a | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 2di,1po,3pi | 24 |
| i5 | mpy | x0,y0,b | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 1do,1di | 12 |
| i6 | move | | | a,y:(r1)+ | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 2di | 6 |
| i7 | mac | x0,y0,b | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 2di | 6 |
| i8 | macr | x0,y0,b | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 2di,1po,3pi | 24 |
| i9 | mpy | x0,y0,a | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1do,1po | 18 | 1do | 9 |
| i10 | move | | | b,y:(r1)+ | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 2di | 6 |

 Table 5-2
 Cycle Count Example With and Without Burst Mode

| N | | | | | Burst Mode Disabled | | Burst Mode Enabled | |
|-----|-------------|---------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| No | Instruction | | | External Accesses | Сус | External Accesses | Сус | |
| i11 | mac | x0,y0,a | x:(r0)+,x0 | y:(r4)+,y0 | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 2di | 6 |
| i12 | macr | x0,y0,a | | | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 2di,1po,3pi | 24 |
| i13 | nop | | | | 1do,1po | 18 | 1do | 9 |
| i14 | move | | | a,y:(r1)+ | 1do,1di,1po | 21 | 2di | 6 |
| i15 | nop | | | | 1pi | 3 | _ | |
| i16 | nop | | | | 1pi | 3 | 1po,3pi | 18 |
| i17 | nop | | | | 1do | 9 | 1do | 9 |
| | | | | | TOTAL: | 257 | _ | 186 |
| i0 | nop | | | | 1ро | 9 | 1po,3pi | 15 |

Table 5-2 Cycle Count Example With and Without Burst Mode

During non-burst pipeline operation, while an instruction is executing (i.e., in the instruction latch), the external memory port may be busy with the following accesses:

- 1. Fetching an external program word of the next instruction (1 access at most)
- 2. Data reads/writes for the instruction 3 words back (2 accesses at most)

For example, during the execution of instruction i4, the memory port is busy with the data transfers of i1, and fetching of i5. In order to calculate the cycle count of an instruction in the example, we should add the cycle count of the accesses that are performed during its execution. An access cycle count is the number of wait states + 1. The instruction's execution time is in parallel to the access cycles.

| Example 5-1 | Example for i5 |
|-------------|----------------|
|-------------|----------------|

| 1 out- | of-page data access | 9 cycles |
|--------|--|-----------------|
| 1 in-p | age data access | 3 cycles |
| 1 out- | of-page program access | <u>9 cycles</u> |
| | total: | 21 cycles |
| Note: | This information is specific for this examp multi-cycle instructions the behavior may brought only to explain the cycle count in | change), and |

Memory Switch

When the same code is run in Burst mode, every fourth external fetch is replaced by four fetches, and the other fetches are cache hits. In a hit state the internal fetch and instruction execution take (in this example) 1 cycle. This cycle may be in parallel to an external data access, so the total cycle count of such an instruction will be equal to the cycle count of the external data access. If an instruction is a hit, with no memory accesses that should be performed from previous instructions, it may be executed in parallel to the accesses starting in the previous instruction. This is why some entries in the cycle count table are empty.

As could be seen from the table, in both cases, the total cycle count in this example depends only on the external accesses. The cut in external access time achieved by using the burst mode is a net increase in performance.

5.2 MEMORY SWITCH

Each chip has a fixed amount of internal RAM, divided between x, y and p spaces. This architecture allows fetching an instruction in parallel to two data moves, but does not allow the use of data space for program instructions and vice-versa. Some members of the DSP56300/600 families support a Memory Switch mode, in which the user may chose between two predefined internal memory partitions, one with more Program RAM at the expense of the X and Y data RAM.

Memory switching is not available for some chips and revisions. Please refer to the user's manual of the chip you are using for information on the memory map.

Figure 5-1 on page 5-10 depicts the DSP56302 memory map as an example. The upper parts of the shaded memory areas are switched between data and program spaces.

Note: In Memory Switch mode, the cacheable program memory module changes its location in the program memory map, so that it will always occupy the top-most internal program memory addresses.

Memory Switch



Figure 5-1 DSP56302 Memory Maps

Using the Bootstrap ROM

Possible advantages for using the Memory Switch mode:

- 1. A program may dynamically change it's internal memory map according to need.
- 2. A system may be developed with the intention of using Program and data ROM in the end product. Using a ROM allows much more data to be placed on chip. Development is done with a RAM-based emulation version, which can hold much smaller internal memory. Using external memory is not always an adequate solution due the different timing of external accesses. Using a RAM-based chip with Memory Switch mode may help solving the problem—large program sections may be tested using more program memory, and sections using large data tables could be tested separately using more data memory.

The MS (Memory Switch) bit in the OMR selects between the two alternate memory configurations. In chips without the Memory Switch mode, this bit is reserved. Enabling or disabling the Memory Switch mode should be done with care—the user may not use memory addresses that change their locations while executing the switch instruction at least six instructions afterwards. The cache must also be disabled. A proper switching sequence should be run from program memory addresses that do not change their physical mapping during the switch, when the cache is disabled, and without data accesses to the data areas that change their physical mapping. In the example of the DSP56302, the switching routine may be run from program memory addresses lower than \$4C00, or higher than \$6000, with the cache disabled.

5.3 USING THE BOOTSTRAP ROM

Most DSP56300 family members have a short ROM program for downloading a program from an external device to the program RAM. This program is coded in the core, and is mapped to the internal program memory space. At the user's choice, this program may be executed immediately after a hardware reset. The program chooses the device that is used for the download by studying the operating mode bits in the OMR. The operating mode bits are latched from the interrupt request pins during the hardware reset, and thus are user-controlled. According to these bits, program data may be downloaded from the SCI, Host Interface, the external
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memory port, etc. The boot program initializes the relevant port, then starts reading data in. The program generally interprets the first two 24-bit words that are read as the number of words to be read, and the internal program memory address destination, respectively. That number of data words is read and written to the internal memory starting at the given address. The boot program then passes program control to that address.

Consult the user's manual of the chip you are using to see if the chip has a boot ROM program, and if it does, what boot options are available, and what is the expected data format. A full program listing is also provided.

After the bootstrap program has finished, the mode bits in the OMR may be modified by the user's program and serve as general purpose flags. In case of a hardware reset, the value on the interrupt request pins will be latched again regardless of their previous value. With these bits written to at will, the user may chose to activate the boot program by jumping to it's initial address. The program will study the current value of the OMR and initialize accordingly.

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Section 6 PIPELINE INTERLOCKS

Due to the pipeline nature of the DSP56300 and DSP56600 Cores, there are certain instruction sequences that cause a delay in execution.

There are seven types of instruction sequence delays:

- External Bus Wait States
- External Bus Arbitration
- Instruction fetch delays
- Data ALU Pipeline Interlocks
- Address Generation Pipeline Interlocks
- Stack Extension delays
- Program flow Pipeline Interlocks

The first three types of instruction sequence delays can be avoided by a better design of the overall memory system. If the main and critical routines will be executed on-chip, both data movements and instruction fetches, then the impact of these interlocks will be negligible. However, it is very important for the user to be familiar with and know ways to avoid those interlocks that are caused from certain dependencies between instructions and operands.

