Project 1: Optimizing the Performance of a Pipelined Processor

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1 Introduction

[In this section you should briefly introduce the task in your own words, and what youve done in this project. A simple copy from project1.pdf is not permitted.]

[You should also list the arrangement of each member here. For example, you can write, student-x finished part A and B, student-y finished part C and student-z finished the report (of course we suggest each student to make contributions to coding tasks.)]

2 Experiments

[This is the main part of your report. It includes three parts and in each part, you need to write concretely, logically but not in full details.]

2.1 Part A

2.1.1 Analysis

- **sum.ys** is a program that iteratively sums the elements of a linked list.

  The basic idea is that we use a conditional jump in a loop which iteratively check whether the next element is equal to zero and if not add up the value to the sum.

  - In init part, the stack structure is set up, then the program jumps to Main function, and finally halts.
  - In Main, we first store the first element to the stack before a call to function sum_list.

- In sum_list function, we first do the conventions which saves a copy of initial %ebp and set %ebp to the beginning of the stack frame. Then we initialize the sum=0, and the go to a loop which iteratively add up elements' value into our sum.
- In loop: firstly, the element pointed to is added and then, we increment the pointer address which make it points to the next element. If the next element is equal to zero, jump to done, otherwise loop agian.
- In done: we resume the %esp and %ebp to the initial value set in init part. Then we can safely let Main function return.

- **rsum.ys** is a program that recursively sums the elements of a linked list.

  This most of the code is similar to the code in sum.ys, except that it should use a function rsum list that recursively sums a list of numbers.

  - In rsum_list, the key idea is that we use %eax to store the iterative temporary sum meanwhile store the value of the current element in %edx. Also, a very important point is that we should store the address of the next element(if it is not zero) always in 8(%ebp), such that in every recursive step, we always update the desired element, which in this case we update $element[i+1]$ with the sum of all elements from $i+1$ to the end.

- **copy.ys** copies a block of words from one part of memory to another (non-overlapping area) area of memory, computing the checksum (Xor) of all the words copied.

  - The initialization step is similar to the above implementations.
  - In Main: firstly, the store the src, dest and len into main function stack frame for future use. After these preliminaries, copy block function is called. After returning from copy block, we need to resume the esp and ebp to the initial value set in init part and this is done by "done" function part as similar to above implementations. Finally Main function is returned.
  - Copy_block: In copy block, firstly we do the conventions like saving a copy of callers ebp and set ebp to the beginning of copy block s stack frame. Then we use 3 registers %ebx %ecx, %esi to store temporary needed values for iteration.

    Then set eax to 0, as we use it to store the result. Next we get the pre-stored address of src and dest in Mains frame by using ebp with offset of 8 and 12 respectively. And we set ecx to 3 as used to count the iteration. Now we can get into the loop. In the loop, we need to copy data from src(stored in (%esi)) to dest(stored in(%edx)), then update edx, esi and ecx. When ecx goes down to 0, the iteration can stop. Finally, we resume the esp and ebp of Main, and return to Main.

2.1.2 Code

- **sum.ys**

```
#Execution begins at address 0
    .pos    0
Init:
    irmovl  Stack, %esp     #Initialize stack pointer
    irmovl  Stack, %ebp
    jmp     Main
    halt

.align  4
ele1:
        .long 0x00a
        .long ele2
ele2:
        .long 0x0b0
        .long ele3
ele3:
        .long 0xc00
        .long 0

Main:
        irmovl  ele1,%esi   #starting pointer
        pushl   %esi
        call sum_list
        halt

sum_list:
        pushl   %ebp
        rrmovl  %esp, %ebp  #read the stack pointer
        pushl   %ebx        #save sbx
        pushl   %edx        #save sdx
        pushl   %esi        #save esi
        mrmovl  8(%ebp),%ebx    #ebx = starting pointer ele1
        irmovl  $0,%eax
loop:   mrmovl  0(%ebx),%edx    #The number
        addl    %edx,%eax
        mrmovl  4(%ebx), %esi   #4(%ebx) is address of next node
        irmovl  $0,%edx
        addl    %edx,%esi
        je      done        #If the pointer points to zero return
        rrmovl  %esi,%ebx
        jmp     loop
done:   popl    %esi        #restore the registers
        popl    %edx
        popl    %ebx
        rrmovl  %ebp, %esp
        popl    %ebp
        ret
        .pos    0x400
Stack:
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- **rsum.ys**

```

#Execution begins at address 0
    .pos    0
Init:
    irmovl  Stack, %esp     #Initialize stack pointer
    irmovl  Stack, %ebp
    jmp     Main
    halt

.align  4
src:
    .long   0x00a
    .long   0x0b0
    .long   0xc00
dest:
    .long   0x111
    .long   0x222
    .long   0x333
result:
    .long   0

Main:
        irmovl  result,%esi #result
        pushl   %esi
        irmovl  src,%esi    #src
        pushl   %esi
        irmovl  dest,%esi   #dest
        pushl   %esi
        irmovl  3,%esi      #len
        pushl   %esi
        call copy_list
        halt

copy_list:
        pushl   %ebp
        rrmovl  %esp, %ebp  #read the stack pointer
        pushl   %eax        #save eax
        pushl   %ebx        #save sbx
        pushl   %ecx        #save ecx
        pushl   %edx        #save sdx
        pushl   %esi        #save esi
        mrmovl  8(%ebp),%eax    #eax=p_len
        mrmovl  0(%eax),%eax    #eax=len,len-1,...,0
        mrmovl  20(%ebp),%edx   #edx=p_result
        irmovl  $0,%ebx         #tmp=0
        irmovl  $0,%ecx         #ecx=0
        irmovl  $0,%esi         #esi=0,4,8...

