

# ZJU-UIUC Institute

## First Midterm Exam, ECE 220

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**SOLUTION IS IN RED**

Student ID:

- Be sure that your exam booklet has TEN pages.
- Write your name and Student ID on the first page.
- Do not tear the exam apart other than to remove the reference sheet.
- This is a closed book exam. You may not use a calculator.
- Challenge problems are marked with \*\*\*.
- You are allowed one handwritten A4 sheet of notes (both sides).
- The last page of the exam gives RTL for LC-3 instructions (except JSRR). Copies of Patt & Patel's Appendix A are also available during the exam.
- Absolutely no interaction between students is allowed.
- Show all work, and clearly indicate any assumptions that you make.
- Don't panic, and good luck!

Problem 1	20 points	_____
Problem 2	16 points	_____
Problem 3	24 points	_____
Problem 4	20 points	_____
Problem 5	20 points	_____

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Total	100 points	_____
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(1) Use  $R_1, R_2$  as counters with value #640 and #480 respectively.  
7 (2) Use  $R_3$  to hold value of pixel and  $R_4, R_5$  as target two color  
8 use LC-3 has only 613 memory-operand T

**Problem 1** (20 points): Short Answer Questions

1. (12 points) While working as an intern at a company developing self-driving vehicles, you are tasked with writing code for the anti-lock braking system (ABS) for 18-wheel trucks. Each truck has six brakes (four brakes control four wheels each, and two brakes control one wheel each).

The ABS code must check whether the human is pressing the brake pedal and whether the tires are spinning more slowly than the truck is moving (all of these values are provided to your code). If both conditions hold, the code must turn off all six brakes, pause for 100 milliseconds, and then turn on all six brakes again.

Using **NO MORE THAN 10 WORDS**, describe each of the following. Answering with code will earn no credit.

- a. (4 points) One subtask for which you should use a sequential decomposition.

turn off ~~on~~ on all six brakes  
pause

- b. (4 points) One subtask for which you should use a conditional decomposition.

check whether both conditions hold

- c. (4 points) One subtask for which you should use an iterative decomposition.

pause for 100 milliseconds  
turn on / turn ~~pause~~ off

2. (4 points) A friend wants to add a  $640 \times 480$ -pixel monochrome (two-color) graphics adapter to his LC-3-based computer. Using **NO MORE THAN 25 WORDS**, including any necessary calculations, explain how to accomplish this goal, or why the goal is impossible.

$$(640 \times 480 \text{ pixels} \times 1 \text{ bit/pixel}) / 16 \text{ bits/memory location} = 19,200 \text{ memory locations}$$

LC-3 has only 512 (xFE00 to xFFFF) usable for memory-mapped I/O, so ...  
so we cannot map individual pixels to the display

(1) Cannot map individual pixels without changes to design (as students know it, but)  
(2) Can change board design (hardware for I/O) to expand memory-mapped I/O region, for  
(3) Can use one or two ports with address / data I/O model [not something students have seen, but an acceptable answer].

3. (4 points) A friend writes an LC-3 subroutine to calculate  $\lfloor \sqrt{R7} \rfloor$ , the largest integer that is not greater than the square root of  $R7$ .

Using **NO MORE THAN 15 WORDS**, explain why your friend's subroutine cannot work correctly.

Because to use the subroutine, he needs to use JSR, which changes  $R7$

$101\ 0000$   
 $64$   
 questions below.  
 $R_1 = x007F$   
 $R_2 = x005F$

$\begin{array}{cc} C & D \\ 12 & 13 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{cc} E & F \\ 14 & 15 \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{ccc} |111 & 110/ & 1110 \\ 0111 & 1111 & \\ 0101 & 1111 & \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{cc} 5 & 14 \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} 8t4+2 \\ \times 5 \quad E \end{array}$

VALUE	.FILL	x007F
DATA	.FILL	x0000
	.FILL	x0000
	.FILL	x0000
	.FILL	x0000
	.FILL	x7FFF
	.FILL	xFFE0
	.FILL	x7FFF
	.FILL	xFFE0

R0: bits R3: bits R6: bits R7: bits

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check if  $R_4[5]$  are in a set  
return  $R_5 = 0$  for 0 or non-zero

$$15f \ 127 = \frac{15f \cdot 127}{16} = 127 \cdot 8 \cdot 14 \cdot 128$$

for yes

### Problem 3 (24 points): Using a String as a Stack

1. (10 points) Given in **R4** a pointer to a NUL-terminated ASCII string consisting of hexadecimal digits (0-9 and A-F), write a sequence of LC-3 instructions to do the following:

- point **R6** to the start of the given string,
- change the NUL at the end of the string to an ASCII '0' (x0030), and
- point **R2** to the memory location after the NUL.

You may use all of the LC-3 registers.

The string may be empty—in other words, the string may contain no hexadecimal digits.

The string will not contain any ASCII characters other than 0 (x0030) through 9 (x0039) and A (x0041) through F (x0046).

