

Fastest 16x16 unsigned multiplication

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Requires tables or a generator routine such as [table_generator_routine_for_fast_8_bit_mul_table](#)

Jack Asser's: 233 cycles ref: [seriously_fast_multiplication](#)

Chris Jam's: 204.5 ref: <http://csdb.dk/forums/?roomid=11&topicid=91766>

Mine: 196 zp variation: 192

Times above need to add 12 for jsr/rts

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;World's fastest 16x16 unsigned mult for 6502
;you can go faster, but not without more code and/or data
;and being less elegant and harder to follow.
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;table generator by Graham
;addition improvement suggested by JackAsser

;data: 2044 bytes
;zero page ram required: minimum 8 bytes, ideally 14
;do_add: 30 bytes in zp, if used
;time: 196 cycles, option for 192 if you use 30 more zp bytes for do_add
;measurement method: branches/page boundary crossings were averaged

;How to use:
;put numbers in x/y and result is Y reg, X reg, z1, z0

;tables of squares
;sqr(x)=x^2/4
;negsqr(x)=(255-x)^2/4
sqrlo=$c000;511 bytes
sqrhi=$c200;511 bytes
negsqrlo=$c400;511 bytes
negsqrhi=$c600;511 bytes

;pointers to square tables above
p_sqr_lo=$8b;2 bytes
p_sqr_hi=$8d;2 bytes
p_invsqr_lo=$8f;2 bytes
p_invsqr_hi=$91;2 bytes

;the inputs and outputs
x0=$fb;multiplier, 2 bytes
x1=$fc
y0=$fd;multiplicand, 2 bytes
y1=$fe
z0=$80;product, 2 bytes
z1=$81
;z2=$82 returned in X reg
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;z3=$83 returned in Y reg

;Example showing use
lda #$ff
sta x0
sta x1
sta y0
sta y1
jsr maketables
jsr umult16
;result should be $fffe0001, e.g. as viewed with a typical m 0080 monitor
command:
;0080 01 00 fe ff

makesqrtables:
;init zp square tables pointers
lda #>sqrlo
sta p_sqr_lo+1
lda #>sqrhi
sta p_sqr_hi+1
lda #>negsqrlo
sta p_invsqr_lo+1
lda #>negsqrhi
sta p_invsqr_hi+1

;generate sqr(x)=x^2/4
    ldx #$00
    txa
    !by $c9 ; CMP #immediate - skip TYA and clear carry flag
lb1:  tya
    adc #$00
ml1:  sta sqrhi,x
    tay
    cmp #$40
    txa
    ror
ml9:  adc #$00
    sta ml9+1
    inx
ml0:  sta sqrlo,x
    bne lb1
    inc ml0+2
    inc ml1+2
    clc
    iny
    bne lb1

;generate negsqr(x)=(255-x)^2/4
    ldx #$00
    ldy #$ff
mt1:
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    lda sqrhi+1,x
    sta negsqrhi+$100,x
    lda sqrhi,x
    sta negsqrhi,y
    lda sqrlo+1,x
    sta negsqrlo+$100,x
    lda sqrlo,x
    sta negsqrlo,y
    dey
    inx
    bne mt1
    rts

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umult16:

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;set multiplier as x0
lda x0
sta p_sqr_lo
sta p_sqr_hi
eor #$ff
sta p_invsqr_lo
sta p_invsqr_hi;17

ldy y0
sec
lda (p_sqr_lo),y
sbc (p_invsqr_lo),y;note these two lines taken as 11 total
sta z0;x0*y0l
lda (p_sqr_hi),y
sbc (p_invsqr_hi),y
sta c1a+1;x0*y0h;31
;c1a means column 1, row a (partial product to be added later)

ldy y1
;sec ;notice that the high byte of sub above is always +ve
lda (p_sqr_lo),y
sbc (p_invsqr_lo),y
sta c1b+1;x0*y1l
lda (p_sqr_hi),y
sbc (p_invsqr_hi),y
sta c2a+1;x0*y1h;31

;set multiplier as x1
lda x1
sta p_sqr_lo
sta p_sqr_hi
eor #$ff
sta p_invsqr_lo
sta p_invsqr_hi;17

ldy y0
;sec

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lda (p_sqr_lo),y
sbc (p_invsqr_lo),y
sta c1c+1;x1*y0l
lda (p_sqr_hi),y
sbc (p_invsqr_hi),y
sta c2b+1;x1*y1h;31

ldy y1
;sec
lda (p_sqr_lo),y
sbc (p_invsqr_lo),y
sta c2c+1;x1*y1l
lda (p_sqr_hi),y
sbc (p_invsqr_hi),y
tay;x1*y1h;Y=z3, 30 cycles
;17+33+31+17+31+30=159 cycles for main multiply part

;jmp do_adds; can put do_adds in zp for a slight speed increase
do_adds:
;-add the first two numbers of column 1
    clc
c1a:   lda #0
c1b:   adc #0
       sta z1;9

;-continue to first two numbers of column 2
c2a:   lda #0
c2b:   adc #0
       tax;X=z2, 6 cycles
       bcc c1c;3/6 avg 4.5
       iny;z3++
       clc

;-add last number of column 1
c1c:   lda #0
       adc z1
       sta z1;8

;-add last number of column 2
       txa;A=z2
c2c:   adc #0
       tax;X=z2, 6
       bcc fin;3/4 avg 3.5
       iny;z3++

;Y=z3, X=z2
;9+6+4.5+8+6+3.5=37
fin:   rts

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Diagram of the additions
 y1 y0

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      x  x1  x0
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      x0y0h x0y0l
+   x0y1h x0y1l
+   x1y0h x1y0l
+x1y1h x1y1l
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      z3   z2   z1   z0

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