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# EECS 314

## Computer Architecture

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```
int leaf_example (int g, h, i, j)
{ int f;
  f = (g + h) - (i + j);
  return f;
}
```

- Arguments g, ..., j in \$a0, ..., \$a3
- f in \$s0 (hence, need to save \$s0 on stack)
- Result in \$v0

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jal ProcedureAddress #jump and link

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- Addresses of x, y in \$a0, \$a1
- i in \$s0

e.g. x = an empty space  
y = “architecture”

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□ American Std Code for Info Interchange (ASCII): 8-bit bytes representing characters

ASCII	Char	ASCII	Char	ASCII	Char	ASCII	Char	ASCII	Char	ASCII	Char
0	Null	32	space	48	0	64	@	96	`	112	p
1		33	!	49	1	65	A	97	a	113	q
2		34	"	50	2	66	B	98	b	114	r
3		35	#	51	3	67	C	99	c	115	s
4	EOT	36	\$	52	4	68	D	100	d	116	t
5		37	%	53	5	69	E	101	e	117	u
6	ACK	38	&	54	6	70	F	102	f	118	v
7		39	'	55	7	71	G	103	g	119	w
8	bksp	40	(	56	8	72	H	104	h	120	x
9	tab	41	)	57	9	73	I	105	i	121	y
10	LF	42	*	58	:	74	J	106	j	122	z
11		43	+	59	;	75	K	107	k	123	{
12	FF	44	,	60	<	76	L	108	l	124	
15		47	/	63	?	79	O	111	o	127	DEL

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```
int fact (int n)
{
    if (n < 1) return 1;
    else return n * fact(n - 1);
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```

- Argument n in \$a0
- Result in \$v0

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```
L1: addi $a0, $a0, -1    # else decrement n
    jal  fact            # recursive call
```

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• Argument n in \$a0  
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Stack in Memory eventually

Temporary Var n = 5	lw \$a0, 0(\$sp)
\$ReturnAddr for n=5	
Temporary Var n = 4	
\$ReturnAddr for n=4	
Temporary Var n = 3	lw \$a0, 0(\$sp)
\$ReturnAddr for n=3	
Temporary Var n = 2	lw \$a0, 0(\$sp)
\$ReturnAddr for n=2	

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\$v0 = 1, initially

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Since all MIPS instructions are 4 bytes long, MIPS stretches the distance of the branch by having PC-relative addressing refer to the number of *words* to the next instruction instead of the number of bytes. Thus, the 16-bit field can branch four times as far by interpreting the field as a relative word address rather than as a relative byte address. Similarly, the 26-bit field in jump instructions is also a word address, meaning that it represents a 28-bit byte address.

**Elaboration:** Since the PC is 32 bits, 4 bits must come from somewhere else for jumps. The MIPS jump instruction replaces only the lower 28 bits of the PC, leaving the upper 4 bits of the PC unchanged. The loader and linker (Section 2.12) must be careful to avoid placing a program across an address boundary of 256 MB (64 million instructions); otherwise, a jump must be replaced by a jump register instruction preceded by other instructions to load the full 32-bit address into a register.

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Here is a traditional loop in C:

```
while (save[i] == k)
    i += 1;
```

Assume that *i* and *k* correspond to registers *\$s3* and *\$s5* and the base of the array *save* is in *\$s6*. What is the MIPS assembly code corresponding to this C segment?

Remember that MIPS instructions have byte addresses, so addresses of sequential words differ by 4, the number of bytes in a word. The *bne* instruction on the fourth line adds 2 words or 8 bytes to the address of the *following* instruction (80016), specifying the branch destination relative to that following instruction (8 + 80016) instead of relative to the branch instruction (12 + 80012) or using the full destination address (80024). The jump instruction on the last line does use the full address ( $20000 \times 4 = 80000$ ), corresponding to the label *Loop*.

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