

Op Code	LL ₁	B ₁ D ₁	D ₁ D ₁	B ₂ D ₂	D ₂ D ₂
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MVZ performs in a way that is analogous to **MVC**. While **MVC** works on entire bytes, **MVZ** only processes the zoned parts (leftmost 4 bits) of the bytes it references. The purpose of a move zones instruction is to move the zoned parts of a consecutive collection of bytes from one location in memory to another location. As you can see from the instruction format above, the instruction carries with it the number of bytes to be copied (LL₁), as well as the beginning addresses of the source (B₂D₂D₂D₂) and target (B₁D₁D₁D₁) fields. Notice that the instruction does not specify the ending addresses of either field - the instruction is no respecter of fields. **MVZ** copies the zoned parts of LL₁ + 1 consecutive bytes from the storage location designated by B₂D₂D₂D₂ to the storage location designated by B₁D₁D₁D₁.

The length (LL₁) determines the number of “half-bytes” which will be copied. The length is usually determined implicitly from the length of operand 1 but the programmer can provide an explicit length. Consider the two example MVZ’s below,

Object code	Assembler code		
	FIELDA	DS	CL8
	FIELDDB	DS	CL5
	...		
D307C008C010	MVZ	FIELDA, FIELDDB	Implicit length
D302C008C010	MVZ	FIELDA(3), FIELDDB	Explicit length

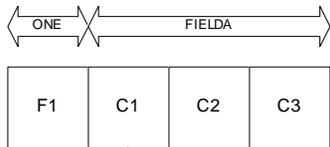
In the first example, the length implicitly defaults to 8, the length of FIELDA. In the second example, the length is explicitly 3. Notice that the assembled length (LL₁) is one less than the implicit or explicit length. This can be seen in the object code above where the assembled lengths are x'07' and x'02'.

The copying operation is usually straightforward, but can be more complicated by overlapping the source and target fields. Keep in mind that the copy is made one byte at a time. Consider the following examples,

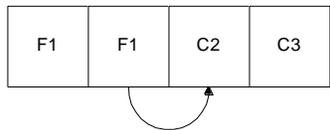
Object code	Assembler code		
	ONE	DC	C'1' ONE = X'F1'
	FIELDA	DC	CL3'ABC' FIELDA = X'C1C2C3'
	FIELDDB	DC	XL3'123456' FIELDDB = X'123456'
	...		
D302C008C00B	MVZ	FIELDA, FIELDDB	After FIELDA = X'113253'
D302C00EC008	MVZ	FIELDDB, FIELDA	After FIELDDB = X'C2C4C6'
D302C008C007	MVZ	FIELDA, ONE	After FIELDA = X'F1F2F3'

In the first **MVZ** above, 3 consecutive zoned half-bytes in FIELDB are simply copied to the zoned portions of FIELDA. The half-bytes are copied, one at a time moving left to right within both operands. In the second example, 3 consecutive bytes are copied into FIELDB (implicit length = 3) from FIELDA. The third **MVZ** is complicated by the fact that the source and target fields overlap. We will examine the third move in some detail.

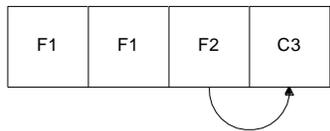
MVZ FIELDA,ONE THIS IS A 3 BYTE MOVE



First half-byte of source copied to first half-byte of target.



Second half-byte of source copied to second half-byte of target.



Third half-byte of source copied to third half-byte of target.



Examples

Some Unrelated MVZ's:

A	DC	X'123456'		
B	DC	X'ABCDEF'		
C	DC	X'A1B2'		
		...		Result:
	MVZ	A,B	A = X'A2C4E6'	B = X'ABCDEF'
	MVZ	A+1,B	A = X'12A4C6'	B = X'EBCDEF'
	MVZ	A+1(2),B	A = X'12A4C6'	B = X'ABCDEF'
	MVZ	B,=X'D1E2'	B = X'DBED?F'	One byte copied from the literal pool
	MVZ	B,B+1	B = 'CBEDAF'	Left shift
	MVZ	B+1(2),B	B = 'ABADAF'	1st byte is propagated
	MVZ	C,A	C = '1132'	A = X'123456'
	MVZ	A(L'C),C	A = 'A2B456'	Explicit Length
attribute	MVZ	A(1000),B	Assembly Error - max length is 256	
bytes	MVZ	A,B(20)	Assembly Error - Op-1 determines length	

Tips

1. Pay attention to the lengths of the fields involved in any **MVZ** statement. If the target field is longer than the source field, bytes following the source may be transferred. If the target field is shorter than the source field, bytes in the source may may be truncated.