



CHAPTER 6:

The Little Man Computer

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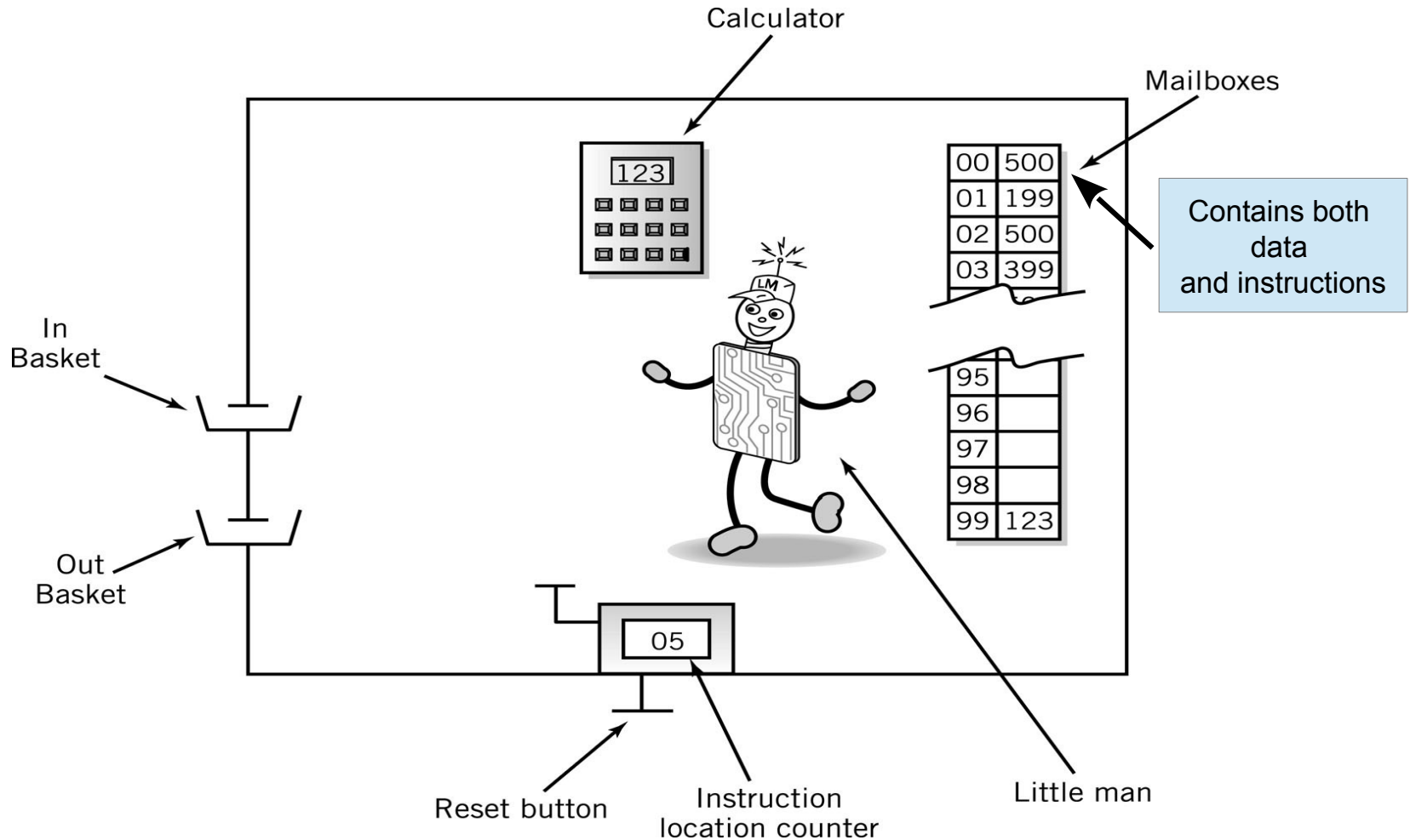
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The Little Man Computer