Note: The DSP56300 and DSP56600 assemblers generate a warnings for every occurrence of a pipeline interlock. These warnings help to locate places in the code where optimization should be exercised to avoid interlocks. Also, the reader is advised to read the **Appendix B** of the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals* for detailed description and definition of the various interlock and pipeline delays.

6.1 DATA ALU PIPELINE INTERLOCKS

There are sequences related to Data ALU operation that cause the insertion of one or two pipeline interlock cycles. This section describes what are these sequences and suggests a few ways to avoid them in the application.

This section describes various Pipeline Interlocks and suggests ways to avoid them.

6.1.1 What are the Data ALU Pipeline Interlocks?

There are three types of Data ALU pipeline interlocks:

• Arithmetic Interlock—An arithmetic interlock causes a single cycle delay in the execution of the MOVE instruction. It is caused by moving the contents of (or one part of) an accumulator that was the destination in the preceding arithmetic instruction.

Example:

```
mpy X0,Y0,A ;Arithmetic Instruction. A is
    ;destination
move A,X:(R0)+ ;Move the contents of A to
    ;memory
```

Note: The following code sequence does not generate an arithmetic pipeline interlock:

| mpy | X0,Y0,A | ;Arithmetic Instruction. A is |
|-----|---------|---------------------------------|
| | | ;destination |
| mac | X1,Y1,A | ;Add A contents from previous |
| | | ;instruction with X1 $	imes$ Y1 |

• **Transfer Interlock**—A transfer interlock causes a single cycle delay in the execution of the second MOVE instruction (the one that reads the accumulator or one of its parts). It is caused by moving the contents of an (or parts of) accumulator that was the destination of the preceding or second preceding MOVE instruction.

Example:

```
move X:(R0)+,A ;Move memory to A
move A1,Y0 ;Move A1 to register
```

• **Status Interlock**—A status interlock causes a double or single cycle delay in the execution of the MOVE instruction that reads SR. It is caused by a MOVE instruction that reads the contents of the Status Register (SR) immediately or two instructions after an arithmetic instruction.

Example:

mac X1,Y1,B ;Arithmetic Instruction
move SR,X:(R0)+ ;Read SR by a MOVE instruction

Out of these three pipeline interlocks, only the Arithmetic Interlock may occur more often in a typical application. Transfer Interlock

and Status Interlock may be avoided by adding some useful instructions in between the instructions. The following paragraph will demonstrate few ways to overcome the Arithmetic Interlock.

6.1.2 Avoiding Data ALU Pipeline Interlocks

There are few common ways to avoid the Arithmetic Interlock. The first is to change the order of the instructions such that a sequence that caused the interlocks will not be part of the re-ordered code. The second is to unroll the loop and use two accumulators in an interleaving manner.

6.1.2.1 Code Reorder

The following DSP56000 program code is part of Real input FFT based on Glenn Bergland algorithm. It is taken from **Appendix B** of the *DSP56000 Family Manual* (**Figure B-5, sheet 7**):

| move | x:(r0)+,x1y:(r4)-,y1 | ;x1=b, y1=d, r4 ptr back to c |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| mpy | x1,y0,B x:(r3)+,r7 | ;A=bWr, |
| mac | x0,y1,B x:(r3)+,r1 | ;B=bWr+dWi=T1, get first index |
| sub | В,А | ;A=a-T1=c', get second index |
| addl | A,B A,x:(r1) | ;B=a+Tl=a', PUT c' to x:b |
| mpy | y1,y0,A B,x:(r7) | ;B=dWr, B=c PUT a' |
| mac | -x1,x0,Ay:(r4)+n4,B | ;A=dWi-bWr=T2, B=c, r4 ptr to |
| | | ;next c |
| sub | B,A x:(r2)+,x0y:(r6)+,y0 | ;A=T2-c=d',x0=next Wi,y0=next |
| | | ;Wr |
| addl | A,B A,y:(r1) | ;B=T2+c=b',update r4,A=next a, |
| | | ;PUT d' |
| move | x:(r0)+,A B,y:(r7) | ;PUT b', A=next a |
| move | y:(r4)+,B | ;B=next c |
| | | |

This code consists of four arithmetic stalls that are caused by the accumulator read operation in the fifth, sixth, ninth, and tenth instructions. By reordering the parallel moves we can write a similar code that consists of no pipeline interlocks at all (notice that pointers r4 and r0 were switched).

```
move
       x:(r4)+,x1y:(r0)-,y1
                                      ;x1=b, y1=d, r0 ptr back to c
       x1,y0,B x:(r3)+,r7
                                      ;A=bWr.
mpy
       x0,y1,B x:(r3)+,r1
                                      ;B=bWr+dWi=T1, get first index
mac
sub
       B.A
                                      ;A=a-T1=c', get second index
                                      ;B=a+T1=a', PUT c' to x:b
addl
       A,B
       y1,y0,A A,x:(r1)
                                      ;B=dWr, B=c PUT a'
mpy
       -x1,x0,AB,x:(r7)y:(r0)+n0,B
mac
                                      ;A=dWi-bWr=T2, B=c, r0 ptr to
                                      inext c
            x:(r2)+,x0y
                                      :(r6)+,y0;A=T2-c=d',x0=next Wi,
       B.A
sub
                                      ;v0=next Wr
                                       ;B=T2+c=b',update r0,
addl
       A.B
```

```
;A=next a,PUT d'
move x:(r4)+,AA,y:(r1) ;PUT b', A=next a
move B,y:(r7)
move y:(r0)+,B ;B=next c
```

The parallel source moves that caused the pipeline interlocks were shifted to the following instructions. This example illustrates the importance of ordering the arithmetic instructions and the parallel read operations. Taking this approach when writing a program can shorten the execution time by preventing unnecessary pipeline interlocks.

6.1.2.2 Loop Unrolling

end

_end

The usage of two accumulators can avoid arithmetic pipeline when combined in loop unrolling techniques. The following two examples demonstrate possible applications for this method.

6.1.2.2.1 Loop Unrolling in N Array Scale routine

The following code segment is used for scaling an array of N positive numbers:

```
x:(r0)+,B
clr
       А
rep
       #N
       B,A x:(r0)+,A
max
                                    ;Largest value of N numbers
clb
       A,B
                                    ;Count leading bits of the
                                    ;largest number
move
              x:(r1)+,A
do
       #N, end
normf B1,A
                                    ;Scaling block of N numbers
       x:(r1)+,AA,y:(r4)+
move
```

The read operation of accumulator A in the eighth instruction causes an arithmetic pipeline interlock in the critical loop, causing the loop to execute 3N cycles instead of 2N. Using two accumulators can avoid this to happen, as demonstrated in the modified code:

```
clr
       А
              x:(r0)+,B
rep
       #N
max
      B,A
            x:(r0)+,A
                                    ;Largest value of N numbers
clb
      A,B
                                    ;Count leading bits of the
                                    ;largest number
              x:(r1)+,A
move
             x:(r1)+,BB,y0
move
do
      #N/2,_end
normf y0,A
                                    ;Scaling block of N numbers
normf y0,B
move
             x:(r1)+,AA,y:(r4)+
            x:(r1)+,BB,y:(r4)+
move
```

The read operations in the tenth and eleventh instructions will not cause arithmetic pipeline interlocks to happen. Although the loop contains double the words of the original code, it is executed half the time, resulting in 2N cycles performance as desired.