loop:
        mrmovl  16(%ebp),%edx   #edx = p_src
        addl    %esi,%edx       #edx = p_src_cur
        mrmovl  0(%edx),%edx    #edx = src_cur
        xorl    %edx,%ecx       #result ^= src_cur
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        mrmovl  12(%ebp),%ebx   #ebx = p_dest
        addl    %esi,%ebx       #ebx = p_dest_cur
        rmmovl  %edx,0(%ebx)    #*p_dest_cur = src_cur

        irmovl  $1,%ebx         #eax-=1
        subl    %ebx,%eax       #subl   %ebx,%eax -> eax = eax - ebx
        je      done
        irmovl  $4,%ebx         #tmp = 4
        addl    %ebx,%esi       #esi+=tmp
        jmp     loop
done:   rmmovl  %ecx,20(%ebp)   #*p_result = ecx
        popl    %esi            #restore the registers
        popl    %edx
        popl    %ecx
        popl    %ebx
        popl    %eax
        rrmovl  %ebp, %esp
        popl    %ebp
        ret

        .pos    0x120
Stack:

```

- **copy.ys**

```
#Execution begins at address 0
    .pos    0
Init:
    irmovl  Stack, %esp     #Initialize stack pointer
    irmovl  Stack, %ebp
    jmp     Main
    halt

.align  4
src:
    .long   0x00a
    .long   0x0b0
    .long   0xc00
dest:
    .long   0x111
    .long   0x222
    .long   0x333


Main:
        irmovl  src,%esi    #src
        pushl   %esi
        irmovl  dest,%esi   #dest
        pushl   %esi
        irmovl  $3,%esi     #len
        pushl   %esi
        call copy_list
        halt

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copy_list:
        pushl   %ebp
        rrmovl  %esp, %ebp  #read the stack pointer
        pushl   %ebx        #save sbx
        pushl   %ecx        #save ecx
        pushl   %edx        #save sdx
        pushl   %esi        #save esi
        mrmovl  8(%ebp),%eax    #eax=len,len-1,...,0
        irmovl  $0,%ebx         #tmp=0
        irmovl  $0,%ecx         #ecx=0
        irmovl  $0,%esi         #esi=0,4,8...
loop:
        mrmovl  16(%ebp),%edx   #edx = p_src
        addl    %esi,%edx       #edx = p_src_cur
        mrmovl  0(%edx),%edx    #edx = src_cur
        xorl    %edx,%ecx       #result ^= src_cur

        mrmovl  12(%ebp),%ebx   #ebx = p_dest
        addl    %esi,%ebx       #ebx = p_dest_cur
        rmmovl  %edx,0(%ebx)    #*p_dest_cur = src_cur

        irmovl  $1,%ebx         #eax-=1
        subl    %ebx,%eax       #subl   %ebx,%eax -> eax = eax - ebx
        je      done
        irmovl  $4,%ebx         #tmp = 4
        addl    %ebx,%esi       #esi+=tmp
        jmp     loop
done:   rrmovl  %ecx,%eax
        popl    %esi            #restore the registers
        popl    %edx
        popl    %ecx
        popl    %ebx
        rrmovl  %ebp, %esp
        popl    %ebp
        ret

