

Review Problem 1

❖ Programming languages have many instructions, but they fall under a few basic types. One is arithmetic (+, -, *, /, etc). What are the others?

Control flow
Compare >, !=

Function calls

if-then, goto, Return

assign

Object/variable declarations + allocation

loops: for, while

Libraries: file I/O, graphics.

Assembly Language

Readings: 2.1-2.7, 2.9-2.10, 2.14

Green reference card

Assembly language

Simple, regular instructions – building blocks of C, Java & other languages

Typically one-to-one mapping to machine language

Our goal

Understand the basics of assembly language

Help figure out what the processor needs to be able to do

Not our goal to teach complete assembly/machine language programming

Floating point

Procedure calls

Stacks & local variables

Aside: C/C++ Primer

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→ struct coord { int x, y; }; /* Declares a type */
→ struct coord start; /* Object with two slots, x and y */
→ start.x = 1; /* For objects ".", accesses a slot */
→ struct coord *myLoc; /* "*" is a pointer to objects */
→ myLoc = &start; /* "&" returns thing's location */
→ myLoc->y = 2; /* "->" is "*" plus "." */
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myLoc:



Start:

x	1
y	2

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→ int scores[8]; /* 8 ints, from 0..7 */
→ scores[1]=5; /* Access locations in array */
→ int *index = scores; /* Points to scores[0] */
→ index++; /* Next scores location */
→ (*index)++; /* "*" works in arrays as well */
→ index = &(scores[3]); /* Points to scores[3] */
→ *index = 9;
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Scores



index



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	5	6					

ARM Assembly Language

The basic instructions have four components:

Operator name
Destination
1st operand
2nd operand

ADD <dst>, <src1>, <src2> // <dst> = <src1> + <src2>
SUB <dst>, <src1>, <src2> // <dst> = <src1> - <src2>

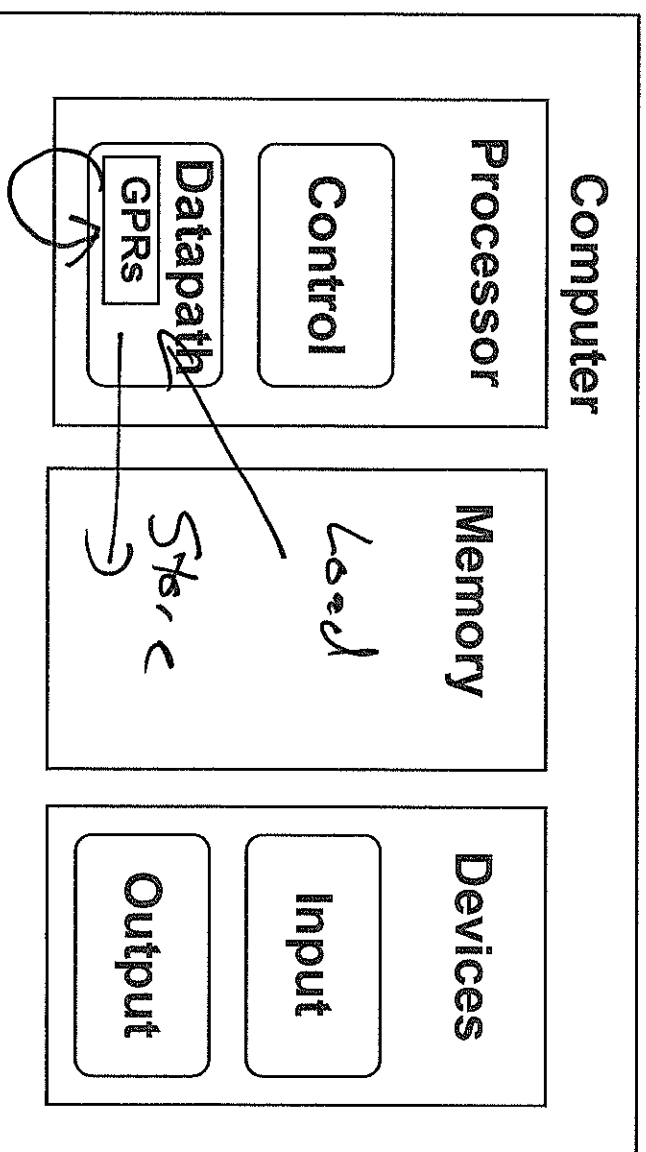
Simple format: easy to implement in hardware

More complex: $A = B + C + D - E$

ADD $t1, B, C$ ADD $t1, B, C$
~~ADD $t1, B, D$~~ SUB $t2, D, E$
SUB $A, t2, E$ ADD $A, t1, t2$

Operands & Storage

For speed, CPU has 32 general-purpose registers for storing most operands
For capacity, computer has large memory (multi-GB)



Load/store operation moves information between registers and main memory
All other operations work on registers

Registers

32x 64-bit registers for operands

Register	Function	Comment
X0-X7	Function arguments/Results	
X8	Result, if a pointer	
X9-X15	Volatile Temporaries	Not saved on call
X16-X17	Linker scratch registers	Don't use them
X18	Platform register	Don't use this
X19-X27	Temporaries (saved across calls)	Saved on call
X28	Stack Pointer	
X29	Frame Pointer	
X30	Return Address	
X31	Always 0	No-op on write

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Support for
Subroutines

Temporaries