CPU and Memory

- Every instruction executed by the CPU requires memory access
- Primary memory holds program instructions and data
- Secondary storage is used for long term storage
 - Data is moved from secondary storage to primary memory for CPU execution

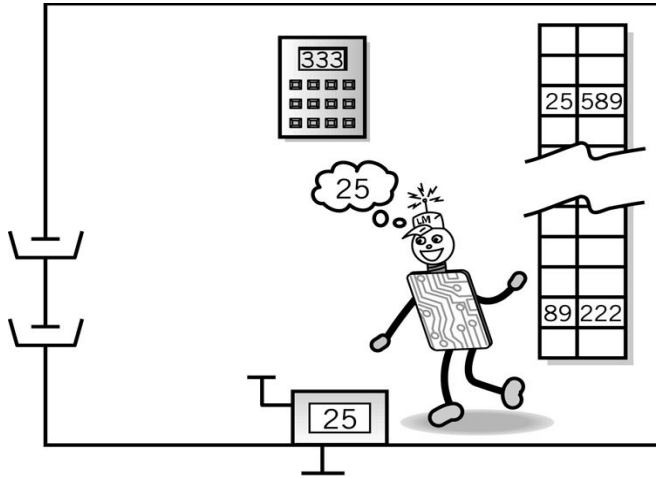


Working of LMC

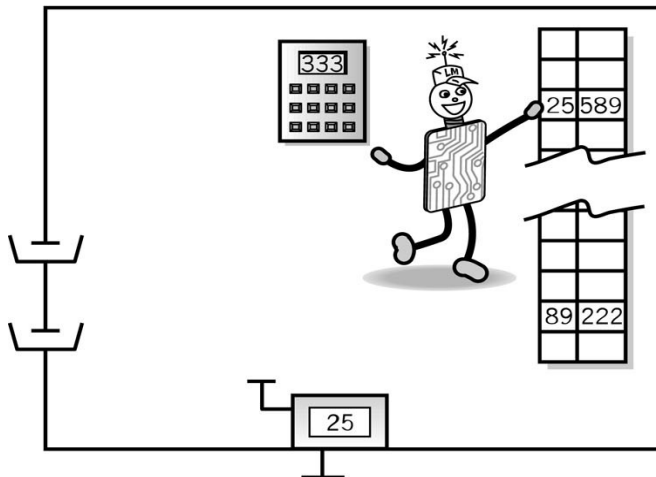
- *Instruction Cycle*
 - *Fetch*: Little Man finds out what instruction he is to execute
 - *Execute*: Little Man performs the work
 - depends from the instruction read



Fetch Portion of Fetch and Execute Cycle



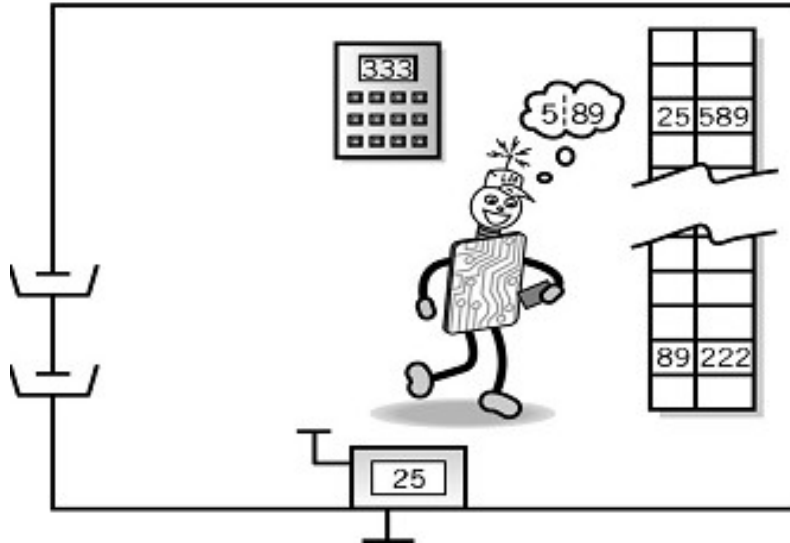
1. Little Man reads the address from the location counter



2. He walks over to the mailbox that corresponds to the location counter



Fetch, cont.