        .pos    0x120
Stack:
```

2.1.3 Evaluation

[In this part, you should place the figures of experiments for your codes, prove the correctness and validate the performance with your own words for each figures explanation.]

2.2 Part B

2.2.1 Analysis

To add IIADDL to the SEQ processor,we need to know the whole steps that the iaddl operation takes. From the textbook we can know all steps of this operation. The steps above is that: Firstly, we need to get the icode and ifun which conbine a byte, and we can use M1[PC] to get the first byte. Secondly, we need to get which register we begi to use, and we can use M 1[P C + 1] to get the second byte which contains two registers tags. Thirdly, we get the rest of the instruction to get the instant value. Then, we begin to decode the instruction which we will get the value in the register and store it in the valB. Forthly, we do the add operation which is in the execute step. Fifthly, we write the result back to the register and Finally we update the PC to prepare for the next instruction.

2.2.2 Code

[In this part, you should place your code and make it readable in Latex, please. Writing necessary comments for codes is a good habit.]

2.2.3 Evaluation

[In this part, you should place the figures of experiments for your codes, prove the correctness and validate the performance with your own words for each figures explanation.]

2.3 Part C

2.3.1 Analysis

In this part, we are required to optimize the performance of a function ncopy, which copies the data from source address to destine address and return the number of positive integers contained in the source. And to achieve this goal, optimization of both algorithm and hardware is allowed. So, this part is a test of our overall capability of pipeline architecture.

The performance of the function is evaluated with CPE, so what we need to do is to reduce average CPE as more as possible. The difficulties lie in several aspects below, and we have also figured out the answer.

1. What makes the function perform poorly? A: Great number of branch instructions, high cost of computation involving immediate integers and stall penalty from load-read instructions. We are not talking about misprediction penalty of conditional branches but just the proportion of branch instructions that would cost a lot of cycles.

2. How can we reduce branch instructions, computation cost and stall penalty? A: Reduce instructions of conditional branches to improve our algorithm,

add new instruction(s) to increase support for immediate computation and adjust sequence of some instructions.

3. What should we do in software layer? A: Modify ncopy.ys, and apply technique of loop unrolling to reduce number of branch instructions, use instruction(s) that supports immediate computation better when necessary and adjust sequence of some instructions that would cause a data hazard.

4. What should we do in hardware layer? A: Modify pipe-full.hcl, and implement logic that supports immediate computation, that is iaddl. (Apart from iaddl, ileave is also implemented here according to the requirement but it is found to be of no use in this part.) Now we will elaborate what we do here.

Firstly, loop unrolling. Technique of loop unrolling reduces the number of branch instructions and thus reduce the number of instructions to execute. We have a loop that performs ncopy of 16 elements. In the primitive version of ncopy every time a number is copied there would be a check whether the loop should be over. Thus, we reduce the number of instructions by 15 every 16 elements, which also means that the CPE could be decreased by about 15/16 with technique of loop unrolling. Also, we need to tie up some loose ends. To achieve better performance, after the 16-element loop, we do the ncopy work with 8, 4, 2 and 1 element(s) successively if there are that many elements left.

Secondly, use iaddl for immediate computation. Decreasing of len and increasing of count, p_src and p_dst are involved with immediate operands. We could have CPE decreased by 2 with this step.

Thirdly, avoid load-read stall penalty. It is easy to find amrmovl x1, x2 instruction followed by a rmmovl x2, x3 instruction, which intends to copy *p_x1 to *p_x3. But since mrmovl is a load instruction and rmmovl needs to read the same register. So, codes like this would cause a penalty of one cycle. In other words, by inserting some other instructions into the two instructions can decrease the CPE approximately by 1.

Fourthly, implementation of iaddl and ileave. Detailed descriptions of iaddl and leave can be seen in the beginning part of seq-full.hcl and pipe-full.hcl. (Although we are talking about implementation of pipeline processor, but the operations of the two instructions are similar to that of a sequence processor) . iaddl, which adds an immediate operand to a register, can be accomplished by combination of irmovl and addl. leave, which decrease stack pointer and load data to base pointer register memory addressed by itself, can be accomplished y combination of mrmovl and popl. Inspired by instructions similar to them, we could modify the hcl file properly. Here are some further details. Iaddl: instr_vali, need_regids, need_valC, d_srcB = D_rB, d_dstE = D_rB, aluA = valC, aluB = valB, set_cc. leave: instr_vali, need_regids, d_srcA = REBP, d_dstE = RESP, d_dstM = REBP, aluA = E_valA, aluB = 4, mem_addr = M_valA, mem_read, F_stall, D_stall, D_bubble, E_bubble. Using iaddl instruction can

also reduce CPE by about 2.

2.3.2 Code

- **ncopy.ys**

```
#/* $begin ncopy-ys */
# 948bytes < 1000bytes
# Average CPE = 9.89
# The trick used in the ncopy function is loop unrolling.
# 1.Fisrt we iteratively 'ncopy' 16 elements until there are fewer
# than 16 elements left.
# 2.Then check if left elements are more than 8, and if so,
# we 'ncopy' 8 elements.
# 3.Repeat procedure2 by checking and 'ncopy' 4, 2, 1 element(s).
# The modifications above reduces number of condition branch
# instructions, and thus improve the performance of CPU.
# Also, some sequences of instructions are modified.
# Src-plus and count-plus instructions are inserted between
# some mrmovl and rmmovl instructions to avoid a stalling
# due to data hazard.
##################################################################
# ncopy.ys - Copy a src block of len ints to dst.
# Return the number of positive ints (>0) contained in src.
#
# Include your name and ID here.
#
# Describe how and why you modified the baseline code.
#
##################################################################
# Do not modify this portion
# Function prologue.
ncopy:  pushl %ebp          # Save old frame pointer
        rrmovl %esp,%ebp    # Set up new frame pointer
        pushl %esi          # Save callee-save regs
        pushl %ebx
        pushl %edi
        mrmovl 8(%ebp),%ebx # src
        mrmovl 16(%ebp),%edx    # len
        mrmovl 12(%ebp),%ecx    # dst

##################################################################
# You can modify this portion
xorl %eax,%eax          # count = 0;