6.1.2.2.2 Unrolling in Memory Array Copy routine

The following code segment is used to copy data array (of N words) from x-space memory to y-space memory:

| | move | #X-start,r0 | ;starting address of source |
|------|------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | ;array in x-memory |
| | move | #Y-start,r4 | ;starting address of |
| | | | ;destination array in y-memory |
| | DO | #N,_end | |
| | move | x:(r0)+,x0 | ;read source array |
| | move | x0,y:(r4)+ | ;write destination memory |
| _end | | | |

The main loop in the above code will be executed in 2N cycles. The first stage towards optimization of this task would be to unroll the loop while using double parallel moves:

| | move | #X-start,r0 | ;starting address of source |
|------|------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | ;array in x-memory |
| | move | #Y-start,r4 | ;starting address of |
| | | | destination array in y-memory; |
| | move | x:(r0)+,a | ;read first word from source |
| | | | ;memory |
| | DO | $#(N/2-1)$,_end | |
| | move | x:(r0)+,aa,y:(r4)+ | ;read source array, write |
| | | | ;previous data |
| | move | x:(r0)+,aa,y:(r4)+ | ;write destination memory, |
| | | | ;read next data |
| _end | | | |
| | move | a,y:(r4)+ | ;write last word to destination |
| | | | ;memory |

Please note that a transfer pipeline interlock is introduced in this optimized code, causing the main loop to execute in 1.5N - 1 cycles. The next step in optimizing the task would be to use both A and B to avoid the transfer pipeline interlock. Using the following modification, the main loop will execute in N - 1 cycles.

| move | #X-start,r0 | ;starting address of source |
|------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | ;array in x-memory |
| move | #Y-start,r4 | ;starting address of |
| | | destination array in y-memory; |
| move | x:(r0)+,a | ;read first word from source |
| | | ;memory |
| move | x:(r0)+,b | ;read second word from source |
| | | ;memory |
| DO | $#(N/2-1), _end$ | |
| move | x:(r0)+,aa,y:(r4)+ | ;read source array, write |

```
;previous data
;previous data
move x:(r0)+,bb,y:(r4)+ ;write destination memory,
;read next data
_end
move a,y:(r4)+ ;write last-1 word to
;destination memory
move b,y:(r4)+ ;write last word to destination
;memory
```

6.1.2.3 Saving Interlocks by Using the TFR Instruction.

The following C code adds a constant to two memory arrays, one in X memory space and the other in Y memory space:

The straightforward implementation of the code will execute in 8N cycles:

```
move var_a,r4 ;a array in Y:memory space
move var_b,r0 ;b array in X:memory space
move var_c,x0 ;constant to add
do #N,_lLoop ;handle Y array
move y:(r4),a ;read data word
add x0,a ;add constant
move a,y:(r4)+ ;store result and increment pointer
_lLoop
do #N,_lLoop ;handle X array
move x:(r0),a ;read data word
add x0,a ;add constant
move a,x:(r0)+ ;store result and increment
;pointer
```

_2Loop

By combining the two loops into one and using the TFR instruction, an optimized implementation takes only 1.5 cycles for main loop iteration summing up to 3N cycles for the whole task:

```
move
             var_a,r4
                                          ;a array in Y memory
                                          ;b array in X memory
      move
             var_b,r0
             (r4)+,r5
                                          ir5 = r4 + 1
      lua
             (r0)+,r1
                                          ir1 = r0 + 1
      lua
      move
             var_c,xl
             x:(r0),b
      move
             x1,b x:(r1)+,x0 y:(r4),a
      add
             #N,_3Loop
      do
             x1,a b,x:(r0)+ x0,b
      add
      add
             x1,b
                                  y:(r5)+,y1
             y1,a x:(r1)+,x0
      tfr
                                  a,y:(r4)+
_3Loop
```

Address Generation Pipeline Interlocks

6.2 ADDRESS GENERATION PIPELINE INTERLOCKS

There are sequences related to the Address Generation Unit that cause the insertion of one, two or three pipeline interlock cycles. These paragraphs describe what are these sequences and suggest few ways to avoid them in the application.

6.2.1 What are the Address Generation Pipeline Interlocks

There are two types of Address Generation pipeline interlock:

• **Tcc Interlock** is caused by a Transfer On-Condition (Tcc) instruction that specified one of the address registers as its destination. If the following instruction specifies the same address registers as its source operand, than the execution of this instruction will be delayed by one instruction cycle.

Example:

| Tcc | Al,B | r0,r1 | ;Tcc instruction. R1 is |
|------|------|-------|---------------------------|
| | | | ; conditional destination |
| move | | r1,x0 | ;R1 is source operand |

• Address Generation Interlock is caused by a MOVE instruction that uses one of the AGU registers R0–R7 for address generation, while one of the three preceding instructions used one of the register-set (Ri, Ni or Mi) members as a destination register.

Example:

| move | #addr,R0 | ;R0 is destination |
|------|------------|----------------------|
| move | #offset,N0 | ;N0 is destination |
| move | X:(r0)+,y1 | ;Instruction uses R0 |

Up to three interlock cycles are added to the execution of the instruction that caused the interlock, depending on the distance (in instruction words) between this instruction and the preceding instruction that used one of the register set members (Ri, Ni or Mi) as a destination register. In the example above, the distance is 0, thus three interlock cycles will be added. In the next example, only one interlock cycle will be added to the execution of the first MPY **Stack Extension Delays**

instruction and no interlock cycles will be added to the execution of the second MPY instruction:

```
move #addr,R0 ;R0 is destination
move #data,X0
move #data,Y0
mpy X0,Y0,A X:(R0)+,Y0;Instruction uses R0
mpy X0,Y0,A X:(R0)+,Y0;Instruction uses R0
```

6.2.2 Avoiding Address Generation Pipeline Interlocks

There are few common ways to avoid the Address Generation pipeline Interlock. The first is to change the order to the instructions such that a sequence that caused the interlocks will not be part of the re-ordered code. The second is to put some useful instructions inside the sequence such that the new sequence of instructions will not generate interlock cycles.

An example of code reordering is described in the following example:

```
move #1,r1
move #3,r2
move #<$50,y0
move #table,r0
move x:(r0),x0</pre>
```

In the above example, 3 address generation pipeline interlock cycles are added to the execution of the last instruction. By reordering the instructions in that code however, the interlock cycles are avoided completely:

```
move #table,r0
move #1,r1
move #3,r2
move #<$50,y0
move x:(r0),x0</pre>
```

6.3 STACK EXTENSION DELAYS

Some instructions access the System Stack as part of their normal activity. If the stack is full or empty, execution of instructions is halted, and a stack extension on-chip hardware (if enabled) is engaged. The stack extension hardware will move stack words from the hardware stack to data memory or from data memory to the hardware stack so that it will not be full or empty and the execution of instructions can continue. This activity of the stack extension delays the execution phases by the number of cycles required to move data to or from the stack, usually two cycles for each move.

