



# Computer Organization and Architecture

**Problem solving of  
previous NET  
papers**

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① The Boolean expression  $\bar{A}.B + A.\bar{B} + A.B$  is equivalent to

A.  $\bar{A}.B$

C.  $A.B$

B.  $\overline{A+B}$

~~D.  $A+B$~~

$$\bar{A}B + A\bar{B} + AB$$

$$\bar{A}B + A(\bar{B} + B)$$

$$\bar{A}B + A.$$

$$(\bar{A} + A)(B + A)$$

$$1.(B + A)$$

$$(A + B) \checkmark$$

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A computer uses a memory unit with 256 K words of 32 bits each. A binary instruction code is stored in one word of memory. The instruction has four parts : an indirect bit, an operation code and a register code part to specify one of 64 registers and an address part. How many bits are there in the operation code, the register code part and the address part?

256 K words

32 bits

64 Registers  
Address Part

$2^{18}$

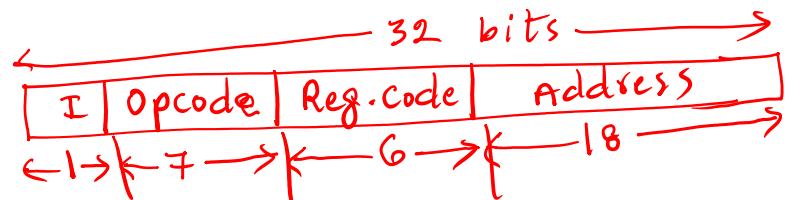
A. ~~7, 6, 18~~  
C. 7, 7, 18

$\log_2 64$

B. 6, 7, 18  
D. 18, 7, 7

$$256K \times 32$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 2^{18} \times 32 \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \end{array}$$



$\boxed{7, 6, 18}$

I = 0 (Direct)

I = 1 (Indirect)

3

Consider the following x86 - assembly language instructions:

MOV AL, 153  
NEG AL

0110 0110

CF = 0 SF = 0

AL = 1001 1001

The contents of the destination register AL (in 8-bit binary notation), the status of Carry Flag (CF) and Sign Flag (SF) after the execution of above instructions, are

- A. AL = 0110 0110; CF = 0; SF = 0
- B. AL = 0110 0111; CF = 0; SF = 1
- C. AL = 0110 0110; CF = 1; SF = 1
- D. AL = 0110 0111; CF = 1; SF = 0

CF = 1

1001 1001

0110 0110

0110 0111

128

16

8

21

153

153

1001 1001

0110 0111

$$(40.1)_{10}$$

$$(101000.0001100110011\dots)$$

$$-(1.010000001100110011\dots) \times 2^5$$

$$\text{EXP} - 127 = 5, \text{EXP} = 132$$

$$\text{Exp} :- 10000100$$

$$S : 1$$

$$F : 010000001100110011011\dots$$

1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
C	2	2	0	6	6	6	6											

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The decimal floating point number -40.1 represented using IEEE-754 32-bit representation and written in hexadecimal form is

A. ☒ 0xC2206666

C. ☐ 0xC2006666

B. ☐ 0xC2206000

D. ☐ 0xC2006000

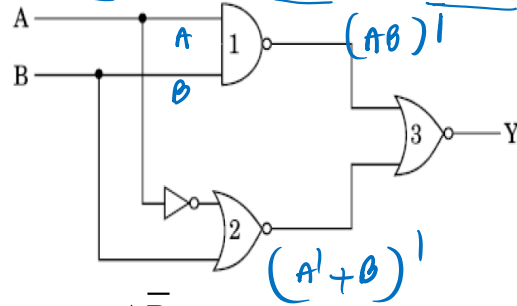
$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.1_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 0.2_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 0.4_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 0.8_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 1.6_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 1.2_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 0.4_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 0.8_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 1.6_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 1.2_2 \\
 \times 2 \\
 \hline
 0.4_2
 \end{array}$$

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Find the Boolean expression for the logic circuit shown below:

(1-NAND gate, 2-NOR gate, 3-NOR gate)



A.  $A\bar{B}$

C.  $AB$

B.  $\bar{A}B$

D.  $\bar{A}\bar{B}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( (AB)' + (A+B)' \right)' \\ & (AB) (A+B) \\ & \underline{ABA'} + \underline{ABB} = 0 + AB \end{aligned}$$

7

Consider a disk pack with 32 surfaces, 64 tracks and 512 sectors per pack. 256 bytes of data are stored in a bit serial manner in a sector. The number of bits required to specify a particular sector in the disk is

A. 18

B. 19

☒ C. 20

D. 22

Sol : —  $32 \times 64 \times 512 \times 256$  Bytes

$$2^5 \times 2^6 \times 2^9 \times 2^8 = 2^{28}$$

$$2^5 \times 2^6 \times 2^9 \text{ sectors} = 2^{20} \text{ Sectors}$$

$2^n$  sectors

$n$ -bits



8

Consider a system with 2 level cache. Access times of Level 1 cache, Level 2 cache and main memory are 0.5 ns, 5 ns and 100 ns respectively. The hit rates of Level 1 and Level 2 caches are 0.7 and 0.8, respectively. What is the average access time of the system ignoring the search time within the cache?

