

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kaurna people,
the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gather on.

We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the
Kaurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present
and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs.



Computer Systems

Lecture 14: Virtual Machine Review and Exercises



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Question 1

1 pts

Which are in the 9 VM operations?

Which of the following operators are provided by the Hack Virtual Machine?

- ☐ le
- ☐ gt
- ☐ lt
- ☐ ge
- ☐ add
- ☐ sub
- ☐ multiply
- ☐ neg
- ☐ divide
- ☐ and
- ☐ xor

Arithmetic / Boolean commands

add
sub
neg
eq
gt
lt
and
or
not

Memory access commands

pop x (pop into x, which is a variable)
push y (y being a variable or a constant)



What are each of the following memory segments used for in the Hack Virtual machine?

| | | |
|----------|------------|--|
| static | [Choose] | holds values of class static variables |
| argument | [Choose] | holds the arguments for the current function |
| local | [Choose] | holds the local variables for the current function |
| constant | [Choose] | represents all the constants in the range 0 ... 32767 |
| pointer | [Choose] | used to change the start addresses of the this and that segments |
| temp | [Choose] | fixed 8-entry segment that holds temporary variables for general use |
| field | [Choose] | this is not a segment |
| var | [Choose] | this is not a segment |
| result | [Choose] | this is not a segment |

Memory Segments Mapping

Local, argument, this, that: In the next chapter we discuss how the VM implementation maps these segments dynamically on the host RAM. For now, all we have to know is that the base addresses of these segments are stored in the registers LCL, ARG, THIS, and THAT, respectively. Therefore, any access to the i th entry of a virtual segment (in the context of a VM “push / pop *segmentName i*” command) should be translated into assembly code that accesses address $(base + i)$ in the RAM, where *base* is one of the pointers LCL, ARG, THIS, or THAT.

Pointer: Unlike the virtual segments described above, the pointer segment contains exactly two values and is mapped directly onto RAM locations 3 and 4. Recall that these RAM locations are also called, respectively, THIS and THAT. Thus, the semantics of the pointer segment is as follows. Any access to pointer 0 should result in accessing the THIS pointer, and any access to pointer 1 should result in accessing the THAT pointer. For example, pop pointer 0 should set THIS to the popped value, and push pointer 1 should push onto the stack the current value of THAT. The pointer semantics will make perfect sense when we write the compiler in chapters 10–11, so stay tuned.

Temp: This 8-word segment is also fixed and mapped directly on RAM locations 5 – 12. Multiple temporary values (constants i where i varies from 0 to 7) should be supplied in assembly code that accesses RAM location $5 + i$.

Constant: This virtual memory segment is truly virtual, as it does not occupy any physical RAM space. Instead, the VM implementation handles any access to constant i by simply supplying the constant i . For example, the command push constant 17 should be translated into assembly code that pushes the value 17 onto the stack.

Static: Static variables are mapped on addresses 16 to 255 of the host RAM. The VM translator can realize this mapping automatically, as follows. Each reference to static i in a VM program stored in file Foo.vm can be translated to the assembly symbol Foo.i. According to the Hack machine language specification (chapter 6), the Hack assembler will map these symbolic variables on the host RAM, starting at address 16. This convention will cause the static variables that appear in a VM program to be mapped on addresses 16 and onward, in the order in which they appear in the VM code.

Question 3

1 pts

Consider the following **Jack** class:

```
class bob
{
    function int foo(int a)
    {
        var int x;
        let x = a + x ;
        return x ;
    }
}
```

What are the first three virtual machine commands that implement function foo?

- 1: function header (initialise nVar)
function bob.foo 1
- 2: push a (push argument 0)
- 3: push x (push local 0)
- 4: sum



Question 4

1 pts

Consider the following **Jack** function:

```
function int foo()  
{  
    var a,b,sum ;  
  
    let b = 10 ;  
    while ( a < b )  
    {  
        let sum = sum + a ;  
        let a = a + 1 ;  
    }  
    return sum ;  
}
```

What sequence of virtual machine commands will implement the two let statements in the body of the while loop?