6.3.1 Stack Extension Full/Empty Cases

The stack-full or stack-empty states are defined by the contents of the SC (Stack Counter) register. When the stack counter equals 14, it means that the on-chip hardware stack has fourteen words (a stack word is a 48-bit long word combined from the low and the high portions of the stack) inside. The stack is declared as stack-full, and any additional push operation will activate the stack extension mechanism. When the stack counter equals 2, it means that the on-chip hardware stack has only two words inside. The stack is declared as stack-empty, and any additional pop operation will activate the stack extension mechanism.

6.3.2 Avoiding Stack Extension Delays

The best way to avoid stack extension delays is to make sure that the number of stack levels used during execution of critical code segments will not be larger than fourteen. If this is the case, and upon entry to this piece of code, the stack was empty, absolutely no stack extension delays will be added to the program flow. If however, the stack was not empty, few stack extension delays will be added until the code has reached its upper stack level.

6.4 PROGRAM FLOW-CONTROL PIPELINE INTERLOCKS

During the execution of flow-control instructions, some boundary non-frequent cases exist and introduce interlocks to the program flow. These cases represent very unusual operations which probably would never be used in a usual code. The generation of interlock cycles in these cases is done in order to maintain object code compatibility to the DSP56000 family of Digital Signal Processors. **Program Flow-Control Pipeline Interlocks**

6.4.1 What are the Program Flow-Control Pipeline Interlocks?

Some of the flow-control interlocks may exist only in very unique sequences and will not be described in this paragraph. The interlocks that are not described here are:

- Write to or Read from a Control Register inside a do-loop
- Write to the Stack Pointer (SP) or Stack Counter (SC)
- Write to the Loop Address (LA) register after a write to the Status Register (SR)
- A DO Loop with only one instruction in the loop.
- A nulled REP or DO loops.

The above sequences are described in detail in the Family Manual. For the other cases, the following legend is used:

- I1—An address of an instruction, where I2, I3, I4 are used to indicate the next instructions in the program flow
- **MOVE**—any type of MOVE, MOVEM, MOVEP, MOVEC, BSET, BCHG, BCLR, BTST
- JMP—any type of JMP, Jcc, BRA, Bcc, JSR, JScc, BSR, BScc, JSET, JCLR, JSSET, JSCLR, BRSET, BRCLR, BSSET, BSCLR.
- (LA)—the last address of a DO LOOP
- (LA-i)—the address of an instruction word located at LA-i
- **CR**—Control Register, every one of the registers LA, LC, SR, SP, SC, SSH, SSL, OMR

6.4.1.1 MOVE to the Status Register (SR)

Whenever I1 is a MOVE to SR, then I2 will be delayed by 1 clock cycle.

6.4.1.2 MOVE to the System Stack High/Low (SSH/SSL)

Whenever I1 is a MOVE to SSH or to SSL, and I3 is any one of the instructions DO, DOR, RTI, RTS, ENDDO or BRKcc, then I3 will be delayed by 3 clock cycles.

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6.4.1.3 JMP to Last Addresses of a Do-Loop (LA or LA–1)

Whenever I1 is any type of JMP with the target address equals to (LA) or to (LA–1) then the instruction following the instruction at (LA) will be delayed by 2 or 1 clock cycles, respectively.

6.4.1.4 RTI to Last Addresses of a Do-Loop (LA or LA–1)

Whenever I1 is an RTI instruction with the return address being either (LA) or (LA–1), then the instruction at (LA) will be delayed by 2 or 1 clock cycles, respectively.

6.4.1.5 MOVE from the System Stack High (SSH)

Whenever I1 is a MOVE from SSH and it is located at (LA–2) then the instruction following the instruction at (LA) will be delayed by 1 clock cycle.

6.4.1.6 Conditional Instructions

Whenever I1 is a conditional change of flow instruction e.g. Jcc and the condition is false, then I2 will be delayed by 1 clock cycle.

6.4.2 Avoiding Program Flow-Control Pipeline Interlocks

The common way to avoid a flow-control pipeline interlock is to reorder the code or to use the locations near the end of a Do-Loop for some other useful instructions.

Note: Some sequences are restricted to be used near the end of a Do-Loop. Please consult **Appendix B** of the Family Manual for details.

The following code is an example of code that was reordered to save some interlock cycles.

The main loop in the code accumulates elements of an array. If an element is greater than a threshold, than that value is substracted from the sum and the number of substracted values is also calculated.

Program Flow-Control Pipeline Interlocks

| | cmp blt | B,x0 cont | ;compare to threshold |
|---------|------------|--|---|
| | move | (r4)+ | ; increment counter |
| | sub | x0,b | ;subtract threshold from sum |
| cont | | | |
| | add | b,a | |
| LoopEnd | 1 | | |
| | | | |
| ;effic: | ient vers | ion - loop reord | lered. |
| ;the ma | ain point | - the CMP and s | subsequent branch are split between two |
| ;iterat | cions | | |
| ;execut | tion time | e of one iteratio | on (condition true): 7 clocks |
| | move | X:(r0)+,B | ;read first data to B |
| | cmp | B,x0 | ;first compare - before loop. |
| | DO | #(N-1),LoopEndl | _ |
| | blt | <cont< td=""><td>;SR updated in previous loop iteration</td></cont<> | ;SR updated in previous loop iteration |
| | move | (r4)+ | |
| | sub | x0,b | |
| cont | | | |
| | add | b,a | |
| | move | X:(r0)+,B | ;read next data to B |
| | cmp | B,A | |
| LoopEnd | 11 | | |
| | cmp | B,A | ;after SR pop, new CMP is needed. |
| | blt | continl | |
| | move | (r4)+ | |
| | sub | x0,b | |
| cont1 | | | |
| | add | b,a | |

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The rich instruction set of the DSP56300 and DSP56600 gives a great amount of flexibility to the DSP software engineer when writing the DSP code. However, careful selection of the right opcode will help the user to generate an optimized application. There are few aspects of the instruction set that should be considered when choosing the opcode to be used:

- Cycle count of an instruction
- Addressing modes
- Word count of an instruction
- Peripheral addressing
- Special instructions

The following paragraphs briefly describe important aspects of the instruction set. Please consult with **Appendix B** of the *DSP56300* and *DSP56600 Family Manuals* for details on the exact cycle count and word count of each instruction.

7.1 CYCLE COUNT OF AN INSTRUCTION

Most of the instructions are executed in one clock cycle. Among them are most of the arithmetic instructions and the move instructions. But some instructions need more clock cycles to execute. The following paragraph will describe ways to minimize the effect of these multi-cycle instructions on total code performance.

7.1.1 Opening Small REP and DO Loops

The REP and DO instructions are a multi-cycle instructions that needs several cycles to decode before the actual loop is executed. Hence, a loop that should be iterated a small number of times will take a long time to execute if initiated by the REP or DO instructions. In the following example, a DO loop contains an internal REP loop that should iterate ten times: This section describes ways to optimize the size and speed of the code by efficiently using the instruction set.