A. 35.20 ns

C. 20.75 ns

☒ B. 7.55 ns

D. 24.35 ns

$$\begin{array}{r} 5.5 \\ \times 8 \\ \hline 44.0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 105.5 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline 211.0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4.40 \\ \times 0.3 \\ \hline 1.32 \\ 25.50 \\ \hline 76.50 \end{array}$$

$$Avg = 0.7 \times [0.5] + 0.3 \times [0.8 \times [5 + 0.5] + 0.2 \times [100 + 5 + 0.5]]$$

$$= 0.7 \times 0.5 + 0.3 \times [0.8 \times 5.5 + 0.2 \times 105.5]$$

$$= 0.35 + 0.3 [4.40 + 21.10]$$

$$= 0.35 + 7.65$$

$$= 8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.65 \\ + 0.35 \\ \hline 8.00 \end{array}$$

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9.

A non-pipelined system takes 30ns to process a task. The same task can be processed in a four-segment pipeline with a clock cycle of 10ns. Determine the speed up of the pipeline for 100 tasks.

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 3.91
- ☒ D. 2.91

$$\text{Speed up} = \frac{\text{Time taken for Non-pipeline}}{\text{Time-taken for pipeline}}$$

$$NP = 30 \times 100 = 3000 \text{ ns}$$

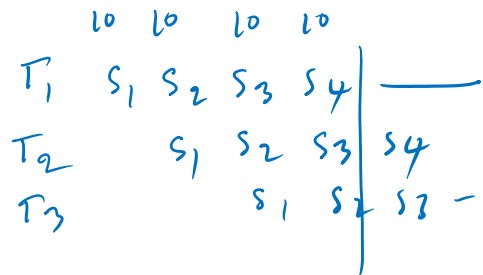
$$\text{Speed up} = \frac{3000}{1030}$$

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$$4 \times 10 + 99 \times 10$$

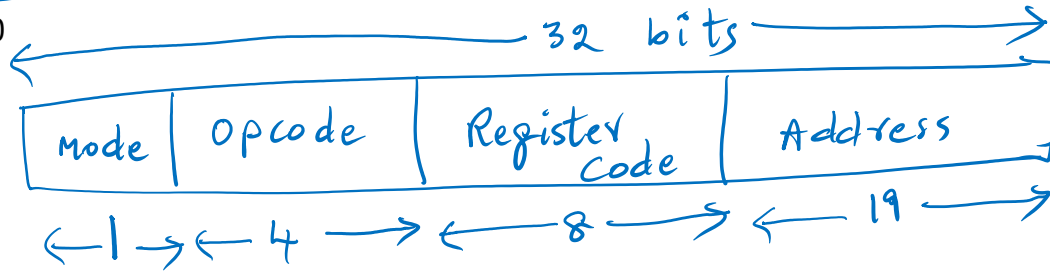
$$40 + 990$$

$$\underline{1030 \text{ ns}}$$



- 10 A computer uses a memory unit of 512 K words of 32 bits each. A binary instruction code is stored in one word of the memory. The instruction has four parts: an addressing mode field to specify one of the two-addressing mode (direct and indirect), an operation code, a register code part to specify one of the 256 registers and an address part. How many bits are there in addressing mode part, opcode part, register code part and the address part?

