

MULTIPLE CHOICES

1. What are the design principles for modern computers? [a, b, c, d]

- (a) Instructions directly executed by hardware
- (b) Provide plenty of registers
- (c) Instructions should be easy to decode
- (d) Only loads, stores should reference memory
- (e) Minimize rate at which instructions are issued

2. Which of following is true for the cell? [a]

- (a) Memories consist of a number of cells
- (b) A cell with k bits can hold one of 2^k different values
- (c) If an address has m bits, the maximum number of cells addressable is 2^m

3. Which of following is true about byte? [a, c]

- (a) 1 byte is 8-bit
- (b) 1 byte is 4-bit
- (c) 64-bit Word: 8 bytes per word
- (d) 32-bit Word: 8 bytes per word

4. The von Neumann model of a computer consists of three major components: the central processing unit (CPU), main memory, and input-output. In which of these components might we find the 32 registers of a MIPS processor?

- A. CPU
- B. Main memory
- C. Input-output
- D. CPU as well as main memory
- E. Main memory as well as input-output

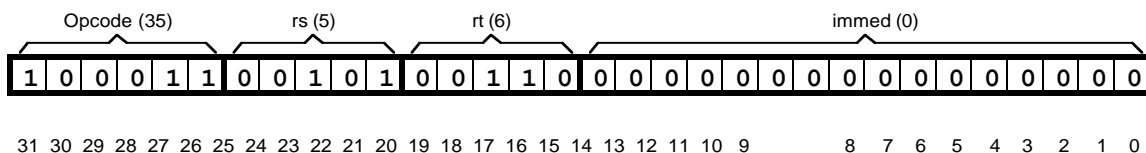
Correct answer is A. The registers are in the CPU, not in the memory.

5. Consider the sequence of four instructions shown below.

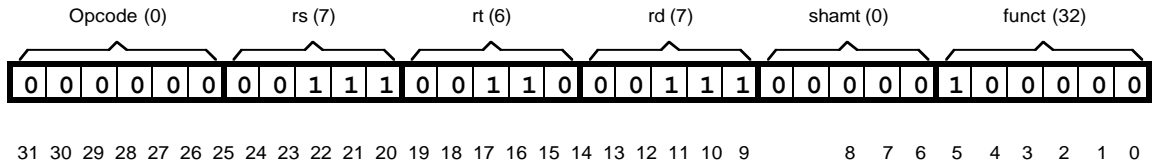
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loop:  lw    $6, 0($5)
       add   $7, $7, $6
       addi  $5, $5, -4
       bne   $5, $8, loop
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In the space provided below, show the binary representation of each of the four instructions in this sequence. Clearly mark the instruction fields and show their decimal equivalent.

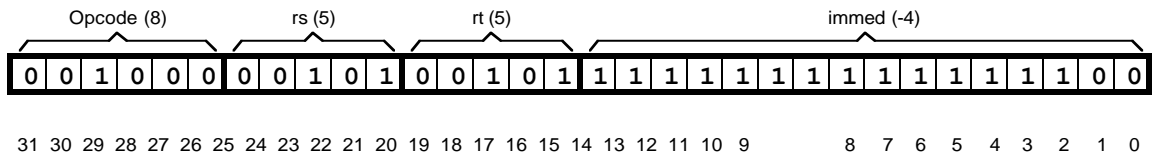
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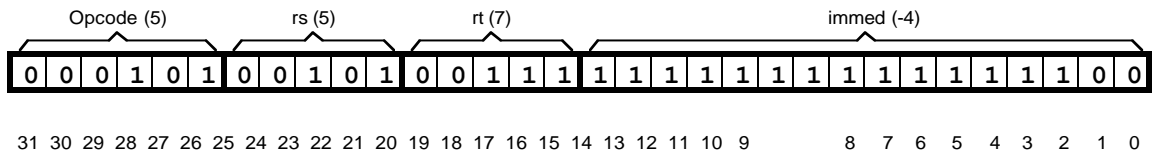
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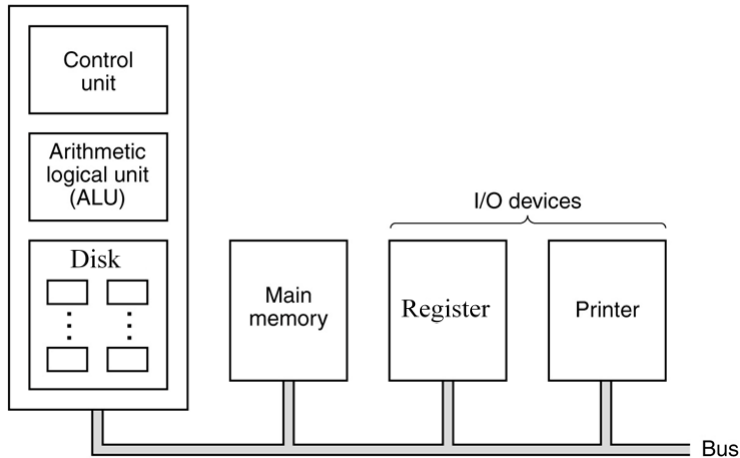