Cycle Count of an Instruction

```
r4,n4
move
move
          r0,n0
          #N,_loop
do
. . .
          x:(r0)+,x0
                                          y:(r4)+,y0
move
          #10
rep
          x0,y0,a x:(r0)+,x0
mac
                                          y:(r4)+,y0
move
          n0,r0
          n4.r4
move
          x(r1)+,x1
move
. . .
```

_loop

_loop

The cycle count of this loop is increased by the number of cycles it takes to decode the REP instruction, which is 5. The code may be optimized by replacing the REP with in-line assembly and restructuring some instructions to have parallel moves, saving 8N cycles:

```
#-9,n0
move
move
          #-9,n4
do
          #N,_loop
. . .
                    x:(r0)+,x0
                                         y:(r4)+,y0
move
          8
DUP
          x0,y0,a
mac
                    x:(r0)+,x0
                                         y:(r4)+,y0
ENDM
          x0,y0,a x:(r0)+n0,x0
                                         y:(r4)+n4,y0
mac
mac
          x0,y0,a x(r1)+,x1
. . .
```

7.1.2 Replacing Jumps with Conditional Execution Instructions

The various JUMP and BRANCH instructions are a multi-cycle instructions that needs several cycles to decode before actually branching to the target. When a code needs to branch to certain locations based upon various conditions, the Conditional Execution Instructions can be used, thus reducing the number of cycles required by the JUMP instructions. In the following example, the IFcc instruction is used in parallel of arithmetic opcodes to replace a conditional branch, saving 3 to 8 cycles.

Cycle Count of an Instruction

| Example 7-1 | First Example—Original Code with Conditional | |
|-------------|--|--|
| | Branch | |
| | | |

| | tst bgt add bra | a _else x0,b _endif |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| _else | | |
| | add | y0,b |
| _endif | | |
| | | |

Example 7-2 First Example—Code with Conditional Branch Replaced by Conditional Execution Opcodes (IFcc)

| tst | a | |
|-----|-------|------|
| CDC | u | |
| add | x0,b | ifqt |
| | | 5 |
| add | y0,b | ifle |
| | 1 - / | |
| | | |

In the second example, the Tcc instruction is used in parallel with a move instruction to replace a conditional branch, saving 6 cycles.

Example 7-3 Second Example—Original Code with Conditional Branch

| | ble | _next |
|-------|------|-------|
| | move | y0,b |
| | move | r1,r2 |
| _next | | |

Example 7-4 Second Example—Code with Conditional Branch Replaced by Conditional Execution Opcodes (Tcc)

| tgt | y0,b | r1,r2 |
|-----|------|-------|
|-----|------|-------|

7.1.3 Inverting Condition in Conditional Jump Instructions

The conditional JUMP and BRANCH instructions require additional cycle when the condition is not true and the target is not taken. It is advised to choose the exact condition of the JUMP such that in most cases, the target will be taken.

Cycle Count of an Instruction

Example:

```
tst a
blt rare_error
frequent_code
...
rare_error
...
```

By choosing the inverse of the condition, the code can be optimized and some cycles can be saved:

```
tst a
bge frequent_code
rare_error
...
frequent_code
...
```

Another example is the implementation of a CASE structure or an FSM (Finite State Machine) in code:

```
switch (a) {
            case 0: a +=2; break;
            case 4: a = b; break;
            case 9: a <<= a; break;
            default: a += x0;
}</pre>
```

The straight forward implementation would be:

| | tst | a |
|-----------|-----|-----------|
| | beq | _case_0 |
| | cmp | #4,a |
| | beq | _case_4 |
| | cmp | #9,a |
| | beq | _case_9 |
| _default | | |
| | add | x0,a |
| | bra | _end_case |
| _case_0 | | |
| | add | #2,a |
| | bra | _end_case |
| _case_4 | | |
| | tfr | b,a |
| | bra | _end_case |
| _case_9 | | |
| | asl | a |
| _end_case | | |

By choosing the conditions more carefully, the code can be optimized:

| | tst | a |
|-----------|-----|-----------|
| | bne | _case_4 |
| | add | #2,a |
| | bra | _end_case |
| _case_4 | | |
| | cmp | #4,a |
| | bne | _case_9 |
| | tfr | b,a |
| | bra | _end_case |
| _case_9 | | |
| | cmp | #9,a |
| | bne | _default |
| | asl | a |
| | bra | _end_case |
| _default | | |
| | add | x0,a |
| _end_case | | |

7.2 ADDRESSING MODES

The cycle count of an instruction may depend upon the specific addressing mode used with this instruction. It is essential that the user will recognize these addressing modes in order to decrease the cycle count of the entire application.

7.2.1 Single Cycle Addressing Modes

Many addressing modes, especially in the MOVE instructions, are single cycle. Some addressing modes add an additional cycle to the execution of the instruction, for example the instruction

move X:(R0+N),X0

executes in 2 clock cycles, while the instruction

move X:(R0)+N,X0

executes in a single clock cycle.

7.2.2 Short Addressing Mode

The lower portion (first 64 locations 0–63) of data memory can be accessed by special short addressing modes that can specify the location as part of the opcode, contrary to other locations where a second instruction word is required. Example:

move X:5,x0

This instruction executes in 1 clock cycle. This makes it possible to use the lower portion of the data memory as general purpose registers without a significant increase in code length.

7.2.3 Short Immediate Mode

There are some MOVE instructions that permit the specification of immediate data numbers in a small range so that a second word is not required. Example:

move #5,r0

This instruction executes in one clock cycle. This makes it possible to initialize registers without executing 2-word, 2-cycle instructions.

7.2.4 Short Immediate Operands

There are also some arithmetic instructions that defines a short immediate operand. Example:

| move | #>\$8000,a | ;the ">" is the `force long' |
|------|-------------|------------------------------|
| move | #>\$0075,r0 | ;assembler directive |
| xor | #>\$0003,a | |

This example can be optimized by replacing all the instructions by their short immediate operand versions:

| move | #<\$80,a |
|------|-----------|
| move | #<\$75,r0 |
| xor | #<\$03,a |

7.2.5 Register Addressing

The register addressing can also be used to decrease the total cycle count. The next example is an implementation of a jump table that uses register addressing. The code is used when exiting reset to jump to a location that corresponds to the specific mode that was chosen at power up:

| | org | p:\$400 | | | | |
|---------|------|----------|------|----------------|--------|-------------|
| | move | omr,a | | | | |
| | and | #<\$7,a | | | | |
| | move | #j_table | e,r0 | | | |
| | move | a,n0 | | | | |
| | move | p:(r0+n0 |)),r | 0 | | |
| | jmp | (r0) | | | | |
| j_table | | | ;ju | mp table start | ing ad | ldress |
| | dc | 1ST_R | ;If | MC:MB:MA=000, | goto | 1st routine |
| | dc | 2ND_R | ;If | MC:MB:MA=001, | goto | 2nd routine |
| | dc | 3rd_r | ;If | MC:MB:MA=010, | goto | 3rd routine |
| | dc | 4TH_R | ;If | MC:MB:MA=011, | goto | 4th routine |
| | dc | 5TH_R | ;If | MC:MB:MA=100, | goto | 5th routine |
| | dc | 6TH_R | ;If | MC:MB:MA=101, | goto | 6th routine |
| | dc | 7TH_R | ;If | MC:MB:MA=110, | goto | 7th routine |
| | dc | 8TH_R | ;If | MC:MB:MA=111, | goto | 8th routine |

7.2.6 Word Count

Some instructions have single word versions that should be used when possible. It is advisable to consult the Family Manuals for details on the word count of the various instructions.