############### Iteratively 'ncopy' 16 elements until ##############
############### fewer than 16 elements left. ##############
Loop5:  iaddl  $-16,%edx    # len-=16 > 0 ?
        jl Loop4            # if so, goto Loop:

        mrmovl (%ebx), %esi # read val from src...
        andl %esi, %esi     # val <= 0?
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    jle Npos51       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos51: rmmovl %esi, (%ecx) # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 4(%ebx), %esi     # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos52       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos52: rmmovl %esi, 4(%ecx)     # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 8(%ebx), %esi     # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos53       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos53: rmmovl %esi, 8(%ecx)     # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 12(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos54       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos54: rmmovl %esi, 12(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 16(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos55       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos55: rmmovl %esi, 16(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 20(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos56       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos56: rmmovl %esi, 20(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 24(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos57       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos57: rmmovl %esi, 24(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 28(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos58       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos58: rmmovl %esi, 28(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 32(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos59       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos59: rmmovl %esi, 32(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 36(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos510      # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos510:rmmovl %esi, 36(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst
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    mrmovl 40(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi     # val <= 0?
    jle Npos511     # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax     # count++
Npos511:rmmovl %esi, 40(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 44(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi     # val <= 0?
    jle Npos512     # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax     # count++
Npos512:rmmovl %esi, 44(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 48(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi     # val <= 0?
    jle Npos513     # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax     # count++
Npos513:rmmovl %esi, 48(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 52(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi     # val <= 0?
    jle Npos514     # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax     # count++
Npos514:rmmovl %esi, 52(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 56(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi     # val <= 0?
    jle Npos515     # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax     # count++
Npos515:rmmovl %esi, 56(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 60(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    iaddl  $64,%ebx     # src+=16
    rmmovl %esi, 60(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst
    andl %esi, %esi     # val <= 0?
    jle Npos516     # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax     # count++
Npos516:iaddl  $64,%ecx     # dst+=16
    jmp Loop5       # goto Loop:
########## Iterative 'ncopy' of 16 elements is over ###########



### Check if left elements are more than 8, and if so, ########
### we 'ncopy' 8 elements.          ################
Loop4:  iaddl  $8,%edx      # len-=4 > 0 ?
    jl Loop3        # if so, goto Loop:

    mrmovl (%ebx), %esi # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi     # val <= 0?
    jle Npos41      # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax     # count++
Npos41: rmmovl %esi, (%ecx) # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 4(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
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    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos42       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos42: rmmovl %esi, 4(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 8(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos43       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos43: rmmovl %esi, 8(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 12(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos44       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos44: rmmovl %esi, 12(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 16(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos45       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos45: rmmovl %esi, 16(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 20(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos46       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos46: rmmovl %esi, 20(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 24(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos47       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos47: rmmovl %esi, 24(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 28(%ebx), %esi   # read val from src...
    iaddl  $32,%ebx      # src+=8
    rmmovl %esi, 28(%ecx)   # ...and store it to dst
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos48       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos48: iaddl  $32,%ecx      # dst+=8
    iaddl  $-8,%edx
######### End of 8-element checking and 'ncopy ##########


### Check if left elements are more than 4, and if so, ########
### we 'ncopy' 4 elements.          ###############
Loop3:  iaddl  $4,%edx       # len-=4 > 0 ?
    jl Loop2         # if so, goto Loop:

    mrmovl (%ebx), %esi # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos31       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos31: rmmovl %esi, (%ecx) # ...and store it to dst
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    mrmovl 4(%ebx), %esi     # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos32       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos32: rmmovl %esi, 4(%ecx)     # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 8(%ebx), %esi     # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos33       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos33: rmmovl %esi, 8(%ecx)     # ...and store it to dst

    mrmovl 12(%ebx), %esi    # read val from src...
    iaddl  $16,%ebx      # src++++++++
    rmmovl %esi, 12(%ecx)    # ...and store it to dst
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos34       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos34: iaddl  $16,%ecx      # dst++++++++
    iaddl  $-4,%edx
######### End of 4-element checking and 'ncopy ##########


### Check if left elements are more than 2, and if so, ########
### we 'ncopy' 2 elements.          ###############
Loop2:  iaddl  $2,%edx       # len+2 < 0 ?
    jl Loop1         # if so, goto Loop1:
    mrmovl (%ebx), %esi # read val from src...
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos21       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos21: rmmovl %esi, (%ecx) # ...and store it to dst
    mrmovl 4(%ebx), %esi     # read val from src...
    iaddl  $8,%ebx       # src++++
    rmmovl %esi, 4(%ecx)     # ...and store it to dst
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Npos22       # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
Npos22: iaddl  $8, %ecx      # dst++++
    iaddl  $-2,%edx
######### End of 2-element checking and 'ncopy ##########


### Check if left elements are more than 1, and if so, ########
### we 'ncopy' 1 elements.          ###############
Loop1:  iaddl $1,%edx        # len+1 < 0?
    jl Done          # if so, goto Done:
    mrmovl (%ebx), %esi # read val from src...
    iaddl  $4,%ebx       # src++
    rmmovl %esi, (%ecx) # ...and store it to dst
    andl %esi, %esi      # val <= 0?
    jle Done         # if so, goto Npos:
    iaddl  $1, %eax      # count++
######### End of 1-element checking and 'ncopy ##########
```

```

# Do not modify the following section of code
# Function epilogue.
Done:
    popl %edi               # Restore callee-save registers
    popl %ebx
    popl %esi
    rrmovl %ebp, %esp
    popl %ebp
    ret
##################################################################
# Keep the following label at the end of your function
End:
#/* $end ncopy-ys */


```

- **pipe-full.hcl**

```
#/* $begin pipe-all-hcl */
##################################################################
#    HCL Description of Control for Pipelined Y86 Processor      #
#    Copyright (C) Randal E. Bryant, David R. O'Hallaron, 2010   #
##################################################################