Use **NO MORE THAN TEN MEMORY LOCATIONS**, including storage for any data needed.

**\*\* Using more memory than TEN LOCATIONS will earn NO CREDIT. \*\***

Here's an example. Notice that, after the code executes, the string looks like a stack! You will use that fact in the next problem.

at start of code	address	contents	after code executes
<b>R4 points here</b> →	x4123	x0032 '2'	← <b>R6 points here</b>
	x4124	x0041 'A'	
	x4125	x0000 NUL	← NUL replaced with x0030 '0'
	x4126	bits	← <b>R2 points here</b>

(Include comments for more partial credit.)

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Write your code here...
loop    ADD R6, R4, #0    ; let R6 points to top of stack
        LDR R0, R4, #0    ; check if the value pointed by R4 is 0
        BRZ Change        ; if yes, change it
        ADD R4, R4, #1
        BRnzp loop
Change  LDR R0, data
        STR R0, R6, #0
        ADD R2, R6, #1    ; change it with x0030
                                ; let R2 points to base
data    FILL x0030
  
```

Write any data that you need here...

### Problem 3, continued:

2. (14 points) Now you must write a subroutine to make use of the “stack” produced by **part (1)**. Your subroutine, **SUM\_HEX**, must use the **CONVERT** subroutine described below to convert the hex digits into 2’s complement, and must use the **STACK\_ADD** subroutine described below to add pairs of 2’s complement values until only one remains on the stack. The subroutine should then return, leaving the 2’s complement sum of the digits on the top of the stack (pointed to by **R6**). See the description below for more details on your subroutine.

These subroutines are provided to you:

**CONVERT** - convert a hexadecimal digit from ASCII to 2’s complement

Input: R0 - ASCII character representing a hexadecimal digit

Output: R3 - value of R0 in 2’s complement

All registers other than R3 and R7 are callee-saved.

**STACK\_ADD** - add two 2’s complement values on top of a stack (pops two values, adds them, and pushes the sum back onto the stack)

Input: R6 - pointer to top of stack

Output: R6 - pointer to top of stack after operation

All registers other than R6 and R7 are callee-saved. R6 changes as described.

You must write the following subroutine:

**SUM\_HEX** - convert and sum a stack of hexadecimal ASCII digits into a 2’s complement sum

Inputs: R2 - base of stack

R6 - top of stack

Output: R6 - top of stack (must be one address less than original base), which points to the sum of the digits

All registers are caller-saved.

**\*\*\* WRITE YOUR CODE ON THE NEXT PAGE \*\*\***

Your subroutine **may use all LC-3 registers** (all registers are caller-saved).

Use **NO MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR MEMORY LOCATIONS**, including storage for any data needed. **\*\* Using more memory than TWENTY-FOUR LOCATIONS will earn NO CREDIT. \*\***

**(Include comments for more partial credit.)**

**Problem 3, continued:**

(subroutine specifications duplicated for your convenience)

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Input: R6 - pointer to top of stack

Output: R6 - pointer to top of stack after operation

All registers other than R6 and R7 are callee-saved. R6 changes as described.

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All registers are callee-saved.

~~SUM\_HEX~~ ~~ST R7, R7~~  
~~ADD R2, R6, #0~~  
 loop-1 LDR R0, R6, #0  
         JSR CONVERT < STR R3, R6, #0  
         ADD R6, R6, #1  
         NOT ~~R1, R6~~ R1, R6  
         ADD ~~R1, R6~~ R1, R0, R2  
         ADD R1, R1, #1  
         BRp loop-1  
         ADD R6, R2, #0  
 loop-2 JSR STACK\_ADD < ADD R6, R6, #1  
         NOT R1, R6  
         ADD R1, R1, R2  
         ~~ADD R1, R1, #1~~  
         BRp loop-2  
         ADD R6, R6, #-1 < LD R7, R7  
         RET

S R 7 - FILL x0000  
1 3

5 <= 1 x=1  
~~5 <= 2 x=2~~  
5 <= 3 x=3  
~~5 <= 4 x=4~~  
~~5 <= 5 x=5~~  
7 9

#### Problem 4 (20 points): Basics of C Programming

1. (8 points) The two C programs shown below are identical except for the line marked by the comments, "DIFFERS!" Write the output of each program on the blank line below the corresponding code.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
    int32_t x = 0;
    int32_t i = 3;
    for (i = 0; 9 > i; i++) {
        if (5 <= ++i) {
            continue; // DIFFERS!
        }
        x++;
    }
    printf ("x: %d, i: %d\n",
           x, i);
    return 0;
}
```

x: 2, i: 9 10

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int main ()
{
    int32_t x = 0;
    int32_t i = 3;
    for (i = 0; 9 > i; i++) {
        if (5 <= ++i) {
            break; // DIFFERS!
        }
        x++;
    }
    printf ("x: %d, i: %d\n",
           x, i);
    return 0;
}
```

x: 2, i: 5

2. Read the C function below, then answer the questions.