3. And reads the number on the slip of paper (he puts the slip back in case he needs to read it again later)



Coding of Instructions

- Op code
 - In LMC, represented by a single digit
 - Operation code
- Operand
 - In LMC, represented by two digits following the op code
 - Address of a memory location

Instruction

Op code	Operand
3	25

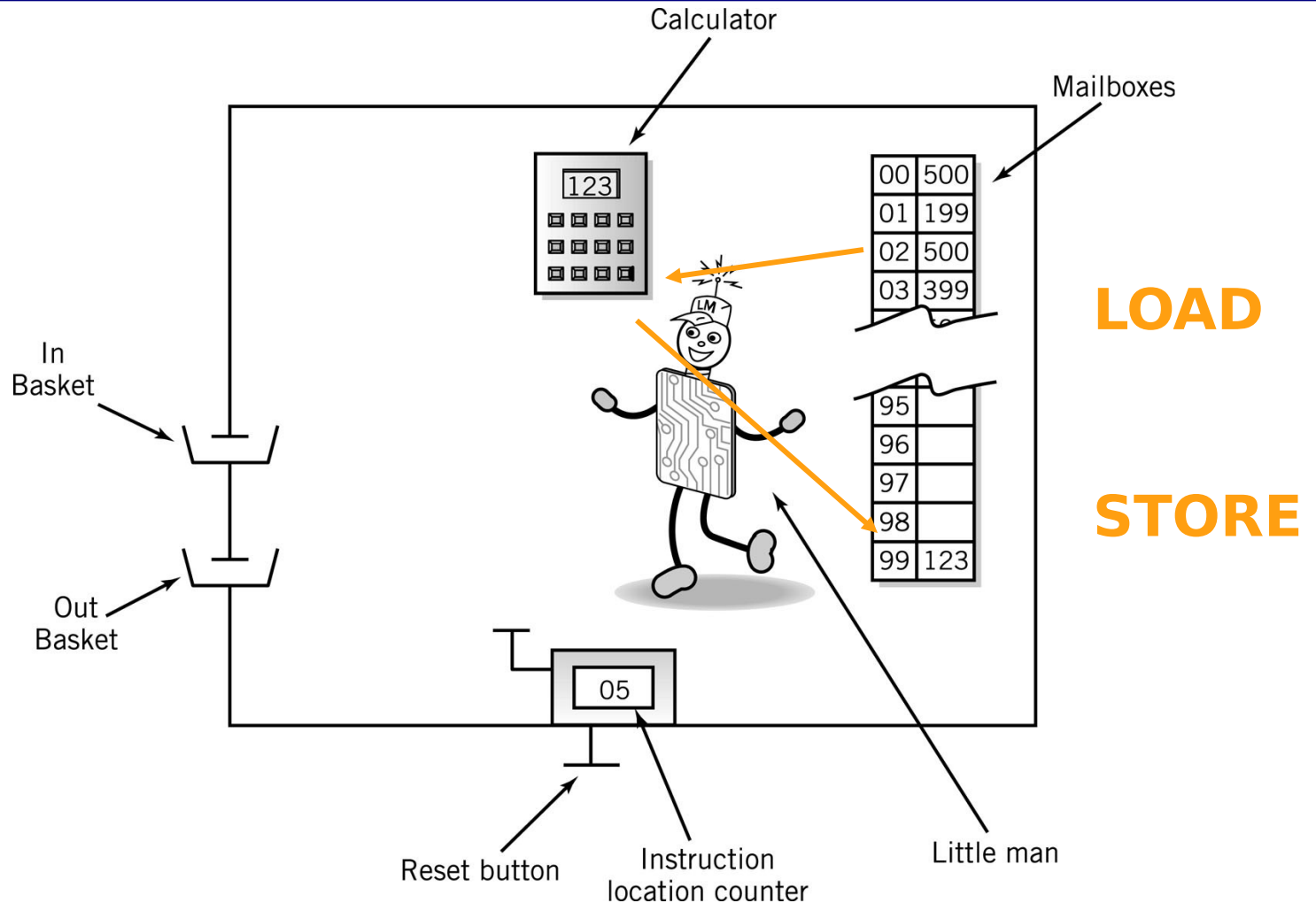


Instruction Set

Arithmetic	1xx	ADD
	2xx	SUBTRACT
Data Movement	3xx	STORE
	5xx	LOAD
Input/Output	901	INPUT
	902	OUTPUT
Machine Control	000	HALT



