# Key to Midterm Exam S2 Computer Architecture

Duration: 1 hr 30 min

Answer on the answer sheet <u>only</u>.

Do not show any calculation unless you are explicitly asked.

Do not use red ink.

#### Exercise 1 (5 points)

Answer on the <u>answer sheet</u>. Let us consider the following 10-bit binary number: 1001101010<sub>2</sub>.

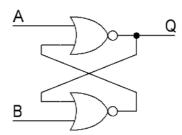
- 1. Write down its hexadecimal representation.
- 2. Assuming that it is an unsigned integer, write down its decimal representation.
- 3. Assuming that it is a signed integer, write down its decimal representation.
- 4. Write down the 10-bit binary representation of the following signed number: 511<sub>10</sub>.
- 5. Write down the 16-bit binary representation of the following signed number: -511<sub>10</sub>.
- 6. Determine the minimum number of bits required to encode the following unsigned number: 65,536?
- 7. Determine the minimum number of bits required to encode the following signed number: 65,536?
- 8. Determine the minimum number of bits required to encode the following signed number: -65,536?
- 9. How many bytes does the value **8 Mib** contain? Use a power-of-two notation.
- 10. How many bits does the value **512 MiB** contain? Use binary prefixes (Ki, Mi or Gi) and choose the most appropriate prefix so that the integer numerical value will be as small as possible.

## Exercise 2 (9 points)

- 1. Convert the numbers given on the <u>answer sheet</u> into their **single-precision** IEEE-754 representations. Write down the final result in its **binary form** and specify the three fields.
- 2. Convert the **double-precision** IEEE-754 words given on the <u>answer sheet</u> into their associated representations. If a representation is a number, use the base-10 following form:  $k \times 2^n$  where k and n are integers (either positive or negative).
- 3. Determine the smallest and largest absolute values of a single-precision IEEE-754 **denormalized** number. Use the following form:  $2^n$  for the smallest number and  $(1 2^{nl}) \times 2^{n2}$  for the largest number where n, n1 and n2 are integers (either positive or negative). Write down the base-10 numerical values of n, n1 and n2 on the <u>answer sheet</u>.

## Exercise 3 (2 points)

Let us consider the following circuit:



- 1. Complete the truth table shown on the <u>answer sheet</u>.
- 2. What is the name of this circuit?

## Exercise 4 (4 points)

Complete the timing diagrams shown on the <u>answer sheet</u> (up to the last vertical dotted line) for the following circuits.

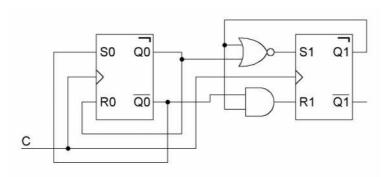


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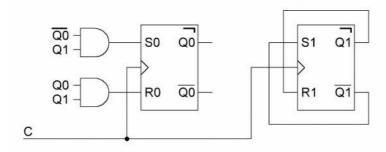


Figure 2

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#### **ANSWER SHEET**

### Exercise 1

1. 26A <sub>16</sub>	6. 17 bits
2. 618 <sub>10</sub>	7. 18 bits
$3406_{10}$	8. 17 bits
4. 01 1111 1111 <sub>2</sub>	9. 2 <sup>20</sup> bytes
5. 1111 1110 0000 0001 <sub>2</sub>	10. 4 Gib

#### Exercise 2

1.

Number	S	E	M
163	0	10000110	01000110000000000000000
27.625	0	10000011	10111010000000000000000
-0.921875	1	01111110	11011000000000000000000

2.

IEEE-754 Representation	Associated Representation
413C 0000 0000 0000 <sub>16</sub>	$7 \times 2^{18}$
8000 0000 0000 0000 <sub>16</sub>	-0
0001 1000 0000 0000 <sub>16</sub>	$17 \times 2^{-1030}$
7FF0 0000 0000 1000 <sub>16</sub>	NaN

3.

n	n1	n2
-149	-23	-126

## Exercise 3

A	В	Q
0	0	q
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	0

Name of the circuit	
RS latch	

## Exercise 4

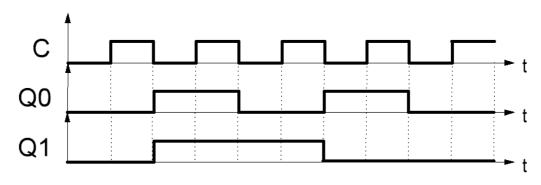


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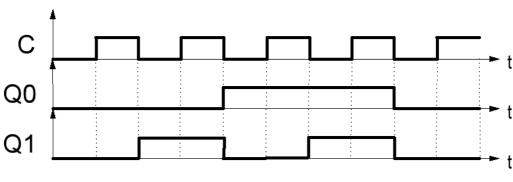


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