- 1: push local 2
- 2: push local 0
- 3: add
- 4: pop local 2
- 5: push local 0
- 6: push constant 1
- 7: add
- 8: pop local 0



Question 5

1 pts

Consider the following **Jack** class:

```
class bob
{
    function int foo(int a)
    {
        var int x;
        let x = a + x ;
        return x ;
    }
}
```

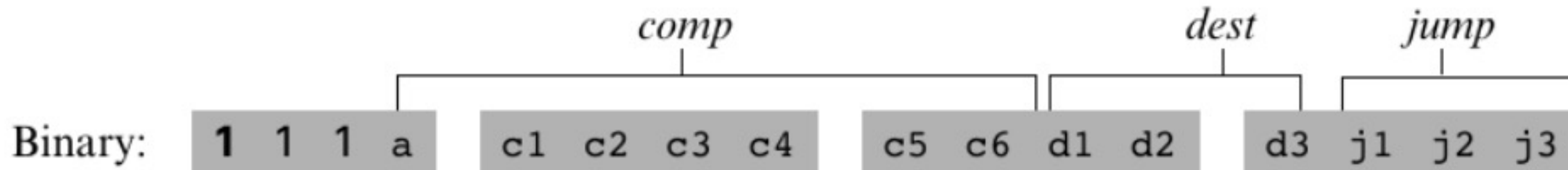
What sequence of virtual machine commands is used to initialise the local variable x?

Local variables are initialised by the function declaration command (function header).

function bob.foo 1



C-instruction: *dest=comp;jump* // Either the *dest* or *jump* fields may be empty.
 // If *dest* is empty, the “=” is omitted;
 // If *jump* is empty, the “;” is omitted.



| (when a=0) <i>comp mnemonic</i> | c1 | c2 | c3 | c4 | c5 | c6 | (when a=1) <i>comp mnemonic</i> | d1 | d2 | d3 | <i>Mnemonic</i> | <i>Destination (where to store the computed value)</i> |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----------------|--|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | null | The value is not stored anywhere |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 0 | 1 | M | Memory[A] (memory register addressed by A) |
| -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | D | D register |
| D | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | 1 | MD | Memory[A] and D register |
| A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | M | 1 | 0 | 0 | A | A register |
| !D | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | AM | A register and Memory[A] |
| !A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | !M | 1 | 1 | 0 | AD | A register and D register |
| -D | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | AMD | A register, Memory[A], and D register |
| -A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -M | | | | | |
| D+1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| A+1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | M+1 | | | | | |
| D-1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | |
| A-1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | M-1 | | | | | |
| D+A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | D+M | | | | | |
| D-A | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | D-M | | | | | |
| A-D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | M-D | | | | | |
| D&A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | D&M | | | | | |
| D A | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | D M | | | | | |

| j1 (out < 0) | j2 (out = 0) | j3 (out > 0) | <i>Mnemonic</i> | <i>Effect</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | null | No jump |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | JGT | If out > 0 jump |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | JEQ | If out = 0 jump |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | JGE | If out ≥ 0 jump |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | JLT | If out < 0 jump |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | JNE | If out ≠ 0 jump |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | JLE | If out ≤ 0 jump |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | JMP | Jump |



Question 1

1 pts

Category: Assembly to Hack

For each of the following Hack Assembly Language instructions, write to their 16-bit binary representation.

Write your answer as a single 16 bit binary number with spaces every 4 bits e.g. 0000 1111 0000 1111

| | | |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| @7 | A | 0000 0000 0000 0111 |
| 1 | C | 1110 1111 1100 0000 |
| D; JGT | C | 1110 0011 0000 0001 |
| M=D | C | 1110 0011 0000 1000 |

1: A or C?