## Your task is to implement the iaddl and leave instructions
## The file contains a declaration of the icodes
## for iaddl (IIADDL) and leave (ILEAVE).
## Your job is to add the rest of the logic to make it work

##################################################################
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#                    Leader's name and ID.                        #
##################################################################
#Descriptions:                                                   #
# Both instructions leave and iaddl are implemented here, which are#
# similar to those of 'seq'.                                      #
# For iaddl/IIADDL, the work is almost the same as that of 'seq'  #
# version. The difference is that information, such as source     #
# register or destine register is acquired from pipeline registers.#
# (It's very lucky to see all forwarding logic has already been   #
# implmeneted)                                                    #
# For leave/ILEAVE, the work is more complicated. Since this is a #
# load instruction, attention must be paid to avoidance of data   #
# hazards. By careful analysis, we decide that ILEAVE can be      #
```

```
# grouped with IMRMOVL, IPOPL when coping with data hazards, which #
# largely reduced complexity of the job.                          #
##########################################################
#iaddl Details:                                          #
# 1.instr_valid                                          #
# 2.need_regids                                          #
# 3.need_valC                                            #
# 4.d_srcB - D_rB                                        #
# 5.d_dstE - D_rB                                        #
# 6.aluA - valC                                          #
# 7.aluB - valB                                          #
# 8.set_cc                                       #
#leave Details:                                          #
# 1.instr_vali                                           #
# 2.need_regids                                          #
# 3.d_srcA - REBP                                        #
# 4.d_dstE - RESP                                        #
# 5.d_dstM - REBP                                        #
# 6.aluA - E_valA                                        #
# 7.aluB - 4                                             #
# 8.mem_addr - M_valA                                        #
# 9.mem_read                                             #
# 10.F_stall                                             #
# 11.D_stall                                             #
# 12.D_bubble                                            #
# 13.E_bubble                                            #
##########################################################
##########################################################

##########################################################
#    C Include's.  Don't alter these                     #
##########################################################

quote '#include <stdio.h>'
quote '#include "isa.h"'
quote '#include "pipeline.h"'
quote '#include "stages.h"'
quote '#include "sim.h"'
quote 'int sim_main(int argc, char *argv[]);'
quote 'int main(int argc, char *argv[]){return sim_main(argc, argv);}'

##########################################################
#    Declarations.  Do not change/remove/delete any of these #
##########################################################

##### Symbolic representation of Y86 Instruction Codes #############
intsig INOP     'I_NOP'
intsig IHALT    'I_HALT'
intsig IRRMOVL  'I_RRMOVL'
intsig IIRMOVL  'I_IRMOVL'
intsig IRMMOVL  'I_RMMOVL'
intsig IMRMOVL  'I_MRMOVL'
```

```
intsig IOPL 'I_ALU'
intsig IJXX 'I_JMP'
intsig ICALL     'I_CALL'
intsig IRET 'I_RET'
intsig IPUSHL    'I_PUSHL'
intsig IPOPL     'I_POPL'
# Instruction code for iaddl instruction
intsig IIADDL    'I_IADDL'
# Instruction code for leave instruction
intsig ILEAVE    'I_LEAVE'

##### Symbolic represenations of Y86 function codes #####
intsig FNONE     'F_NONE'        # Default function code

##### Symbolic representation of Y86 Registers referenced #####
intsig RESP      'REG_ESP'             # Stack Pointer
intsig REBP      'REG_EBP'             # Frame Pointer
intsig RNONE     'REG_NONE'            # Special value indicating "no register"

##### ALU Functions referenced explicitly ##########################
intsig ALUADD    'A_ADD'           # ALU should add its arguments

##### Possible instruction status values #####
intsig SBUB 'STAT_BUB'  # Bubble in stage
intsig SAOK 'STAT_AOK'  # Normal execution
intsig SADR 'STAT_ADR'  # Invalid memory address
intsig SINS 'STAT_INS'  # Invalid instruction
intsig SHLT 'STAT_HLT'  # Halt instruction encountered

##### Signals that can be referenced by control logic ##############

##### Pipeline Register F ##########################################

intsig F_predPC 'pc_curr->pc'         # Predicted value of PC

##### Intermediate Values in Fetch Stage ###########################

intsig imem_icode  'imem_icode'       # icode field from instruction memory
intsig imem_ifun   'imem_ifun'        # ifun  field from instruction memory
intsig f_icode  'if_id_next->icode'  # (Possibly modified) instruction code
intsig f_ifun   'if_id_next->ifun'   # Fetched instruction function
intsig f_valC   'if_id_next->valc'   # Constant data of fetched instruction
intsig f_valP   'if_id_next->valp'   # Address of following
```

```
instruction
boolsig imem_error 'imem_error'      # Error signal from instruction memory
boolsig instr_valid 'instr_valid'    # Is fetched instruction valid?

