OpenRISC ISA cheatsheet

The main source of information on OpenRISC is the architecture manual, which can be found here: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openrisc/doc/master/openrisc-arch-1.4-rev0.pdf. In particular, the following sections are of use:

- Chapter 5 describes the instructions in detail.
- Chapter 18 (page 362) presents a table of all instructions including their instruction format.

We will be implementing the 32-bit OpenRISC instruction set. Below follow the register convention used with OpenRISC and some common instruction formats to give you a start with understanding OpenRISC instruction decoding.

Register convention

In the table below, the commonly used register convention for OpenRISC can be seen.

| Register | Omschrijving | Saver |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| r0 | Hard-wired zero | - |
| r1 | Stack pointer | |
| r2 | Frame pointer | |
| r3-r8 | Function arguments ^{1 2} | Caller |
| r9 | Link/return address | Callee |
| r10 | Callee-saved | Callee |
| r11 | Return value | Caller |
| r12 | Return value upper 32-bits | Caller |
| r13,r15,,r31 | Temporary | Caller |
| r14,r16,,r30 | Callee-saved | Callee |

Instruction Formats

The OpenRISC architecture manual does not explicitly describe instruction formats as is done in the RISC-V manual. However, we can deduce several instruction formats from studying the instruction table in Chapter 18. We list some of these formats (not all) in the table below.

| R-type |
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| I-type |
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| S-type |
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| SH-type |
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| J-type |
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| F-type |
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¹The 7th and further arguments are put on the stack.

²Variadic arguments (such as arguments following a printf format string) are *always* put on the stack.