2: A translate to 0 followed by 15-bit unsigned binary

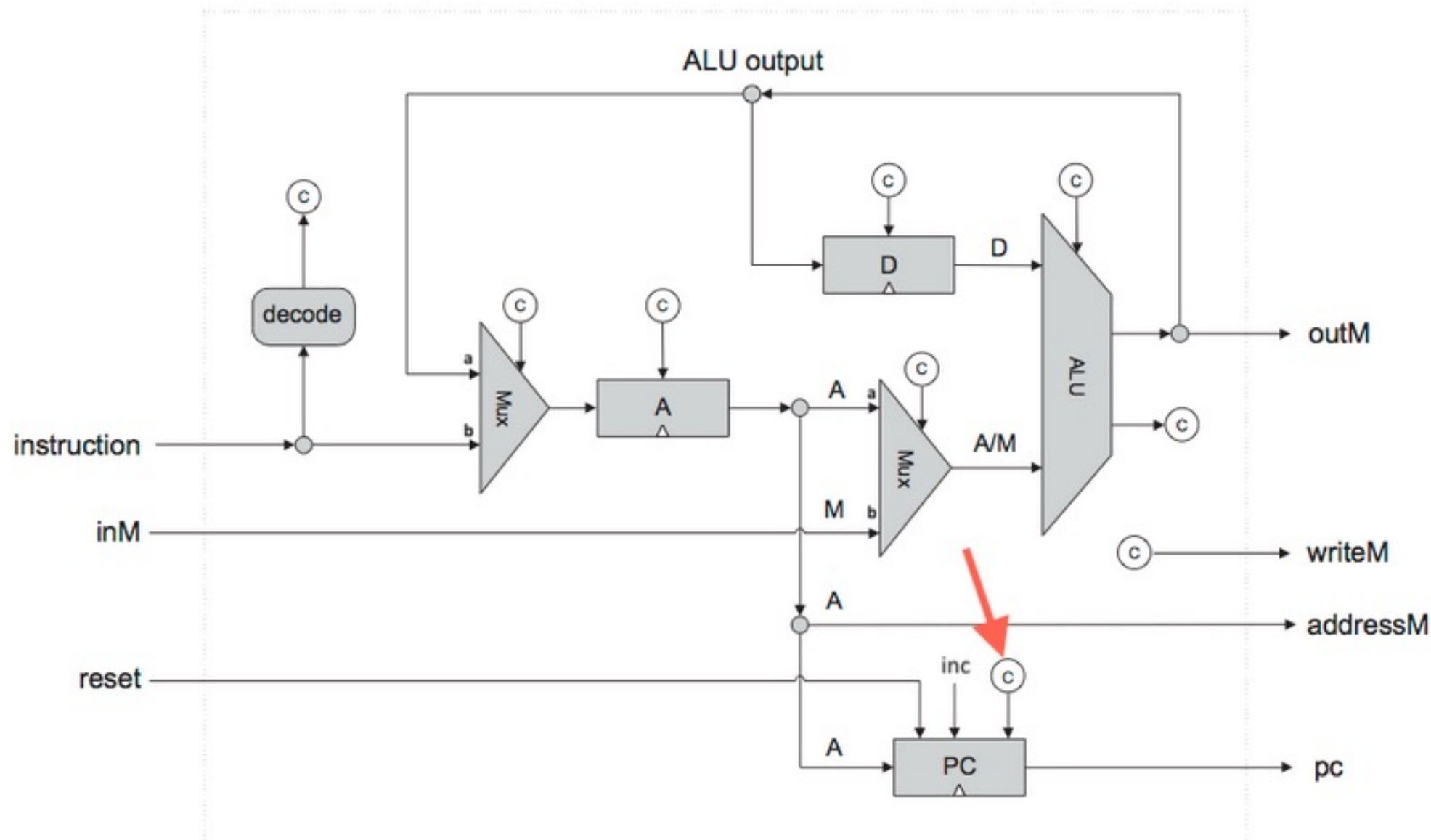
3: C identify comp, dest, jump

4: look up the table

Category: CPU Wiring

Look at the following (incomplete) diagram of the Hack CPU. Look at the wire (and it is a single wire) pointed to by the large red arrow.

Where does the signal on this wire come from and what action does this signal trigger?



The wire is load wire of the PC register.

This tells the PC whether or not to load the value of the A-register into the PC which effectively performs a jump.

This wire comes from some logic gates that combines some status signals from the ALU with the three right-most (jump) wires of the C-instruction.

Jump Unit (Assignment 4)

The Jump Unit provides a method for us to tell the CPU when to Jump to a different part of the running program.