##### Pipeline Register D ##########################################
intsig D_icode 'if_id_curr->icode'   # Instruction code
intsig D_rA 'if_id_curr->ra'         # rA field from instruction
intsig D_rB 'if_id_curr->rb'         # rB field from instruction
intsig D_valP 'if_id_curr->valp'     # Incremented PC

##### Intermediate Values in Decode Stage #########################

intsig d_srcA     'id_ex_next->srca'  # srcA from decoded instruction
intsig d_srcB     'id_ex_next->srcb'  # srcB from decoded instruction
intsig d_rvalA 'd_regvala'        # valA read from register file
intsig d_rvalB 'd_regvalb'        # valB read from register file

##### Pipeline Register E ##########################################
intsig E_icode 'id_ex_curr->icode'   # Instruction code
intsig E_ifun  'id_ex_curr->ifun'    # Instruction function
intsig E_valC  'id_ex_curr->valc'    # Constant data
intsig E_srcA  'id_ex_curr->srca'    # Source A register ID
intsig E_valA  'id_ex_curr->vala'    # Source A value
intsig E_srcB  'id_ex_curr->srcb'    # Source B register ID
intsig E_valB  'id_ex_curr->valb'    # Source B value
intsig E_dstE 'id_ex_curr->deste'    # Destination E register ID
intsig E_dstM 'id_ex_curr->destm'    # Destination M register ID

##### Intermediate Values in Execute Stage #########################
intsig e_valE 'ex_mem_next->vale'   # valE generated by ALU
boolsig e_Cnd 'ex_mem_next->takebranch' # Does condition hold?
intsig e_dstE 'ex_mem_next->deste'      # dstE (possibly modified to be RNONE)

##### Pipeline Register M #########################
intsig M_stat 'ex_mem_curr->status'     # Instruction status
intsig M_icode 'ex_mem_curr->icode' # Instruction code
intsig M_ifun  'ex_mem_curr->ifun'  # Instruction function
intsig M_valA  'ex_mem_curr->vala'      # Source A value
intsig M_dstE 'ex_mem_curr->deste'  # Destination E register ID
intsig M_valE  'ex_mem_curr->vale'      # ALU E value
```

```
intsig M_dstM 'ex_mem_curr->destm'  # Destination M register ID
boolsig M_Cnd 'ex_mem_curr->takebranch' # Condition flag
boolsig dmem_error 'dmem_error'         # Error signal from instruction memory

##### Intermediate Values in Memory Stage ##########################
intsig m_valM 'mem_wb_next->valm'   # valM generated by memory
intsig m_stat 'mem_wb_next->status' # stat (possibly modified to be SADR)

##### Pipeline Register W ##########################################
intsig W_stat 'mem_wb_curr->status'     # Instruction status
intsig W_icode 'mem_wb_curr->icode' # Instruction code
intsig W_dstE 'mem_wb_curr->deste'  # Destination E register ID
intsig W_valE  'mem_wb_curr->vale'      # ALU E value
intsig W_dstM 'mem_wb_curr->destm'  # Destination M register ID
intsig W_valM  'mem_wb_curr->valm'  # Memory M value

##################################################################
#    Control Signal Definitions.                                 #
##################################################################

################ Fetch Stage ##################################

## What address should instruction be fetched at
int f_pc = [
    # Mispredicted branch.  Fetch at incremented PC
    M_icode == IJXX && !M_Cnd : M_valA;
    # Completion of RET instruction.
    W_icode == IRET : W_valM;
    # Default: Use predicted value of PC
    1 : F_predPC;
];

## Determine icode of fetched instruction
int f_icode = [
    imem_error : INOP;
    1: imem_icode;
];

# Determine ifun
int f_ifun = [
    imem_error : FNONE;
    1: imem_ifun;
];

# Is instruction valid?
bool instr_valid = f_icode in
```

```
    { INOP, IHALT, IRRMOVL, IIRMOVL, IRMMOVL, IMRMOVL, IIADDL, ILEAVE,
      IOPL, IJXX, ICALL, IRET, IPUSHL, IPOPL };

# Determine status code for fetched instruction
int f_stat = [
    imem_error: SADR;
    !instr_valid : SINS;
    f_icode == IHALT : SHLT;
    1 : SAOK;
];

# Does fetched instruction require a regid byte?
bool need_regids =
    f_icode in { IRRMOVL, IOPL, IPUSHL, IPOPL, IIADDL, ILEAVE,
                 IIRMOVL, IRMMOVL, IMRMOVL };

# Does fetched instruction require a constant word?
bool need_valC =
    f_icode in { IIRMOVL, IRMMOVL, IMRMOVL, IJXX, ICALL, IIADDL };

# Predict next value of PC
int f_predPC = [
    f_icode in { IJXX, ICALL } : f_valC;
    1 : f_valP;
];

################ Decode Stage ################################


## What register should be used as the A source?
int d_srcA = [
    D_icode in { IRRMOVL, IRMMOVL, IOPL, IPUSHL  } : D_rA;
    D_icode in { IPOPL, IRET } : RESP;
    D_icode in { ILEAVE } : REBP;
    1 : RNONE; # Don't need register
];

## What register should be used as the B source?
int d_srcB = [
    D_icode in { IOPL, IRMMOVL, IMRMOVL, IIADDL  } : D_rB;
    D_icode in { IPUSHL, IPOPL, ICALL, IRET } : RESP;
    1 : RNONE;  # Don't need register
];

## What register should be used as the E destination?
int d_dstE = [
    D_icode in { IRRMOVL, IIRMOVL, IOPL, IIADDL} : D_rB;
    D_icode in { IPUSHL, IPOPL, ICALL, IRET, ILEAVE } : RESP;
    1 : RNONE;  # Don't write any register
];