LMC Internal Data Movement





Internal Data Movement

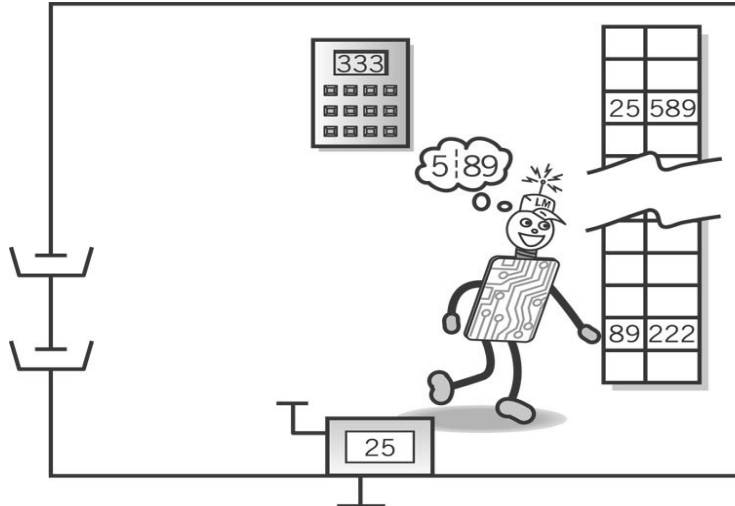
- Between mailbox and calculator

Content

	Op Code	Operand (address)
STA (store)	3	XX
LDA (load)	5	XX

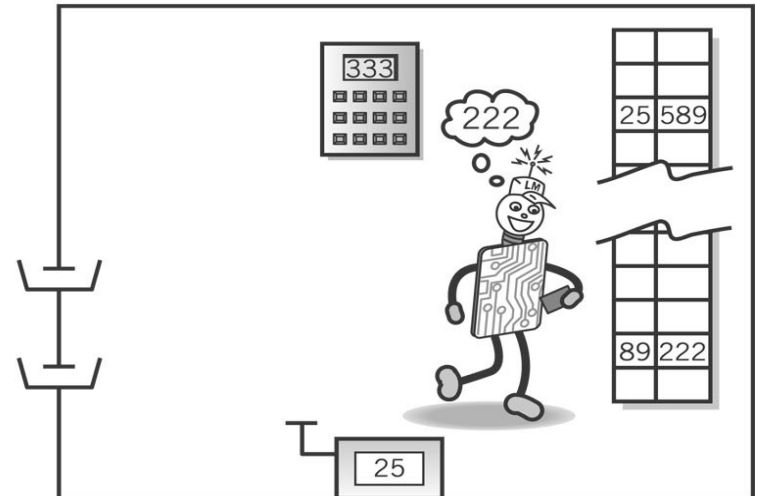


Execute Portion