This will allow us to have loops and conditional statements. In the Hack architecture, this is achieved using the Jump bits of the C-instruction, and comparing these to the ALU's output using its status bits.

- **The j1, j2 and j3 bits of the C-instruction tell the CPU whether to perform a Jump if a condition is met.**
 - If the j1 bit is set true, a jump should occur if the ALU's output is less than 0
 - If the j2 bit is set true, a jump should occur if the ALU's output is equal to 0
 - If the j3 bit is set true, a jump should occur if the ALU's output is greater than 0
- We can combine these bits:
 - If j1 and j2 are both true, a jump occurs if either the ALU's output is less than 0, or if the ALU's output is equal to 0
 - If all 3 bits are true, a jump always occurs (because the ALU's output is either < 0 or > 0 or 0)
 - If none of 3 bits are true, a jump never occurs
- **We can determine whether the ALU's output is < 0 or > 0 or 0 by checking the ALU's status bits:**
 - the zr bit will be true if the ALU's output is 0.
 - the ng bit will be true if the ALU's output is < 0 .

Category: VM Expressions $((a+b)+c)$

Select 5 lines of Hack VM Language, in the order they must be executed, that will implement the Jack expression:

$((a+b)+c)$

Notes:

- The expression must be evaluated left to right.
- The variables **a**, **b** and **c** are in the local segment at offsets 4, 5 and 6.

$ab+c+$

1: push local 4
2: push local 5
3: add
4: push local 6
5: add



Question 4

1 pts

Category: Assembler Symbol Tables

Consider the following Hack assembly code:

```

    @R0
    D=M
    @END
    D;JLE
    @counter
    M=D
    @x
    M=D
(L)  D=D+A
    @LOOP
    D;JGT
(EN) @END
    0;JMP

```

| | |
|---------|----|
| R0 | - |
| D | - |
| M | - |
| END | 11 |
| JLE | - |
| counter | - |
| x | - |
| LOOP | 8 |
| A | - |
| JGT | - |
| JMP | - |

Fill in the appropriate symbol table entries below as they would be after the assembler's **first pass**.

Your answer should be a positive integer or

Answer for **predefined symbols** or **other symbols that should not be present** in the symbol table following the **first pass**.

Question 5

1 pts

Category: VM to Assembler Pop Arg 0

Consider the Hack Virtual Machine command:

pop argument 0

Complete the lines of Hack Assembly Language below, so that they implement this Hack Virtual Machine command.

@SP

AM=M-1

D=M

@ARG

A=M

M=D



VM Translator Parsing

- **push constant 1**

@SP

AM=M+1

A=A-1

M=1

- **pop static 7 (in a VM file named Bob.vm)**

@SP

AM=M-1

D=M

@Bob.7

M=D



VM Translator Parsing

- **push constant 5**

@5

D=A

@SP

AM=M+1

A=A-1

M=D

- **add**

@SP

AM=M-1

D=M

A=A-1

M=D+M

- **pop local 2**

@SP

AM=M-1

D=M

@LCL

A=M+1

A=A+1

M=D



Exercise: Function call and stack structure

The Hack Virtual Machine allocates an area of the stack for each active function call.

Assume that a function, **foo**, was passed three parameters and the virtual machine code for the function starts with **function foo 3**.

Show the structure of the function's stack frame immediately after the execution of the virtual machine command **function foo 3**.

Clearly indicate where the values ARG, LCL and SP are pointing.



function foo 3

| | |
|--------|----------------|
| | ... |
| ARG -> | arg 0 |
| | arg 1 |
| | arg 2 |
| | return address |
| | saved LCL |
| | saved ARG |
| | saved THIS |
| | saved THAT |
| LCL -> | local 0 |
| | local 1 |
| | local 2 |
| SP -> | |

This week

- Review Chapters 7 & 8 of the textbook (if you haven't already)
- Assignment 5 due Sunday week (Sept 17)
- Week 8 Supervised Practical Exam (Please come to the workshop you enrolled).
- Week 8 Practice Questions available.
- Review Chapter 8 & 9 of the textbook before Week 8.

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