

COMP1411 (Spring 2022) Introduction to Computer Systems

Individual Assignment 1

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Question 1. [0.5 marks]

Suppose that x and y are unsigned integers.

Rewrite the following C-language statement by using \ll and $-$.

$y = x * 77;$

Introducing new variables (other than x and y) is not allowed.

Show your steps. Only giving the final result will NOT get a full mark of this question.

Answer:

$$77_{10} = 1001101_2 = 2^7 - 2^0 - (2^5 + 2^4 + 2^1) = 2^7 - 2^0 - 2^5 - 2^4 - 2^1$$

$$y = (x \ll 7) - (x \ll 5) - (x \ll 4) - (x \ll 1) - x$$

Question 2. [1 mark]

Suppose that **a**, **b**, **c** and **z** are all **32-bit** unsigned integers.

- (1) Assume that the left-most bit is the highest bit. Write C-language statements to set the value of **z**, such that:
- the left-most 10 bits of **z** are the same as the right-most 10 bits of **a**;
 - the right-most 14 bits of **z** are the same as the left-most 14 bits of **b**;
 - the middle 8 bits of **z** are the same as the right-most 8 bits of **c**.

Note that:

- You are only allowed to use bit shift operations and logic operations (including bit-wise operators, such as `| ^ &`) to set the value of **z**;
 - NO arithmetic or if-then-else test (in any form) is allowed;
 - Introducing new variables (other than **x**, **y** and **z**) is NOT allowed;
 - Using masks is NOT allowed.
- (2) If **a** = 0xC9E3BA75, **b** = 0x268DBA83, and **c** = 0x63ABE432, what the be the resulting value of **z**? Please write the value of **z** in hex-decimal form starting with prefix 0x.

Show your steps. Only giving the final result will NOT get a full mark of this question.

Answer:

- (1) **a = a << 22;**
b = b >> 18;
c = c << 24;
c = c >> 10;
z = a|b|c;
- (2) **a = 1100 1001 1110 0011 1011 1010 0111 0101;**
b = 0010 0110 1000 1101 1011 1010 1000 0011;
c = 0110 0011 1010 1011 1110 0100 0011 0010;
z = (10 0111 0101)(0011 0010) (0010 0110 1000 11)
= 1001 1101 0100 1100 1000 1001 1010 0011
= 0x9D4C89A3

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Question 3. [2 marks]

Assume on a big-endian machine, a 32-bit single-precision floating-point number is stored in the addresses 0x0200 ~ 0x0203 is as follows:

| Address | Byte in the Address |
|---------|---------------------|
| 0x0200 | 0xC1 |
| 0x0201 | 0x94 |
| 0x0202 | 0x02 |
| 0x0203 | 0x3F |

Convert the above floating-point number to a decimal number.

For the converted decimal number, leave only 3 digits after the decimal point and discard all the rest digits; **DO NOT** write the result in the exponential form of the power of 2 or 10.

Show your steps. Only giving the final result will **NOT** get a full mark of this question.

Answer:

0xC194023F

= 1 1000 0011 001 0100 0000 0010 0011 1111

Sign = 1 = -

Exp = 1000 0011 = 131 = 131 -127 = 4

Frac = 001 0100 0000 0010 0011 1111 = 1.001 0100 0000 0010 0011 1111

= -1.001 0100 0000 0010 0011 1111 * 2⁴

= -18.501₁₀

Question 4. [1.5 marks]

Consider a **10-bit** floating-point representation based on the IEEE floating-point format:

- the highest bit is used for the **sign bit**,
- the sign bit is followed by **4 exponent bits**, which are then
- followed by **5 fraction bits**.

Question 1: What is the largest positive normalized number? Write the numbers in both the binary form and the decimal value.

Question 2: **Convert** the decimal number 12.875 into the above 10-bit IEEE floating-point format. Write the result in the binary form.

Show your steps for both Question 1 and Question 2. Only giving the final result will NOT get a full mark of this question.

Answer:

Q1. Sign = 0; Exp_{max} = 1110; Frac_{max} = 11111

$$= 0 \ 1110 \ 11111$$

$$= 1.11111 \cdot 2^7$$

$$= 1111 \ 1100$$

$$= 252$$

Therefore, the largest positive normalized number is 1111 1100₂, 252₁₀.

Q2. 12.875

$$= 1100.111$$

$$= 1.100111 \cdot 2^3$$

$$\text{Sign} = + = 0;$$

$$\text{Exp} = 3 = 3+7 = 10 = 1010$$

$$\text{Frac} = 100111 = 10100 \text{ (round to even)}$$

$$= 0 \ 1010 \ 10100$$