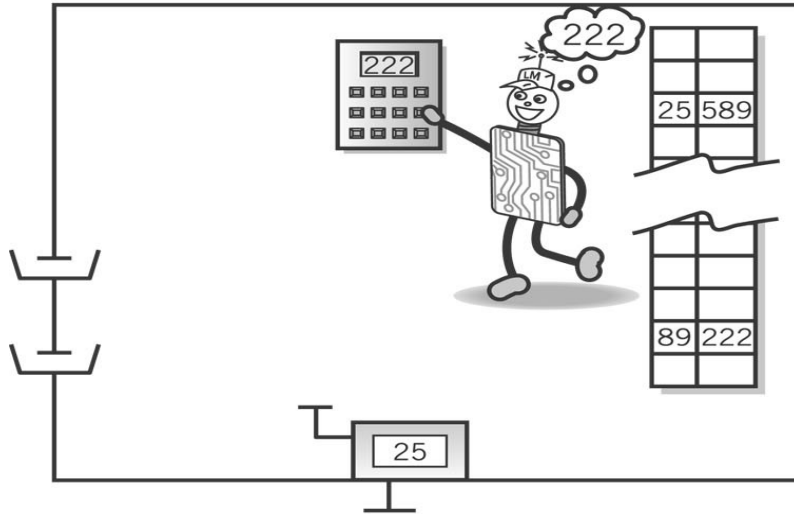
1. The Little Man goes to the mailbox address specified in the instruction he just fetched.

2. He reads the number in that mailbox (he remembers to replace it in case he needs it later).



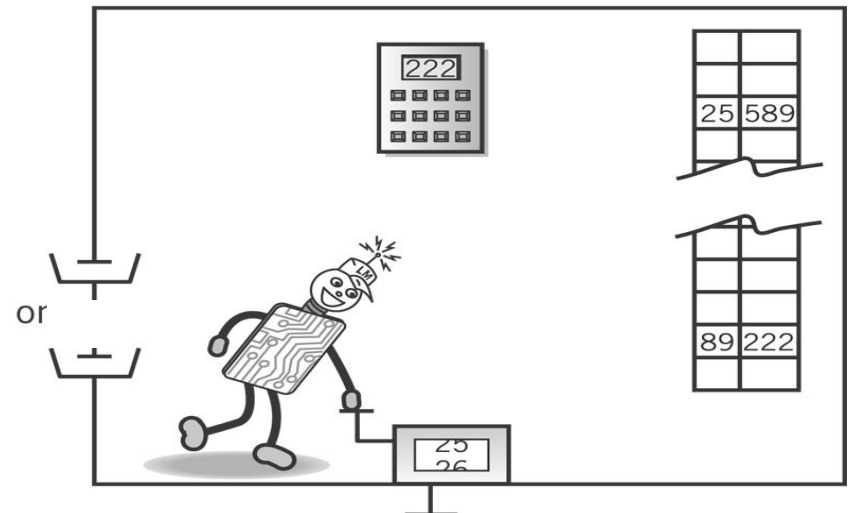


Execute, cont.