7.3 PERIPHERAL ADDRESSING

The on-chip peripherals have special addressing modes. Moving data to/from an on-chip peripheral can be done by a MOVEP instruction, where the address of the peripheral is defined by very few address bits as part of the opcode.

The use of MOVEP usually does not save execution time, but makes it possible to put two MOVEP instructions in an interrupt vector, instead of only one if a long absolute addressing mode is used.

7.4 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

7.4.1 Dual Data Spaces

The Harvard architecture of the DSP56300/DSP56600 cores includes two data memory spaces: X and Y. An efficient structure of the application's data segment can improve the code performance by being able to use instructions that support this architecture. For example, the following code:

move x:(r0),x0
move x:(r4),y0

In this code, two data arrays were put into the same memory space, while the code had to access an item from each array one after the other. Instead, if one of the arrays can be put into the other data memory space (Y in this example) then the two items can be accessed on the same instruction:

```
move x:(r0),x0 y:(r4),y0
```

7.4.2 Using the TFR instructions

The TFR instruction is unique by giving the ability to combine two move operations into a single instruction in a way that is not supported by the usual parallel opcodes. Example:

> move x0,a move r1,r2

This example can be optimized by combining the two move instructions into a single TFR instruction:

tfr x0,a r1,r2

7.4.3 Clearing Registers

It is often needed to clear a certain register or accumulator in the code. Optimization can be accomplished in this area, also. Example:

move r1,r0 move #0,a move y0,a0

This example can be optimized by using the CLR instructions and by combining a move instruction with the CLR to a parallel opcode:

> clr a r1,r0 move y0,a0

Another example:

add x0,a clr b move y0,b0

This can be optimized by:

add x0,a #0,b move y0,b0

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Special Instructions

A very important attribute of the code efficiency is its power requirements. The DSP programmer should use various power saving techniques that will result in a minimal power requirement by the application.

A.1 LOW POWER MODES

The DSP56300 and DSP56600 have several low power modes:

- Wait Standby Mode
- Stop Standby Mode
- Low-Power Clock Divider

A.1.1 Wait Standby Mode

The Wait Standby mode is entered by using the special WAIT instruction. The WAIT instruction turns off most of the core and chip logic until one of the following events occur:

- An Interrupt request from one of the following sources:
 - an external interrupt request pin
 - an interrupt request from an on-chip peripheral
- **Note:** An interrupt request will terminate the Wait mode only if it is enabled and given the appropriate interrupt priority by programming the Interrupt Priority Register and the applicable peripheral control register.
 - A DMA transfer request to one of the DMA channels (DSP56300 only; this is not supported by the DSP56600)

During the Wait mode, all the on-chip peripherals may work if enabled. It is common to use the Wait mode to stop processing while an on-chip peripheral continues to communicate with an external device. When the core needs to read or write to that This section describes way to optimize the application for minimal power consumption.

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peripheral, an interrupt request is generated to take the core out of the Wait mode.

Power consumption during a Wait Standby Mode is very low, in the range of a few milliamperes. Please refer to the specific device data sheet for more accurate numbers.

A.1.2 Stop Standby Mode

The Stop Standby mode is entered by using the special STOP instruction. The STOP instruction turns off the entire chip logic until one of the following events occur:

- Assertion of the IRQA (Interrupt Request A) pin
- Assertion of the DE (Debug Event) pin
- Transmission of a Debug Request command to the JTAG port
- Assertion of the **RESET** input signal

During Stop mode, the entire chip function is shut down. A common use of the Stop mode is in systems that process data on time intervals. When processing is complete for a specific interval, the chip can enter Stop mode until the next time slot. This reduces overall power consumption.

Power consumption during Stop Standby Mode is almost zero, in the range of 10 μ A. Please refer to the specific device data sheet for more accurate numbers.

A.1.3 Low-Power Clock Divider

The on-chip clock generator includes a divider connected to the output. This output divider can divide the operating frequency without causing the PLL to lose lock. Thus, it can be easily used to reduce the chip's power consumption during time intervals in which the application does not require the full MIPS capability of DSP device.

Disabling Functional Blocks

A.2 DISABLING FUNCTIONAL BLOCKS

The are few functional blocks that can be disabled during normal operation if they are not required by the application. A special control bit exist for each block that should be used to disable it and by that reduce the total power consumption. The following functions can be disabled:

- CLKOUT—If the user does not need this pin for external devices, it can be shut off by setting the COD (Clock Out Disable) bit in the PLL Control Register—Bit 19 in the PCTL [X:\$FFFFD] register in the DSP56300 and Bit 7 in the PCTL1 [X:\$FFFEC] register in the DSP56600.
- **Instruction Cache**—When the instruction cache is not required to operate in the application, the instruction cache controller should be disabled by clearing the CE (Cache Enable) bit in the Status Register (SR)—Bit 19 (DSP56300 only).
- **Direct Memory Access (DMA) Controller**—Each DMA channel has a special DMA Enable bit (DE) in its control register. When all these bits are cleared, the DMA controller is disabled and will not consume any power supply current (DSP56300 only).
- **External Bus**—When the application does not require access to external devices (I/O or Memories) through the External Bus (Port A), then the External Bus Disable (EBD) bit should be set—Bit 4 of the Operating Mode Register (OMR) in both the DSP56300 and DSP56600.
- **PC Relative**—When the application does not use the PC Relative subset of the instruction set, than the PCD (PC Relative Disable) bit should be set—Bit 5 of the Operating Mode Register (OMR) in the DSP56600. (DSP56600 only)
- Address Tracing—When the user is not debugging his application and tracing of internal activity over the external address bus is not required, it is advisable to turn off the Address Tracing (AT) mode bit to reduce current drain.

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Disabling Functional Blocks

The DSP56300 and DSP56600 families provide board and chip-level testing capability through the On-Chip Emulation (OnCE) module and the Test Access Port (TAP) commonly referred to as the JTAG port. These two ports are both accessed through the JTAG port pins. The $\overline{\text{DE}}$ pin is the only direct access to the OnCE module.

The presence of the JTAG interface allows the user to insert the DSP chip into a target system while retaining debug control. This capability is especially important for high speed devices, because it eliminates the need for a costly cable to bring out the footprint of the chip, as required by a traditional emulator system.

