

Homework 7

Q1. (4 pts) Memory devices with 7 address lines, 8 data lines will be used in a memory system for a computer with the following specifications:

- 27-bit address bus, (where A1-A0 are used for a byte access in 8-data lines)
- 32-bit data bus, (which can access bytes, words, and long words)
- Memory at pages 0 to N

Answer the following questions, and show your work.

Q1-1. How many addressable memory locations are in each memory device?

- 7 Address Lines

- 8 Data Lines

$$2^7 = 128$$

= **128 Addressable Memory Locations**

Q1-2. What is the total number of memory devices required in this memory design?

$$2^{27} = 134,217,728 \text{ bytes}$$

$$134,217,728 \text{ bytes} = 128 \text{ MB}$$

$$134,217,728 / 128 = 1,048,576 \text{ Memory}$$

= **1,048,576 Memory Devices**

Q2. (6pts) Memory System

Motorola 68K has 16 data lines: D15 – D0; 23 address lines: A23 – A1; and ~UDS and ~LDS data strobe pins. Each of ~UDS and ~LDS is low-active to choose D15 – D8 and D7 – D0 respectively. For example, to access 1 byte at 0x000008, 68K sets A23 – A4 in 0, whereas A3 = 1, A2 = 0, A1 = 0, ~UDS = 1, and ~LDS = 0. Assume that we want to connect 68K to a memory system M that is built with a number of CY7C1079DV33 memory chips, each with 4M x 8-bit wide data. Answer the following four questions.

Q2-1. How many bytes of memory should the memory system M have (The capacity of the memory system in bytes)? 1.5ps

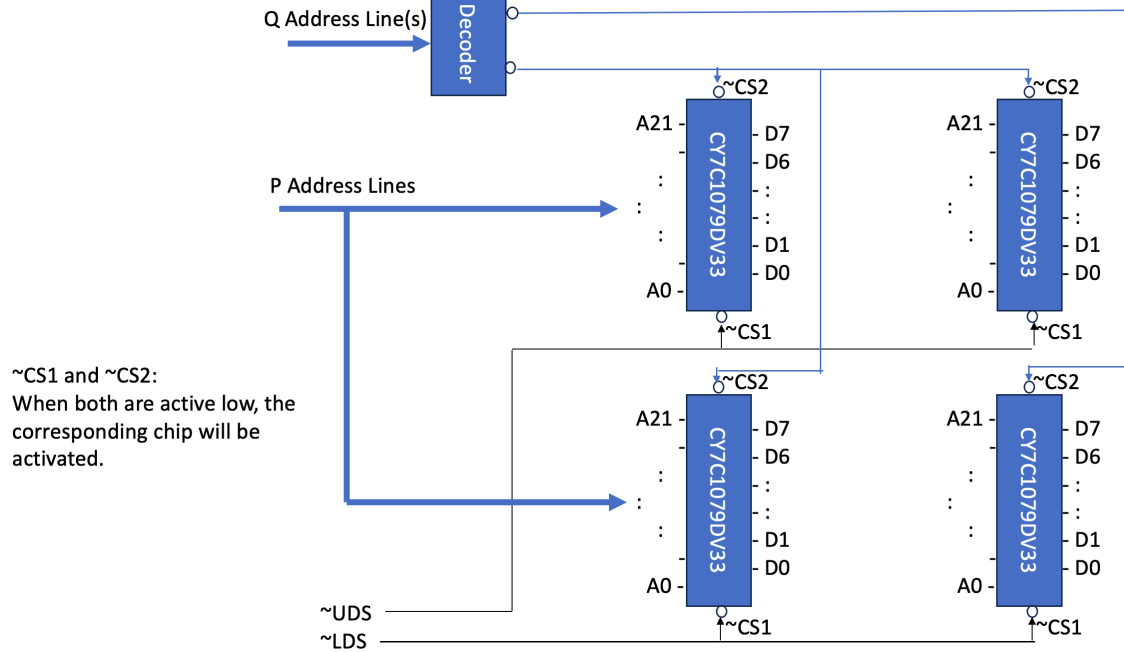
Your answer:

$$= 2^{23} = 8,388,608$$

$$= 8,388,608 = 8\text{MB}$$

M Memory system should have 8MB total memory

Q2-2. How many address lines does this memory chip, (CY7C1079DV33) has? In the diagram below, you'll compute P (The diagram has a big hint, though). 1.5pts



Your answer:

$4M = 2^{22}$
= 22 Address Lines
P = 22

Q2-3. How many selection bits of each pair of memory chips must be used? In other words, how many upper address lines of 68K should be used for choosing a group of 2 memory chips? In the above diagram, you'll compute Q. (The diagram has a big hint, though). 1.5pts

Your answer

23-bit address
16-bit data
4M x 8-bit (P=22)

= 1 Address Line

Q2-4. How many memory chips in total is needed to construct this memory system M? 1.5pts

Your answer

$= 8M / 4M$
= 2 Chips
= 2 Memory Chips

Q3. (6 pts) Memory-Mapped IO.

Consider two-data transfer cases: 1) by CPU and 2) by DMAC.