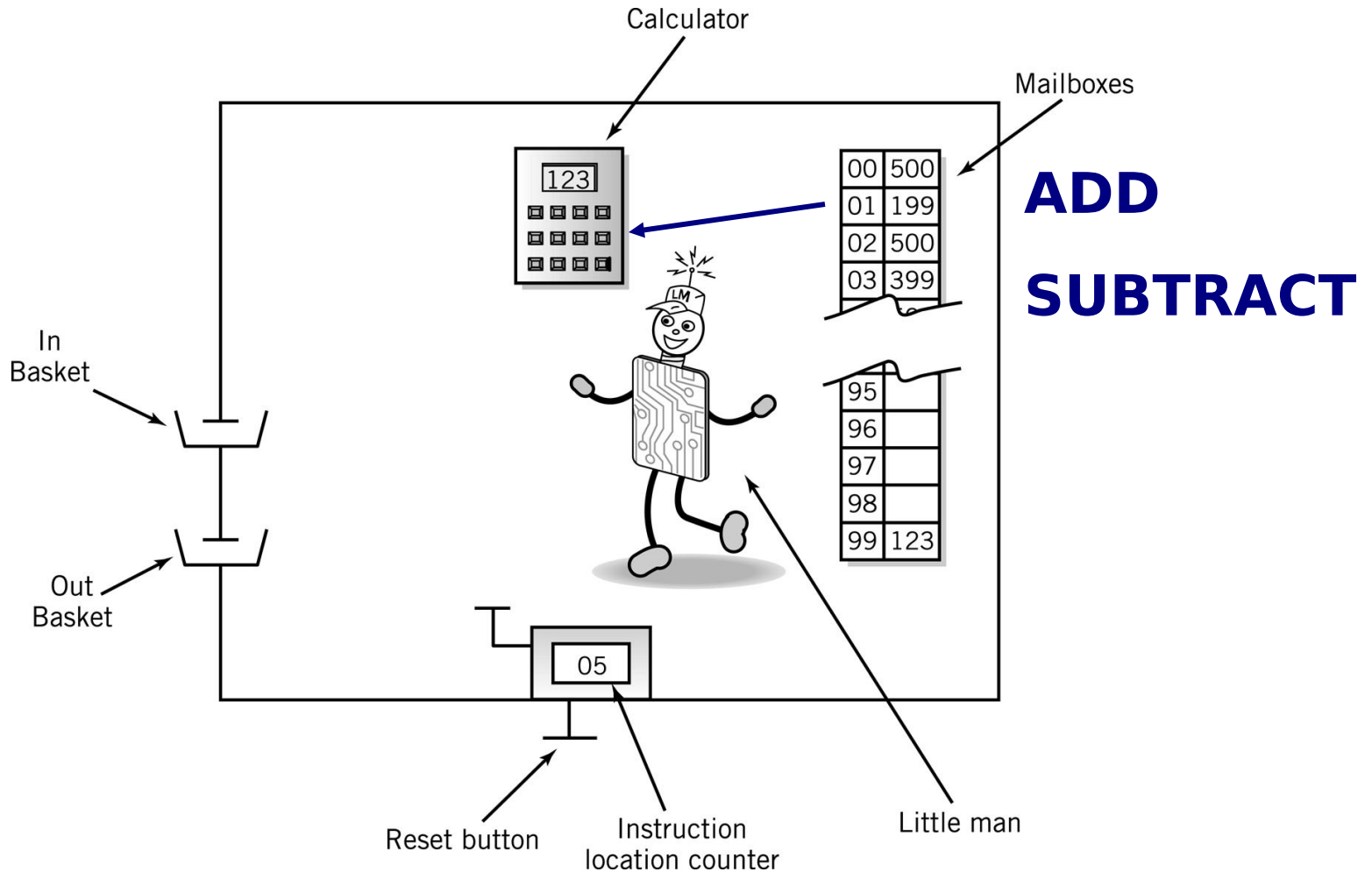
4. He walks over to the location counter and clicks it, which gets him ready to fetch the next instruction.

