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Problem Set 4

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Instructions:

You are encouraged to work on the problem set in groups and turn in one problem set for the entire group. Remember to put all your names on the solution sheet. Also, remember to put the name of the TA and the time for the discussion section you would like the problem set turned back to you. Show your work.

1. (Adapted from 5.31)

The following diagram shows a snapshot of the 8 registers of the LC-3 before and after the instruction at location x1000 is executed. Fill in the bits of the instruction at location x1000.

Register	Before	After
R0	x0000	x0000
R1	x1111	x1111
R2	x2222	x2222
R3	x3333	x3333
R4	x4444	x4444
R5	x5555	xFFF8
R6	x6666	x6666

R7	x7777	x7777
Memory Location		Value
x1000		0001 101 000 1 11000

3. The memory locations x3000 to x3007 contain the values as shown in the table below. Assume the memory contents below are loaded into the simulator and the PC has been set to point to location x3000. Assume that a break point has been placed to the left of the HALT instruction (ie at location x3006 which contains 1111 0000 0010 0101). Assume that before the program is run, each of the 8 registers has the value x0000 and the NZP bits are 010.

Memory Location	Value
x3000	01010000000100000
x3001	00010000000100101
x3002	00100010000000100
x3003	00010000000000000
x3004	00010010011111111
x3005	0000001111111101

x3006	1111000000100101
x3007	0000000000000100

- a. In no more than 15 words, summarize what this program will do when the “Run” button is pushed in the simulator. Hint: What relationship is there between the value loaded from memory and the final value in R0 after the program has completed?

5 is put in R0 and shifted left the value at location x3007 times

- b. What are the contents of the PC, the 8 general purpose registers (R0-R7), and the N, Z, and P condition code registers after the program completes?

PC	x3006
R0	x0050
R1	x0000
R2	x0000
R3	x0000
R4	x0000
R5	x0000
R6	x0000

R7	x0000
N	0
Z	1
P	0

- c. What is the total number of CPU clock cycles that this program will take to execute until it reaches the breakpoint? Note: You should refer to the state machine (pg 568) to determine how many cycles an instruction takes. Assume each state that access memory takes 5 cycles to complete and every other state takes 1 cycle to execute.

Memory Location	Value	Instruction	Cycles takes to exectue once	number of times executed	Total Cycles for instruction
x3000	0101000000100000	AND	10	1	10
x3001	0001000000100101	ADD	10	1	10
x3002	0010001000000100	LD	17	1	17
x3003	0001000000000000	ADD	10	4	40
x3004	0001001001111111	ADD	10	4	40

x3005	0000001111111101	Branch	10 if not taken 11 if taken	3 times taken 1 time not taken	43
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Total Cycles 10+10+17+40+40+43 = 160

4. What does the following program do (in 15 words or fewer)? The PC is initially at x3000.

Memory Location	Value
x3000	0101 000 000 1 00000
x3001	0010 001 011111110
x3002	0000 010 000000100
x3003	0000 011 000000001
x3004	0001 000 000 1 00001
x3005	0001 001 001 000 001
x3006	0000 111 111111011
x3007	1111 0000 0010 0101

Counts the number of bits that are set to 1 in the word at x3100

5. Prior to executing the following program, memory locations x3100 through x4000 are initialized to random values, exactly one of which is negative. The following program finds the address of the negative value, and stores that address into memory location x3050. Two instructions are missing. Fill in the missing instructions to complete the program. The PC is initially at x3000.

Memory Location	Value
x3000	1110 000 011111111
x3001	0110 001 000 000000
x3002	0000 100 000000010
x3003	0001 000 000 1 00001
x3004	0000 111 111111100
x3005	0011 000 001001010
x3006	1111 0000 0010 0101

6. The LC-3 has just finished executing a large program. A careful examination of each clock cycle reveals that the number of executed store instructions (ST, STR, and STI) is greater than the number of executed load instructions (LD, LDR, and LDI). However, the number of memory write accesses is less than the number of memory read accesses, *excluding instruction fetches*. How can that be? Be sure to specify which instructions may account for the discrepancy.

A large number of LDI instructions (two read accesses) and STI instructions (one read access and one write access) could account for this discrepancy.

7. (7.2) An LC-3 assembly language program contains the instruction:

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ASCII      LD R1, ASCII
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The symbol table entry for ASCII is x4F08. If this instruction is executed during the running of the program, what will be contained in R1 immediately after the instruction is executed?

R1 <-- M[ASCII]

R1 = 0010 001 1 1111 1111

LD R1, #-1

8. (7.10) The following program fragment has an error in it. Identify the error and explain how to fix it.

	ADD R3, R3, #30	The immediate value is too large.
	ST R3, A	
	HALT	
A	.BLKW 1	

Will this error be detected when this code is assembled or when this code is run on the LC-3?

The error will be detected by the assembler since it will not be able to form the 16 bits of the instruction which performs the addition.

One possible solution is to separate the addition to two add instruction with immediate of #15.

	ADD R3, R3, #15	
	ADD R3, R3, #15	
	ST R3, A	
	HALT	
A	.BLKW 1	

9. (Adapted from 6.14) Consider the following machine language program:

	AND R2, R2, #0	R2 <- 0
LOOP	ADD R1, R1, #-3	R1 <- R1-3
	BRn END	End when R1 is negative
	ADD R2, R2, #1	R2 <- R2+1
	BRnzp LOOP	
END	HALT	

What are the possible initial values of R1 that cause the final value in R2 to be 3?

For R2 to contain the value 3, the BRn must not have initiated a branch for 3 consecutive times. Therefore, R1 wasn't negative after the instruction ADD R1, R1, #-3 was executed 3 times and was negative after the instruction was executed 4 times. That is, $R1 - 3 \times 3 = R1 - 9 \geq 0$ and $R1 - 3 \times 4 = R1 - 12 < 0$. Solving the inequalities yields, $9 \leq R1 < 12$. Since a register contains integers, R1 could have been 9, 10, or 11.