```
void foo (int32_t x)
{
    switch ((x < 4) - ((x < 5) ? 0 : 1)) {
        case -1:
            printf ("A");
            break;
        case 0:
            printf ("B");
            break;
        case 1:
            printf ("C");
            break;
        default:
            printf ("D");
            break;
    }
    return;
}
```

0 - 0 = 0  
1 - 0 = 1  
0 - 1 = -1

a. (4 points) What is the function's output when parameter **x** is equal to 4?

BC

b. (3 points) For what values(s) of parameter **x**, if any, does the function output D?

No

**Problem 4, continued:**

3. (5 points) Read the program below, then write the program's output on the blank line below the code.

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int32_t
bar (int32_t x, int32_t y)
{
    if (y <= x) {
        x = x + y;
    }
    return x;
}
```

$c = bar(3, 2)$   
 $= 5$

$2 \leq 3 \checkmark$   
 $x = 3 + 2 = 5$

```
int
main ()
{
    int32_t y = 3;
    int32_t c = 6;

    {
        int32_t x = 2;

        c = bar (y, x);
        printf ("x: %d, y: %d, c: %d\n", x, y, c);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Output:     <sup>↗</sup> x: 2 , y: 3 , c: 5



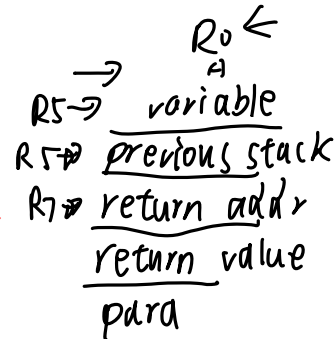
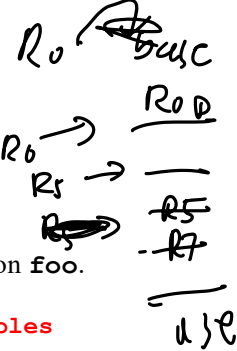
**Problem 5** (20 points): Understanding Compiled C Code

The LC-3 code below corresponds to the output of a compiler for the C function `foo`.

```

FOO      ADD      R6,R6,#-5      ; linkage + two local variables
        STR      R5,R6,#2
        ADD      R5,R6,#1
        STR      R7,R5,#2      ; end of stack frame setup
        LDR      R0,R5,#4      ; R0 ← X & Y & Z
        LDR      R1,R5,#5
        AND      R0,R0,R1
        LDR      R1,R5,#6
        AND      R0,R0,R1
        STR      R0,R5,#-1      ; A ← R0
        LDR      R0,R5,#-1      ; if (0 != A)
        BRZ      LABEL
        LDR      R0,R5,#4      ; (then) push X - Y
        LDR      R1,R5,#5
        NOT      R1,R1
        ADD      R1,R1,#1
        ADD      R0,R0,R1
        ADD      R6,R6,#-1
        STR      R0,R6,#0
        LDR      R0,R5,#-1
        ADD      R6,R6,#-1
        STR      R0,R6,#0
        JSR      FUNC_ONE      ; call this subroutine "func_one" in C
        LDR      R0,R6,#0
        ADD      R6,R6,#3
        STR      R0,R5,#0
        BRnzp    DONE
LABEL    LDR      R0,R5,#4
        ADD      R6,R6,#-1
        STR      R0,R6,#0
        LDR      R0,R5,#6
        ADD      R6,R6,#-1
        STR      R0,R6,#0
        JSR      FUNC_TWO      ; call this subroutine "func_two" in C
        LDR      R0,R6,#0
        ADD      R6,R6,#3
        STR      R0,R5,#0
DONE     LDR      R0,R5,#0
        STR      R0,R5,#3
        LDR      R7,R5,#2
        LDR      R5,R5,#1
        ADD      R6,R6,#4
        RET

```



$R0 = A = X$   
 $R1 = B = Y$   
 $A = A \& B = X \& Y$   
 $R1 = B$   
 $A = A \& B = X \& Y$   
 if  $A = 0$   
 $A = X$

return  $\& \text{FUNC\_TWO}(X, Z)$

return  $(A \& B, X \& Y \& Z)$

Write C code for the function `foo` from which a non-optimizing compiler might have produced the LC-3 code above. For parameters, choose names from X, Y, and Z. For local variables, choose names from A, B, and C. (There are no more than three of either type.) All types are `int` (16-bit 2's complement).

```

int foo(int X, int Y, int Z) {
    int A = (X & Y & Z), B;
    if (0 != A) {
        B = func_one(A, X - Y);
    } else {
        B = func_two(Z, X);
    }
    return B;
}

```

$A = \text{FUNC\_TWO}(X, Z);$   
 return A;

} else {

B = X-Y ;

C = X & Y & Z ;

A = FUNC\_ONE (B, C) ;

return A ;

}

}