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B.1 OnCE PORT FEATURES

The OnCE port is a Motorola-designed module used in DSP chips to debug application software used with the chip. The port allows non-intrusive interaction with the DSP and is accessible through the pins of the JTAG interface. The OnCE module supports a special debug environment that makes it possible to examine the contents of registers, memory, or on-chip peripheral. This avoids sacrificing other user-accessible on-chip resources to perform debugging. The capabilities of the OnCE Port include:

- Generate Debug Event on a program memory address (fetch, read, write or access)
- Generate Debug Event on a data memory address (read, write, or access)
- Generate Debug Event on an on-chip peripheral register access (read, write or access)
- Generate Debug Event using a special instruction
- Display/modify the contents of any DSP core register
- Display/modify the contents of any peripheral memory-mapped registers
- Display/modify any desired sections of program or data memory

JTAG Port Features

- Trace one (single stepping) or up to 256 instructions
- Save or restore the current pipeline state of the DSP core
- Display the contents of the real-time instruction trace buffer
- Return to user mode from Debug mode
- Set-up breakpoints without being in Debug mode
- All OnCE events can either force the chip into Debug mode or force a vectored interrupt, based on the users needs

B.2 JTAG PORT FEATURES

The JTAG port conforms to the IEEE 1149.1a-1993 IEEE Standard Test Access Port and Boundary Scan Architecture specification defined by the Joint Test Action Group (JTAG). Five dedicated pins interface to a Test Access Port (TAP). The TAP uses a boundary scan technique to test the interconnections between integrated circuits after they are assembled onto a printed circuit board. Boundary scan allows a tester to observe and control signal levels at each component pin through a shift register placed next to each pin. This is important for testing continuity and determining if pins are stuck at a one or zero level.

The JTAG port has the following capabilities:

- Perform boundary scan operations to test circuit-board electrical continuity
- Bypass the DSP for a given circuit-board test by replacing the boundary scan register with a single bit register
- Sample the DSP system pins during operation, and transparently shift out the result in the boundary scan register; pre-load values to output pins prior to invoking the EXTEST instruction
- Disable the output drive to pins during circuit-board testing
- Provide a means of accessing the OnCE controller and circuits to control a target system
- Query identification information (manufacturer, part number, and version) from a DSP

Address Tracing

- Force test data onto the outputs of a DSP or DSPs, while replacing its boundary scan register in the serial data path with a single bit register
- Enable a weak pull-up current device on all input signals of a DSP or DSPs; this helps to ensures deterministic test results in the presence of a continuity fault during interconnect testing

B.3 ADDRESS TRACING

The Address Tracing (AT) mode is a feature that helps the user in software development by generation of the internal program address on the external address bus.

When the AT mode is enabled by setting the ATE bit in OMR, the DSP56300/DSP56600 core reflects the addresses of internal fetches and program space moves (MOVEM) to the External Address Bus, if the Address Bus is not needed by the DSP56300/DSP56600 Core for external accesses. During an Address Trace (AT) cycle, the $\overline{\text{RD}}$ and $\overline{\text{WR}}$ strobes and the chip select or address attribute signals are deasserted. This guarantees that an external device (e.g., memory) that is connected to the external port will not be erroneously activated.

The BCLK signal on the DSP56300/DSP56600 or the $\overline{\text{AT}}$ signal on the DSP56600 indicates a new address on the Address Bus, for either an AT cycle or a regular external memory or I/O access. The user may sample the Address Bus with the rising edge of BCLK (or $\overline{\text{AT}}$) and sort between the AT cycles and the external accesses.

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Address Tracing

C.1 SCOPE

Profiling capabilities are built into the Motorola DSP Simulator. The profiler provides dynamic and static analysis. The analysis results are displayed in profiling report files.

Note: Acquaintance with Motorola DSP Simulator is required for activating the profiler. Please refer to the Simulator's user's manual for detailed description of the DSP Simulator.

C.2 CREATING A PROFILER

Being an integral part of the Motorola DSP Simulator, the code that is to be profiled is first loaded into the Simulator. The embedded profiler is activated using the Simulator's "log" command, by specifying the 'p' command option. To invoke the profiler type the command:

LOG P filename

Note: 'filename' is the name of the output file into which the profile report will be written.

The DSP program should be assembled using the DSP Assembler's and Linker's -g command line option. This option directs the Assembler and Linker to place symbolic information in the generated COFF file.

Profiling is terminated when the Simulator is exited, or when the user issues the command 'log off p' or 'log off'. Upon termination of the profiling the profiler metrics report is written to file (see **Section C.3** on page C-2).

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C.3 THE PROFILING REPORT

The profiling report is provided in two formats: ASCII and Postscript. Assuming the profiler was invoked using the command 'log p *filename*', the ASCII report in written into the file named *filename.log* and the Postscript report is written into the file named *filename.ps*. The profile report consists of several sections, each pertaining to some metrics of the DSP program. The following sections describe each of the report sections.

C.3.1 Basic Report

The basic section of the report consists of the static and dynamic subsections. The static subsection describes how many data words (initialized and uninitialized) and how many instruction words the program occupies. The dynamic subsection describes how many data and instruction words were moved between the DSP core and memory during execution of the DSP program. It also describes the number of instructions executed, the number of clock cycles executed, and the number of clock cycles spent on stalls and interlocks. **Example C-1** depicts the basic report section (in ASCII format).

Example C-1 Typical Basic Profiler Report

```
Basic Profile
Static
Initialized data size : 0 words
Uninitialized data size : 3111 words (X=1984, Y=1127, P=0)
Code size : 15577 words
Instructions : 6708
Instructions
                                    : 6708
Dynamic
Total cycle count : 33375394 cycles
Stall cycle count : 849568 cycles
                                    : 27041412 words

        Code size
        : 27041412

        Instructions
        : 25836700

        Function calls
        : 132977

Data memory references
                                    Read Write
                Memory
                ------

        Internal
        22102025
        3505689

        External
        1188007
        17424

        External
        1188007
        17424

        Internal ROM
        0
        ---

        External ROM
        0
        ---
```

C.3.2 Symbol Report

The symbol report section provides a profile of the accesses made during program execution to the memory objects defined by the program symbols. This report can highlight the usage patterns of memory objects. For each array in memory, the report specifies the number of read and write accesses performed to each of the cells of the array. When memory locations are aliased by several symbols, accesses to the locations are reported under all aliasing symbols. The total number of read and write accesses made to unlabeled addresses is also reported in this section. **Example C-2** depicts part of the Symbol memory references report, in ASCII format.

| Symbol memory references | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| symbol+offset | | r | W | r | W | r | w | r | W | r | W |
| ComfortStaticStor+0 * | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ComfortStaticStor+125 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EncoderXStatic+0 * | | 25 | 101 | 25 | 101 | 25 | 101 | 25 | 101 | 25 | 101 |
| EncoderXStatic+10 | | 125 | 101 | 100 | 101 | 100 | 101 | 100 | 101 | 100 | 101 |
| EncoderXStatic+15 | | 100 | 101 | 100 | 101 | 100 | 101 | 200 | 101 | 200 | 101 |
| EncoderXStatic+20 | | 200 | 101 | 200 | 101 | 200 | 101 | 200 | 101 | 200 | 101 |
| EncoderXStatic+25 | | 200 | 101 | 4100 | 401 | 4100 | 401 | 3700 | 401 | 3300 | 401 |

Example C-2 Typical Symbol Report

C.3.3 Instruction Set Usage Report

The instruction set usage report section provides a profile of how the DSP program utilizes programming aspects of the DSP instruction set architecture. For each assembly mnemonic the number of occurrences and the percentage out of the total number of instruction occurrences is given, both static and dynamic counts. This information is displayed twice, once ordered alphabetically by mnemonics, once ordered in descending percentage of dynamic occurrence. **Example C-3** on page C-4 depicts part of the Instruction Occurrence Breakdown report, in ASCII format.

| | stati | С | dynami | С |
|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| mnemonic | # occur | % of 100 | # occur | % of 100 |
| abs | 15 | 0.22 | 21536 | 0.08 |
| add | 392 | 5.84 | 1327468 | 5.14 |
| and | 13 | 0.19 | 36372 | 0.14 |
| andi | 50 | 0.75 | 7357 | 0.03 |
| asl | 133 | 1.98 | 866526 | 3.35 |
| asr | 166 | 2.47 | 534554 | 2.07 |

Example C-3 Typical Instruction Set Usage Report

For move instructions, statistics are provided to describe the level of parallelization of moves with Data ALU instructions.