bne \$5, \$7, loop

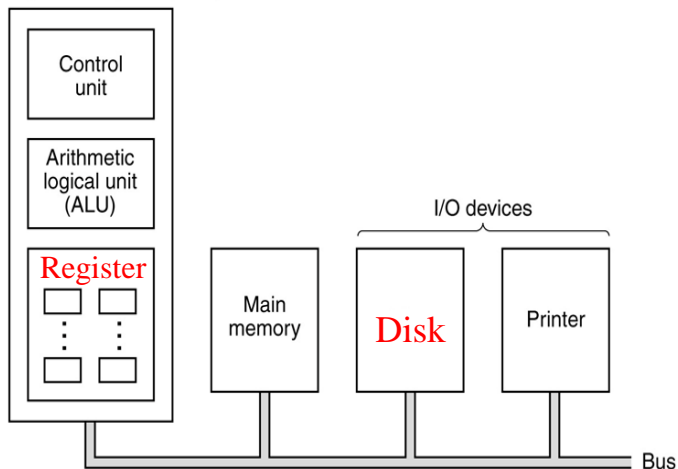


6. The following diagram gives the organization of a simple computer with one CPU and two I/O devices. Is it correct? If not, please correct it in the diagram.

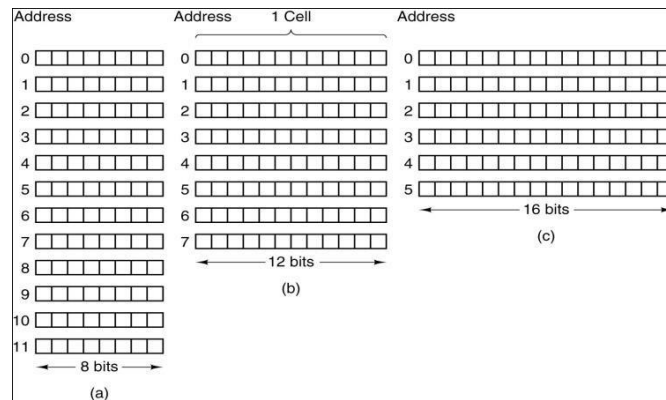
Central processing unit (CPU)



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7. How many bits are sufficient for an address to reference the memory of Figs (a), (b), (c)?



Solution:

4, 3, 3

8. Instruction Set Design

As discussed in the book, the four principles of instruction set design are:

1. Simplicity favors regularity.
2. Smaller is faster.
3. Good design demands good compromises.
4. Make the common case fast.

A number of design decisions in the MIPS Architecture are listed below. Fill in the blank with the design principles which were applied in making each decision.

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| (a) | The opcode field is in the same position in all instructions | <u>1</u> |
| (b) | All instructions are exactly 32 bits long | <u>1</u> |
| (c) | Immediate instructions allow the use of small constants | <u>4, (3)</u> |
| (d) | The lui instruction allows the use of larger constants | <u>4, (3)</u> |
| (e) | The rs and rt fields are in the same position in R-type and I-type instructions | <u>1</u> |
| (f) | A linkage register is used to store the return address for "leaf procedures" (instead of the stack) 链接寄存器用于存储“叶过程”的返回地址。(而不是堆栈) 因为大部分叶过程都会用到返回地址，而如果把地址放在堆栈则不方便 | <u>4</u> |
| (g) | Only 32 general purpose registers are used for R-type instructions | <u>2</u> |