## What register should be used as the M destination?
int d_dstM = [
    D_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL } : D_rA;
```

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    D_icode in { ILEAVE } : REBP;
    1 : RNONE;  # Don't write any register
];

## What should be the A value?
## Forward into decode stage for valA
int d_valA = [
    D_icode in { ICALL, IJXX } : D_valP; # Use incremented PC
    d_srcA == e_dstE : e_valE;    # Forward valE from execute
    d_srcA == M_dstM : m_valM;    # Forward valM from memory
    d_srcA == M_dstE : M_valE;    # Forward valE from memory
    d_srcA == W_dstM : W_valM;    # Forward valM from write back
    d_srcA == W_dstE : W_valE;    # Forward valE from write back
    1 : d_rvalA;  # Use value read from register file
];

int d_valB = [
    d_srcB == e_dstE : e_valE;    # Forward valE from execute
    d_srcB == M_dstM : m_valM;    # Forward valM from memory
    d_srcB == M_dstE : M_valE;    # Forward valE from memory
    d_srcB == W_dstM : W_valM;    # Forward valM from write back
    d_srcB == W_dstE : W_valE;    # Forward valE from write back
    1 : d_rvalB;  # Use value read from register file
];

################ Execute Stage ################################

## Select input A to ALU
int aluA = [
    E_icode in { IRRMOVL, IOPL, ILEAVE } : E_valA;
    E_icode in { IIRMOVL, IRMMOVL, IMRMOVL, IIADDL } : E_valC;
    E_icode in { ICALL, IPUSHL } : -4;
    E_icode in { IRET, IPOPL } : 4;
    # Other instructions don't need ALU
];

## Select input B to ALU
int aluB = [
    E_icode in { IRMMOVL, IMRMOVL, IOPL, ICALL,
              IPUSHL, IRET, IPOPL, IIADDL } : E_valB;
    E_icode in { IRRMOVL, IIRMOVL } : 0;
    E_icode in { ILEAVE } : 4;
    # Other instructions don't need ALU
];

## Set the ALU function
int alufun = [
    E_icode == IOPL : E_ifun;
    1 : ALUADD;
];

## Should the condition codes be updated?
```
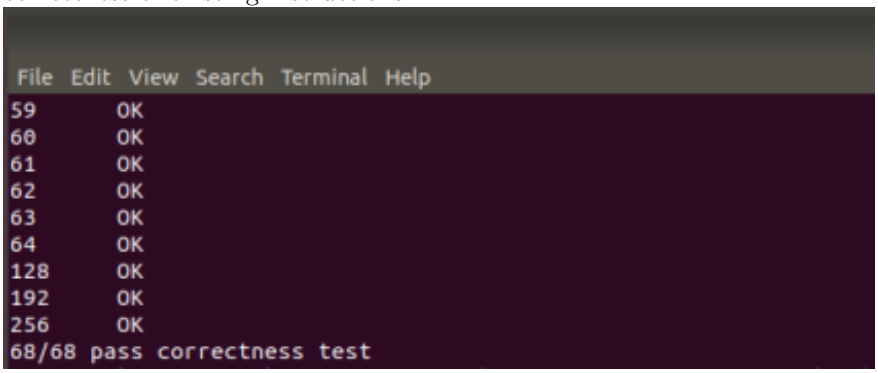

```
bool set_cc = (E_icode in {IOPL, IIADDL } ) &&
    # State changes only during normal operation
    !m_stat in { SADR, SINS, SHLT } && !W_stat in { SADR, SINS
    , SHLT };

## Generate valA in execute stage
int e_valA = E_valA;    # Pass valA through stage

## Set dstE to RNONE in event of not-taken conditional move
int e_dstE = [
    E_icode == IRRMOVL && !e_Cnd : RNONE;
    1 : E_dstE;
];

################ Memory Stage
    ##################################

## Select memory address
int mem_addr = [
    M_icode in { IRMMOVL, IPUSHL, ICALL, IMRMOVL } : M_valE;
    M_icode in { IPOPL, IRET } : M_valA;
    M_icode in { ILEAVE } : M_valA;
    # Other instructions don't need address
];

## Set read control signal
bool mem_read = M_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL, IRET, ILEAVE };

## Set write control signal
bool mem_write = M_icode in { IRMMOVL, IPUSHL, ICALL };

#/* $begin pipe-m_stat-hcl */
## Update the status
int m_stat = [
    dmem_error : SADR;
    1 : M_stat;
];
#/* $end pipe-m_stat-hcl */

## Set E port register ID
int w_dstE = W_dstE;

## Set E port value
int w_valE = W_valE;

## Set M port register ID
int w_dstM = W_dstM;

## Set M port value
int w_valM = W_valM;

## Update processor status
int Stat = [
    W_stat == SBUB : SAOK;
    1 : W_stat;
];