Example C-4 Typical MOVE Instruction Statistics

| Parallel move instruction dyn | namic breakdown | n | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| move type | single | double | L space | |
| unpaired paired | 5567175 4213351 | 2367038 8960271 | 930924 379552 | |

For mnemonics groups which have a variety of addressing mode types a breakdown is provided of mnemonics and occurrences of each addressing mode type. **Example C-5** depicts part of the Dynamic addressing mode breakdown report in ASCII format.

Example C-5 Typical Dynamic Addressing Mode Breakdown

```
Dynamic addressing mode breakdown
    instruction group
                     operand modes
    Control (jmp,jsr,jcc,jscc,bra,bsr,bcc,bscc)
                      opcode rel_indirect....334506
                      opcode indirect.....0
                      opcode relative_label.....0
    Loop (do,dor)
                      opcode reg, label.....330712
                      opcode immediate, label...61269
                      opcode s:indirect,label.....0
                      opcode s:absolute,label....0
    Move source
                      opcode s:indirect,dst.23632522
                      opcode reg,dst.....8117003
                      opcode immediate,dst....566929
                      opcode s:(Rn+abs),dst...102490
                      opcode s:absolute,dst....16200
```

C.3.4 Code Coverage Report

The code coverage report juxtaposes the assembly source code with dynamic profile information pertaining to the code generated for that source. The report provides, for each source line that corresponds to an assembly instruction, the number of times control has passed through that instruction and the total number of machine cycles spent in executing the instruction. For conditional instruction, the number of times the condition has evaluated to TRUE is also provided. For DO-type instructions (DO, DOR, DO FOREVER) the cycle count provided is the total number of cycles spent executing the corresponding loop, not just the DO instruction itself. For each source line containing a macro invocation which resulted in expansion into more than one instruction, the instructions expanded by the macro invocation are displayed in disassembly form. **Example C-6** depicts part of the Code Coverage Report, in ASCII format.



C.3.5 Basic Subroutine Report

This section of the profile report lists the subroutines that have been executed during the DSP program simulation. For each subroutine, the report provides the number of times the subroutine has been called, the number of different places from which the subroutine was called, the number of entry points used for the subroutine, and the total number of machine cycles spent executing the subroutine. **Example C-7** depicts part of the Basic subroutine report, in ASCII format.

| Basic Subroutin | e Profil | e | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Routine | Туре | #calls | #call | #entry points | Cycles | %Cycles | Cumulativepoints Cycles |
| aflatRecursion lpcZsIir1 | inline | 36800 4120 | 1 2 | 0 1 | 4907200 4049960 | | 4907200 8957160 |
| v_srch openLoopLagSear | ch | 504 100 | 2 | 1 | 3464400 2665640 | 10.4 | 12421560 15087200 |
| lpcZsIir qetNextVec | inline | 1687 37100 | 4 | 1 | 1653260 1249900 | 5.0 | 16740460 17990360 |
| flat lpcFir | IIIIIIC | 100 1200 | 1 | 1 1 | 1195900 1102800 | 3.6 | 19186260 20289060 |
| sfrmAnalysis fnBest CG | | 400 | 2 | 1 | 988694 945577 | 3.0 | 21277754 22223331 |
| decorr | | 400 | 2 | 1 | 760552 | 2.8 | 22983883 |

Example C-7 Typical Basic Subroutine Report

C.3.6 Subroutine Call Graph Report

This section of the profile report provides information on the interaction between subroutines during DSP program simulation. For each subroutine that has been executed the report lists the subroutines from which it has been invoked and the subroutines which it has invoked. For each pair of caller-callee relationship, the report provides the number of times caller has called callee and the number of cycles spent during those invocations. The format of the Subroutine Call Graph report follows that of the Unix "gprof" utility. **Example C-8** on page C-7 depicts part of the Subroutine Call Graph report, in ASCII format.

| Subrout | tine Call Graph report | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | speechEncoder | calls - 100/100, cycles - 9189668 |
| aflat | | - 100, cycles - 15100/9174568 |
| | flat | calls - 100/100, cycles - 1676900 |
| | rcToCorrDpL | calls - 100/100, cycles - 188300 |
| | vad_algorithm | calls - 100/100, cycles - 323968 |
| | swComfortNoise | calls - 100/100, cycles - 4900 |
| | lpcCorrQntz | calls - 100/100, cycles - 6980500 |
| | lpcCorrQntz aflatNewBarRecursion | calls - 200/200, cycles - 233900 calls - 200, cycles - 233900/0 |

Example C-8 Typical Subroutine Call Graph Report

C.3.7 Subroutine Dependency Report

This section of the profile report presents graphically the caller/callee relationships between the subroutines that have been executed during the DSP program simulation. For each caller/callee pair, the report contains an arrow leading from the caller to the callee.

Example C-9 Typical Subroutine Dependency Report

```
Subroutine Dependency Graph
o resvec(M)
|-----o encoderReset
| | |-----o vad_reset
| | `-----o dtxResetTx
| -----o sim_x_in
```

Example C-9 depicts part of the Subroutine Dependency report, in ASCII format. Subroutines that have not been invoked during the program simulation will appear in this report as disconnected nodes.

C.3.8 Subroutine Call Report

This section exists only in the Postscript profile report. It illustrates the relationships between the subroutines that have been active during program simulation. Each such subroutine appears as a node in a graph. Nodes are connected using directed edges, which correspond to the caller/callee relationships. Subroutines that have not been invoked during program simulation will not appear in this graph.

C.4 USING THE PROFILE REPORT

The profile report aids the DSP software and system developer in choosing where to concentrate the optimization efforts. It also can help in debugging the DSP software. For profiling results to be meaningful they must be based on simulation of the DSP program using relevant input data. The first step is, therefore, to identify the relevant input data sets, assemble the DSP program (using the -g option) and execute the program on the simulator profiler. The profile report that is generated can then serve as a powerful tool for selecting the code sections to be optimized.

The profiler report provides a variety of metrics which can improve the DSP programmer's understanding of the program's characteristics. Several sections of the report can be of useful in applying specific debug and optimization steps. The code coverage report highlights the code sections that are most frequently executed. Optimization efforts that are aimed to reduce cycle and power consumption can best be concentrated on these code sections. The code coverage report can also help in writing conditional jumps so that the most frequently taken jump directions take fewer clock cycles. The report section that correlates memory accesses with program symbols can help catch strayed memory accesses. Unused memory variables or variables set but not used can also be found based on this report. The instruction set usage report indicates the level of instruction-level parallelism that has been achieved in the program code.

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