3. He walks over to the calculator and punches the number in.





LMC Arithmetic Instructions





Arithmetic Instructions

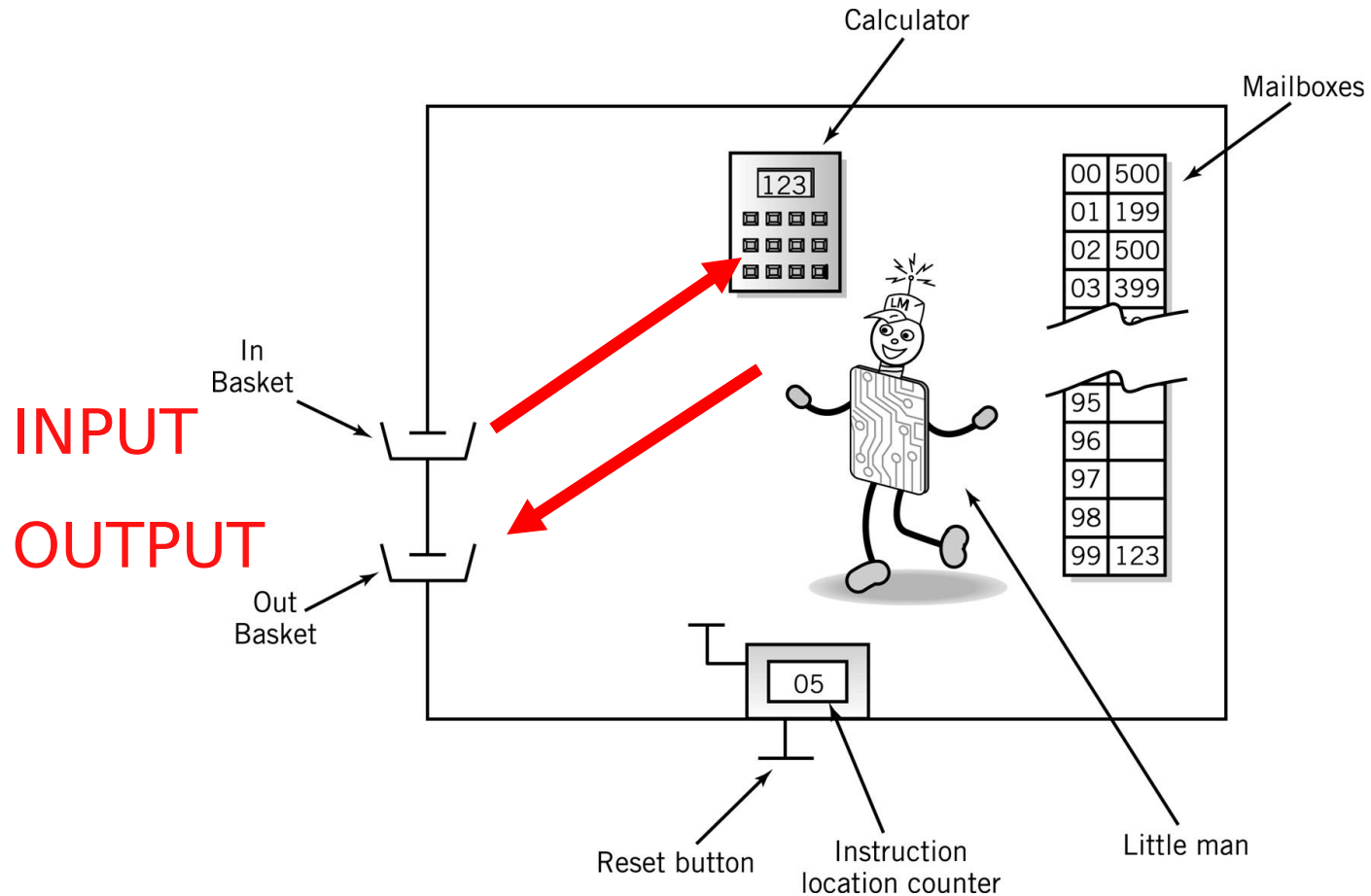
- Read mailbox
- Perform operation in the calculator