```

```
################ Pipeline Register Control ####################

# Should I stall or inject a bubble into Pipeline Register F?
# At most one of these can be true.
bool F_bubble = 0;
bool F_stall =
    # Conditions for a load/use hazard
    E_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL, ILEAVE } &&    #Dst value generated after M stage
     E_dstM in { d_srcA, d_srcB } ||     #but D needs the registers
    # Stalling at fetch while ret passes through pipeline
    IRET in { D_icode, E_icode, M_icode };

# Should I stall or inject a bubble into Pipeline Register D?
# At most one of these can be true.
bool D_stall =
    # Conditions for a load/use hazard
    E_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL, ILEAVE } &&    #Dst value generated after M stage
     E_dstM in { d_srcA, d_srcB };      #but E needs the registers

bool D_bubble =
    # Mispredicted branch
    (E_icode == IJXX && !e_Cnd) ||
    # Stalling at fetch while ret passes through pipeline
    # but not condition for a load/use hazard
    !(E_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL, ILEAVE } && E_dstM in { d_srcA, d_srcB }) &&
      IRET in { D_icode, E_icode, M_icode };

# Should I stall or inject a bubble into Pipeline Register E?
# At most one of these can be true.
bool E_stall = 0;
bool E_bubble =
    # Mispredicted branch
    (E_icode == IJXX && !e_Cnd) ||
    # Conditions for a load/use hazard
    E_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL, ILEAVE } &&
     E_dstM in { d_srcA, d_srcB};

# Should I stall or inject a bubble into Pipeline Register M?
# At most one of these can be true.
bool M_stall = 0;
# Start injecting bubbles as soon as exception passes through memory stage
bool M_bubble = m_stat in { SADR, SINS, SHLT } || W_stat in { SADR, SINS, SHLT };

# Should I stall or inject a bubble into Pipeline Register W?
bool W_stall = W_stat in { SADR, SINS, SHLT };
bool W_bubble = 0;
#/* $end pipe-all-hcl */

```

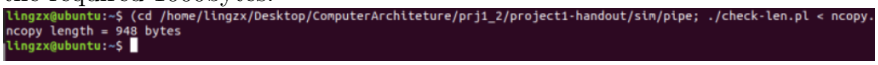
2.3.3 Evaluation

Now, we are going to evaluate the result of part C.

1. Firstly, as shown in the figure below, our modifications do not change the correctness of existing instructions.



2. Secondly, as shown in the figure below, the ncopy file is 948bytes, less than the required 1000bytes.



3. Thirdly, as shown in the figure below, our implementation of iaddl and leave has survived all ISA checks.

4. Fourthly, as shown in the figure above, our ncopy function achives an average CPE of 9.89, less than 10.0, which means ncopy performs very well. As expected, the larger the number of elements is, the better the function performs. That is because when there are only several elements, loop unrolling and loose ends increase branch instructions; however, when the number is larger, the reduction of branch instructions caused by loop unrolling becomes remarkable.

```
44      344     7.82
45      351     7.80
46      361     7.85
47      368     7.83
48      368     7.67
49      375     7.65
50      385     7.70
51      392     7.69
52      398     7.65
53      405     7.64
54      415     7.69
55      422     7.67
56      424     7.57
57      431     7.56
58      441     7.60
59      448     7.59
60      454     7.57
61      461     7.56
62      471     7.60
63      478     7.59
64      478     7.47
Average CPE     9.89
Score   60.0/60.0
lingzx@ubuntu:~/Desktop/ComputerArchiteture/prj1_2/project1-handout/sim/pipe$
```

3 Conclusion

3.1 Problems

There are many obstacles in the project. And we are going to share some here.

1. Firstly, adjustment to new languages. You can never image how we feel when starting the project. It is just like language bombing. Both Y86 and HCL are new to us. And the related resources on the Internet are so poor that we have no idea how to start. However, after days of searching and thinking, we gradually adjust ourselves to the new languages. Y86 is similar to but much simpler than X86 and MIPS familiar to us. As for HCL, though more complex, the project does not require us to fully master it. It is enough if we just known how to make the logic clear. Besides, thanks to CSAPP, we can acquire a lot of related materials in the book.

2. Secondly, debugging assembly codes run by pipeline processor. It is amazingly difficult to debug our codes running by a pipeline processor. Just as the pipeline architecture is complex, the procedure of debugging is complex, too. The codes are not finished line by line. An instruction is finished in the M or WB stage and the next several instructions are already on the way. However, this does not both us in the end. Gradually, we learn to examine the contents of states and inputs of different stages and this exactly deepens our understanding of pipeline processors.

3. Thirdly, understanding of stack pointer. This is exactly a detail problem. In this semester, we have read a lot of assembly codes but wrote little. The stack is used when passing arguments, saving registers and calling

functions. As written in the given Y86 code examples, the convention is that, on entering a function, we save the base pointer(ebp), and copy the stack pointer(esp) to the base pointer. It takes us a long time to figure out why the address of the first argument is ebp+8. And finally, by carefully observing the contents of the stack, we found when esp is copied to ebp, the stack is pushed twice: one is to save the return address and the other is to save ebp. Also, on the same problem, we spend a long time to debug our rsum function just because we pass an argument when calling the function by pushing the stack BUT forgot to pop the stack to restore the stack pointer after the function is returned.

3.2 Achievements

1. Firstly, it is great to see we have achieved an average CPE less than 10.0. This a result of our careful design of our logic and implementation. And all of us three members have contributed a lot in the process.

2. Secondly, we have successfully implemented leave instruction. Leave is more complicated than iaddl, especially in the pipeline architecture because it involves necessary load-read hazard, but we have implemented it.