- A. 1,3,9,19
- B. 1,4,9,18
- ☒ C. 1,4,8,19
- D. 1,3,8,20



1, 4, 8, 19

512 K words  
 $2^{19}$  words  
 256 Register

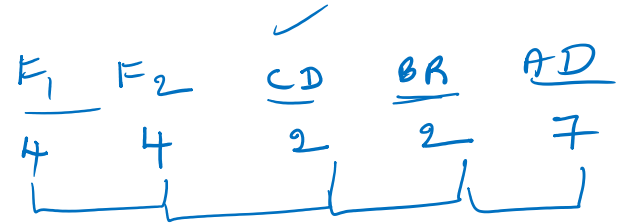
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128 words  
7 bits

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11. A micro instruction format has microoperation field which is divided into 2 subfields F1 and F2, each having 15 distinct microoperations, condition field CD for four status bits, branch field BR having four options used in conjunction with address field AD. The address space is of 128 memory words. The size of micro instruction is:

- ✓ A. 19  
B. 18  
C. 17  
D. 20



00  
01  
10  
11

12

1. Given following equation:  
 $(142)_b + (112)_{b-2} = (75)_8$ , find base  $b$ .

- ☒ A. 3
- ☒ B. 6
- ☒ C. 7
- ☒ D. 5

$$(xyz)_8$$

$$x \cdot 8^2 + y \cdot 8^1 + z \cdot 8^0$$

$$7 \times 8 + 5 \times 8^0$$

$$56 + 5 = 61$$

$$(142)_b + (112)_{b-2} = (75)_8$$

$$b^2 + 4b + 2 + (b-2)^2 + (b-2) + 2 = 61$$

$$b^2 + 4b + 2 + b^2 + 4 - 4b + b - 2 + 2 = 61$$

$$2b^2 + b + 6 = 61$$

$$b = 5$$

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4. The following program is stored in the memory unit of the basic computer. Give the content of accumulator register in hexadecimal after the execution of the program.

C1A5  
93C6

AC = C1A5

1100 0001 1010 0101  
1001 0011 1100 0110

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1000 0001 1000 0100

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8 1 8 4

Location	Instruction
010	<u>CLA</u>
011	<u>ADD 016</u>
012	<u>BUN 014</u>
013	<u>HLT</u>
014	<u>AND 017</u>
015	<u>BUN 013</u>
016	<u>C1A5</u>
017	<u>93C6</u>

AC = 0

AC = 0 + C1A5 ✓

8184 (AC)

- A. A1B4
- B. 81B4
- C. A184
- ✓ D. 8184

14 Consider the equation  $(146)_b + (313)_{b-2} = (246)_8$ . Which of the following is the value of  $b$ ?

A. 8

☒ B. 7

C. 10

D. 16

$$1 \times b^2 + 4b + 6 + 3(b-2)^2 + (b-2) + 3$$

$$b^2 + 4b + 6 + 3(b^2 + 4 - 4b) + b - 2 + 3 = 166$$

$$b^2 + 4b + 6 + 3b^2 + 12 - 12b + b - 2 + 3 = 166$$

$$4b^2 - 7b + 19 = 166$$

$$b = 7$$

$$(246)_8$$

$$2 \times 8^2 + 4 \times 8 + 6$$

$$128 + 32 + 6$$

$$(166)_{10}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 49 \times 4 \\ \underline{196} \\ 119 \\ \underline{215} \\ 49 \\ \underline{166} \end{array}$$

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How many address lines and data lines are required to provide a memory capacity of  $16K \times 16$ ?

A. 10, 4

B. 16, 16

C. 14, 16

D. 4, 16

$$16K \times 16$$

$$2^{14} \times 16$$

14 - Address

16 - data

$$2^K \times n$$

K - Address  
Lines

n - data Lines



16

In computers, subtraction is generally carried out by

- A. 9's complement
- C. 10's complement

- B. 1's complement
- ☒ D. 2's complement

$$A - B = \underline{A + (\bar{B} + 1)}$$

2's Complement

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Consider the following Boolean equations:

i.  $wx + w(x + y) + x(x + y) = \underline{x + wy}$

ii.  $(\underline{w\bar{x}}(\underline{y+xz}) + \bar{w}\bar{x})y = \underline{\bar{x}y}$

What can you say about the above equations?

A. i is true and ii is false

C. Both i and ii are true

B. i is false and ii is true

D. Both i and ii are false

i is true

$$(w\bar{x}y + \bar{w}\bar{x})y$$

$$(wy + \bar{w})\bar{x} \cdot y$$

$$(w + \bar{w})(y + \bar{w})\bar{x} \cdot y$$

$$(y + \bar{w})\bar{x}y$$

$$wx + w(x + y) + x(x + y) = x + wy$$

$$wx + wx + wy + x + xy$$

$$wx + wy + x[1 + y]$$

$$wx + wy + x$$

$$(w + 1)x + wy$$

$$\underline{x + wy}$$

$$w\bar{x}y + \bar{w}\bar{x}y$$

$$w\bar{x}y + \bar{w}\bar{x}y$$

$$\underline{w + \bar{w}}(\bar{x}y)$$

$$\underline{\bar{x}y}$$