Content

	Op Code	Operand (address)
ADD (add)	1	XX
SUB (subtract)	2	XX



LMC Input/Output





Input/Output

- Move data between calculator and in/out baskets

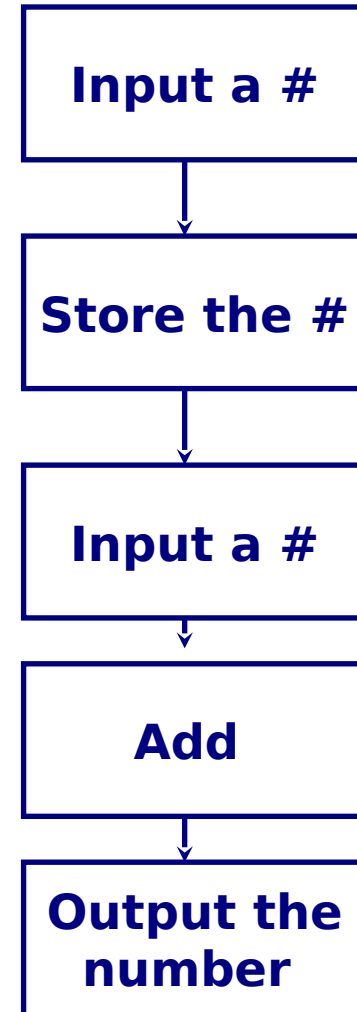
Content

	Op Code	Operand (address)
INP(input)	9	01
OUT(output)	9	02



Simple Program: Add 2 Numbers

- Assume data is stored in mailboxes with addresses >90
- Write instructions





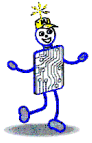
Program to Add 2 Numbers

Mailbox	Code	Instruction Description
00	901	;input 1 st Number
01	399	;store data
02	901	;input 2 nd Number
03	199	;add 1 st # to 2 nd #
04	902	;output result
05	000	;stop
99	000	;data



Assembly Language

- *Mnemonics* (short character sequence) represent instructions
- 1 to 1 correspondence between assembly language instruction and binary (machine) language instruction
- specific to a CPU



Program to Add 2 Numbers: Using Mnemonics

Mailbox	Mnemonic	Instruction Description
00	IN	;input 1 st Number
01	STO 99	;store data
02	IN	;input 2 nd Number
03	ADD 99	;add 1 st # to 2 nd #
04	OUT	;output result
05	HLT	;stop
99	000	;data



Program Control

- Branching (executing an instruction out of sequence)
 - Changes the address in the counter

Content

BRA (Jump)

BRZ (Branch on 0)

BRP (Branch on +)

Op Code	Operand (address)
6	xx
7	xx
8	xx



Revised Instruction Set

Arithmetic	1xx	ADD
	2xx	SUBTRACT
Data Movement	3xx	STORE
	5xx	LOAD
BRA	6xx	JUMP
BRZ	7xx	BRANCH ON 0
BRP	8xx	BRANCH ON +
Input/Output	901	INPUT
	902	OUTPUT
Machine Control	000	HALT



Find Positive Difference of 2 Numbers

00	INP	901	
01	STA 10	310	
02	INP	901	
03	STA 11	311	
04	SUB 10	210	
05	BRP 08	808	;test
06	LDA 10	510	;if negative, reverse order
07	SUB 11	211	
08	OUT	902	;print result and
09	HLT	000	;stop
10	---	000	;used for data
11	---	000	;used for data



Execution trace

INP
STA :tmp
INP
SUB :tmp
BRZ :salta
salta: LDA :one
OUT
HALT
tmp: 000
one: 001

PC prima	PC dopo	A	tmp	one
--	0	0	0	1
0	1	23	0	1
1	2	23	23	1
2	3	12	23	1
3	4	-9	23	1
4	5	-9	23	1
5	6	1	23	1
6	7	1	23	1
7	--	1	23	1

Inputs: 23 12

Outputs: 1



Program with a cycle

Given an input n , returns $0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + n$

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                INP
ciclo:          STA :count
                LDA :somma
                ADD :count
                STA :somma
                LDA :count
                SUB :one
                BRZ :fine
                BRA :ciclo
fine:          LDA :somma
                OUT
                HALT
somma:         000
count:         000
one:           001
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von Neumann Architecture (1945)

- Stored program concept
- Memory is addressed linearly
- Memory is addressed without regard to content



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