

architecture. How do we obtain the corresponding concrete representation in base 2? Which are in this context the possible methods/techniques/mechanisms to be applied? Detail all these mechanisms through a proper discussion and analysis on an adequate representation example (ex: discussion and analysis on the representation of -37 OR -912 etc.). How many and which are the specific cases in which it is necessary to apply the mechanisms described above and how exactly are they applied? (description + 1 concrete example for each of the mentioned cases). What do we mean by and what is the difference between the notions of "representation" and "interpretation" at the level of the 80x86 architecture? Explain and exemplify. What does "admissible representation interval" mean and which are those for the most frequently used values at a program level? Explain and justify how is the value 0 (zero) considered and why.

b). Operands specification modes. Give one adequate and suggestive source code example for each specification mode. Explain and justify. What do you understand by direct addressing vs. indirect addressing? Exemplify and explain.

II. Present the corresponding memory layout of the following segment (its structure and corresponding memory values, assuming that its starting offset is 0), justifying in context the reason for obtaining each of the stored values:

<b>segment data</b>	a db $\$ - \$$	f dw b-1, [b-1]
x dw -130, 100+100b+100h	dw $\$ - a$	g times 3 dd 'db'
y dw 1100h >> 1001b, 100h-1	b dd a+b-0bh+2, a-b+0ah-0bh	k dw 12345678h >> 4 << 4, b+0bh
z dw z-\$, \$-x+y-z	c db 3-b, b-3	m dd a+0ah, a+ah
w dw x, y, z, w	d dw 513, -513	s dd a-start, start-start1
h dw 101b, 101-h, 11h-11b, h-11	e dd abcdefh, 'abcdefh'	;start and start1 def in code segment

If there are data elements or source lines which you consider to be syntactically incorrect, motivate and explain your decision and ignore further that values or lines in providing the requested memory layout. That is, if ALL elements on a line are syntactically incorrect, the ENTIRE line is removed/ignored, if only SOME elements are syntactically incorrect, ONLY THOSE elements are removed/ignored, the other syntactically correct elements remaining valid and they have to be reflected in the segment data structure as an effect.

III. a) Answer each of the questions below accurately, justifying the answers given in the context with the necessary explanations that have to justify, clarify and detail the mechanisms involved.

1). Which is the MINIMUM number of bits needed to represent the numbers 64 and -257, respectively? Justify. Give values in both base 2 and base 16.

2). The instruction „mov dword [esp+4], [esp]” provides unfortunately "syntax error". Why?. Write a sequence of correct assembly language instructions in place of the given one to be equivalent as effect to the intention suggested by the given instruction. Explain and justify.

3). Is the instr. movsx ax, [6+esp] correct? If so, explain what it does and which is its effect. If not, justify the error.

4). Give 2 examples of different asm instructions for which both implicit operands to be of different sizes. Explain.

5). Give 2 examples of different asm instructions for which both implicit operands to be from memory. Explain.

6). Which is the difference between the instructions jmp [fs:edx + edi \* 4 - 56] and jmp FAR [fs:edx + edi \* 4 - 56]? In how many ways can the operands size of these instructions and which is the exact effect of each one? In how many ways can the jump at the level of the 80x86 architecture in 32 bits programming? Why? How about a NEAR jump? Explain.

7). Write an instruction that sets SF, CF and OF simultaneously to value 0. Explain.



A matrix having the dimensions  $N \times M$  is a two-dimensional table containing data which can be represented as a vector of  $N \times M$  elements. The following  $4 \times 3$  matrix:

4	15	3
1	8	12
14	17	6
3	2	5

can be linearized in a doubleword vector in the following manner: *matrix dd 4, 15, 3, 1, 8, 12, 14, 17, 6, 3, 2, 5*. The elements of the matrix are numbered starting from 1. In this case, the element with the value 15 (from line 1, column 2) corresponds to the second element, and the element with the value 6 (from line 3, column 3) corresponds with the ninth element from the *matrix* vector.

1. Write in assembly language a subprogram named **get\_element** which receives 4 parameters: the address of a doubleword array which represents a linearized matrix and three positive numbers represented on doublewords: **M** (the number of columns of the matrix), **I** (the current line) and **J** (the current column). The subprogram provides as output the value of the element from the matrix specified by these 4 parameters.
2. Two numbers **M** and **N** having values lower than 10 and a **matrix** array of doublewords are given in a data segment. The program will display on the screen the matrix associated with the given array in two-dimensional format (that is, line by line and column by column), using for this purpose the **get\_element** subprogram.
3. Read from the keyboard a doubleword **X**. Verify if the given number is an element of the matrix, in which case the value **X** will be printed, together with the number of its occurrences and the positions from the matrix in which **X** appears. Otherwise, the message „Element does not exist!“ will be printed.

Explain and detail the algorithm approach and the mechanisms involved. Justify and comment accordingly the code. It is not mandatory to implement a multi-module solution.

### Example:

*M db 3*

*N db 4*

*matrix dd 4, 15, 3, 1, 8, 12, 14, 17, 6, 3, 2, 5*

It will display the matrix in the format given above. For the read value  $X=3$  the message „3 appears 2 times in (1,3); (4,1)“ will be displayed on the screen, and for  $X=7$  the message „Element does not exist!“ will be printed.

Working time: 2h 45' Evaluation: I – 2.50p (1.75p+0.75p); II – 1.5p; III – 2p; IV – 3p; (+1p – by default)