10. (Adapted from 7.16) Assume a sequence of nonnegative integers is stored in consecutive memory locations, one integer per memory location, starting at location x4000. Each integer has a value between 0 and 30,000 (decimal). The sequence terminates with the value -1 (i.e., xFFFF).

- a. Create the symbol table entries generated by the assembler when translating the following routine into machine code:

	.ORIG x3000
	AND R4, R4, #0
	AND R3, R3, #0
	LD R0, NUMBERS
LOOP	LDR R1, R0, #0
	NOT R2, R1
	BRz DONE
	AND R2, R1, #1

	BRz L1
	ADD R4, R4, #1
	BRnzp NEXT
L1	ADD R3, R3, #1
NEXT	ADD R0, R0, #1
	BRnzp LOOP
DONE	TRAP x25
NUMBERS	.FILL x4000
	.END

b. Symbol Table

Label	Memory Address
LOOP	x3003
L1	x300A
NEXT	x300B
DONE	x300D
NUMBERS	x300E

What does the above program do?

The instruction AND R2, R1, #1 performs a bit mask (x0001) to decide whether the least significant bit of the value is 0 or 1. The LSB of a number is used to determine whether the integer was even or odd. For example, numbers with a zero LSB are: 0000 (#0), 0010 (#2), 0100 (#4), 0110 (#6), which are all even. Hence, R3 counts the amount of even numbers in the list and R4 counts the amount of odd numbers.

11. Below is a segment of LC-3 machine language program.

	ADD R2, R1, #0
HERE	ADD R3, R2, #-1
	AND R3, R3, R2
	BRz END
	ADD R2, R2, #1
	BRnzp HERE
END	HALT

If the data in R1 is an unsigned integer larger than 1, what does the program do? (Hint: what is the relationship between the resulting integer in R2 and the original integer in R1?)

The program finds out the smallest power of 2 which is larger than or equal to the unsigned integer in R1.

12. (Adapted from 7.18) The following LC-3 program compares two character strings of the same length. The source strings are in the .STRINGZ form. The first string starts at memory location x4000, and the second string starts at memory location x4100. If the strings are the same, the program terminates with the value 1 in R5; otherwise the program terminates with the value 0 in R5. Insert one instruction each at (a), (b), and (c) that will complete the program. Note: The memory location immediately following each string contains x0000.

	.ORIG x3000	
	LD R1, FIRST	
	LD R2, SECOND	
	AND R0, R0, #0	
LOOP	<u>LDR R3, R1, #0</u>	; (a)
	LDR R4, R2, #0	
	BRz NEXT	

	ADD R1, R1, #1	
	ADD R2, R2, #1	
	<u>NOT R4, R4</u>	; (b)
	<u>ADD R4, R4, #1</u>	; (c)
	ADD R3, R3, R4	
	BRz LOOP	
	AND R5, R5, #0	
	BRnzp DONE	
NEXT	AND R5, R5, #0	
	ADD R5, R5, #1	
DONE	TRAP x25	
FIRST	.FILL x4000	
SECOND	.FILL x4100	
	.END	

13. The data at memory address x3500 is a bit vector with each bit representing whether a certain power plant in the area is generating electricity (bit = 1) or not (bit = 0). The program counts the number of power plants that generate electricity and stores the result at x3501. However, the program contains a mistake which prevents it from correctly counting the number of electricity generating (operational) power plants. Identify it and explain how to fix it.

	.ORIG x3000
	AND R0, R0, #0
	LD R1, NUMBITS
	LDI R2, VECTOR
	ADD R3, R0, #1
CHECK	AND R4, R2, R3

	BRz NOTOPER	
	ADD R0, R0, #1	
NOTOPER	ADD R3, R3, R3	
	ADD R1, R1, #-1	
	BRp CHECK	
	LD R2, VECTOR	<- missing instruction
	STR R0, R2, #1	
	TRAP x25	
NUMBITS	.FILL #16	
VECTOR	.FILL x3500	
	.END	

R2 contains the bit vector, and not the address at which the bit vector is contained. The instruction LDI R2, VECTOR loaded the value at x3500 into R2 since the value at the memory address labeled as VECTOR was used as the address from which to load. The store instruction STR R0, R2, #1 uses the value of R2 to evaluate an address. However, R2 must be modified to contain an address for an STR instruction to work. Thus, LD R2, VECTOR is an additional required instruction.

14. The following program does not do anything useful. However, being an "electronic idiot," the LC-3 will still execute it.

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15.
16.      .ORIG x3000
17.      LD R0, Addr1
18.      LEA R1, Addr1
19.      LDI R2, Addr1
20.      LDR R3, R0, #-6
21.      LDR R4, R1, #0
22.      ADD R1, R1, #3
23.      ST R2, #5
24.      STR R1, R0, #3
25.      STI R4, Addr4
26.      HALT
27. Addr1  .FILL x300B
28. Addr2  .FILL x000A

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29. Addr3 .BLKW 1
30. Addr4 .FILL x300D
31. Addr5 .FILL x300C
32. .END
33.

Without using the simulator, answer the following questions:

- a. What will the values of registers R0 through R4 be after the LC-3 finishes executing the ADD instruction?

R0 - x300B

R1 - x300D

R2 - x000A

R3 - x1263

R4 - x300B

- b. What will the values of memory locations Addr1 through Addr5 be after the LC-3 finishes executing the HALT instruction?

Addr1 - x300B

Addr2 - x000A

Addr3 - x000A

Addr4 - x300B

Addr5 - x300D