Case 1) CPU-initiated data transfer:

Reading data needs: LDR R0, =src ; 1 cycle
 LDR, R1, [R0] ; 2 cycles
 3 CPU cycles in total

Writing data needs: LDR R0, =dst ; 1 cycle
 STR, R1, [R0] ; 2 cycles
 3 CPU cycles in total

Case 2) DMA-initiated data transfer:

DMAC set-up

CPU needs to write to DMAC's four registers: (1) DMA channel 30 (memory-to-memory transfer)'s source address end pointer, (2) destination address end pointer, and (3) channel 30's control register to issue a transfer request.

```
MOV R1, #imm_src_addr                      ; 1 cycle (parameters definition)
LDR R0, =ch30_src                          ; 1 cycle
STR, R1, [R0]                               ; 2 cycles
MOV R1, #imm_dst_addr                      ; 1 cycle (parameters definition)
LDR R0, =ch30_dst                          ; 1 cycle
STR, R1, [R0]                               ; 2 cycles
MOV R1, #imm_cntrl_data                    ; 1 cycle (parameters definition)
LDR R0, =ch30_cntrl                        ; 1 cycle
STR, R1, [R0]                               ; 2 cycles
```

12 CPU cycles in total

DMAC needs 5 cycles for a 32-bit word transfer from one to another memory.

Now, assume that CPU handles floating-point registers, corresponding to 18 words. Upon receiving an IRQ from DMAC, CPU now needs:

- 3 cycles to switch its CPU mode
- 9 cycles to save regular registers
- 18 cycles to save floating-point registers

Given the above two scenarios, at least how many words, (32-bit data) should be transferred if CPU takes advantage of DMAC.

$$= 12 + 5N + 30$$
$$= 5N + 42$$

$$6N \geq 5N + 42$$
$$6N - 5N \geq 42$$
$$N \geq 42$$

Q4. (6pts) Timer Interrupts

The following C program defines `sig_handler()` (lines 2-4) that is invoked upon receiving a SysTick interrupt and that changes `alarmed` from 1 to 2. The `main()` function (lines 6-16) initializes `alarmed` to 1 (line 8), schedules `sig_handler()` to be invoked upon a SysTick interrupt (line 9), and starts SysTick to count down for 10 seconds (line 10). The `main()` function falls into a `while()` loop (lines 11-14), jumps `sig_handler()` upon receiving a SysTick interrupt, and gets out of the `while()` loop as `alarmed` eventually becomes 2.

```
1:  int* alarmed
2:  void sig_handler( int signum ) {
3:      *alarmed = 2;
4:  }
5:
6:  int main( ) {
7:      alarmed = (int *)_malloc( 4 );
8:      *alarmed = 1;
9:      _signal( SIG_ALRM, sig_handler );
10:     _alarm( 10 );
11:     while ( *alarmed != 2 ) {
12:         void* mem9 = _malloc( 4 );
13:         _free( mem9 );
14:     }
15:     return 0;
16: }
```

The following Thumr-2 code shows an interrupt handler upon receiving a SysTick interrupt. You don't have to change it at all. Basically this handler invokes the `timer_update()` routine. Your task is to implement `timer_update()`.

```
SysTick_Handler\
PROC
EXPORT  SysTick_Handler      [WEAK]
IMPORT  _timer_update
STMFD   sp!, {lr}            ; save SysTick_Handler's LR
LDR     R11, =_timer_update
BLX     R11                  ; invoke timer_update( )

MRS     R1, PSP              ;
STR     R0, [R1]             ; save a return value in PSP
LDMFD   sp!, {pc}            ; go back to a user program
ENDP
```

The `timer_update()` function uses the following four parameters.

```
;;;;;;;;;;;;;
; Timer update
STCTRL   EQU      0xE000E010    ; SysTick Control and Status Register
STCTRL_STOP EQU    0x00000004    ; Bit2 (CLK_SRC)=1, Bit1 (INT_EN)=0, Bit0 (ENABLE)=0
SECOND_LEFT EQU    0x20007B80    ; Seconds left for alarm( )
USR_HANDLER EQU    0x20007B84    ; Address of a user-given signal handler function
```

The `timer_update()` function reads the value of the `SECOND_LEFT` address, decrements the value by 1 (second), checks the value, branches to `_timer_update_done` if the value hasn't reached 0, otherwise it needs to stop the timer and to invoke a user function whose address is maintained in the `USR_HANDLER` address. To stop the timer, write `STCTRL_STOP` to the address of `STCTRL`. (Don't forget to save back a decremented value into `SECOND_LEFT`.)

```
; void timer_update( )
EXPORT      _timer_update
_timer_update

    LDR     R0, =timeLeft
    LDR     R0, [R0]
    SUB     R0,R0,#1

    LDR     R1 = timeLeft
```

```
STR R0, [R1]
CMP R0, #0
BEQ timeDone
MOV pc, lr

LDR R1, =sysControl
LDR R2, =sysStop
STR R2, [R1]

LDR R1, =timerHandler
LDR R2, [R1]
BLX R2
```

```
_timer_update_done
MOV          pc, lr          ; return to SysTick_Handler
```